

Definitions

Term	Definition	Source
Additional service	May comprise: traction current, for which charges shall be shown on the invoices separately from charges for the use of the electrical supply equipment, without prejudice to the application of Directive 2009/72/EC; pre-heating of passenger trains; and tailor-made contracts (for the control of transport of dangerous goods and assistance in running exceptional transports).	Annex 1, point 3 of the Rail Code
Ancillary service	May comprise: access to the telecommunication networks; provision of supplementary information; technical inspection of rolling stock; ticketing services in passenger stations; heavy maintenance services supplied in maintenance facilities dedicated to high-speed trains or to other types of rolling stock requiring specific facilities (as referred to in Directive 2012/34/EU, Annex II, point 4).	Annex 1, point 4 of the Rail Code
Applicant	A railway undertaking or an international grouping of railway undertakings or other persons or legal entities, such as the competent authorities under Regulation (EC) 1370/2007 and shippers, freight forwarders and combined transport operators, with a public-service or commercial interest in procuring infrastructure capacity.	Article 3, 11° of the Rail Code
<i>Area Infrabel - Asset Management</i>	Each <i>Infrabel - Asset Management</i> area is directed by an Area Manager, under the authority of the Director <i>Asset Management</i> . The areas have a specific works and coordination vocation.	Infrabel
<i>Area Infrabel – Traffic Operations</i>	The five areas (North-West, North-East, Centre, South-West, South-East) of the <i>Traffic Operations</i> service are responsible for the organization of traffic and general monitoring. Each area is managed by an Area Manager.	Infrabel

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BNX	BNX = Bulletin of eXploitation. It can relate to: - works; - the train service; - an adaptation of the train service (as a result of works).	Infrabel
Book In	The <i>Book In</i> application is available on the <i>Business Corner</i> . This application allows candidates to request capacity.	Infrabel
Branch lines	Lines travelled at speeds not in excess of 40 km/h. These are broken down into: a) simplified operation lines, travelled by: – freight trains – special passenger trains for which prior authorisation has been obtained from the railway infrastructure manager; b) industrial lines, travelled exclusively by freight trains serving connections.	Infrabel RDEI 122 – Signalling - generalities
<i>Business Corner</i>	A secure website, accessible via partners.infrabel.be , on which candidates can reserve capacity online, download regulations and administrative documents, consult transport data and invoices, ... In order to make use of the Business Corner, candidates must submit a request to their Key Account Manager (see chapter 1 of the network statement).	Infrabel
Capacity allocation	The process by which capacity is allocated to a railway undertaking or to any other applicant by the relevant capacity allocation body; this capacity will later be used as actual train paths.	Infrabel
Capacity enhancement plan	A measure or set of measures with a timetable for their implementation proposed to reduce the capacity constraints that result in a section of infrastructure being declared to be 'congested railway infrastructure'.	Article 3, 50° of the Rail Code

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Capacity study	A study conducted by the infrastructure manager, with the purpose of determining the possibility of a new operational concept or an important modification of the timetable that is requested by the applicant.	Infrabel
Charge	Price demanded for services or goods. Railway infrastructure charges are the amount of money that railway undertakings or any other applicant pay to infrastructure managers for running services on their tracks and using the installations of the infrastructure managers.	RNE
Commercial passenger transport services (HkvNPso);	Services for the national or international commercial transport of passengers. Such transport is not designed for high speed and is not provided under a public service contract concluded between a railway undertaking and a competent authority.	Infrabel (market segment within the framework of the user charge)
Congested infrastructure	That part of the railway infrastructure for which the infrastructure capacity request cannot be fully satisfied during certain periods, even after the different capacity requests have been coordinated.	Article 3, 33° of the Rail Code
Corridor Information Document	A document drawn up, regularly updated and published by the Corridor Management Board. This document comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – all the information contained in the network statement of national networks regarding the freight corridor in accordance with Chapter 4, Article 27 of DIRECTIVE 2012/34/EU; – the list and characteristics of terminals, in particular information concerning the conditions and methods of accessing the terminals; – information concerning the procedures of application for capacity, capacity allocation to freight trains, traffic management coordination, traffic management in the event of disturbance 	RNE, based on article 18 of Regulation (EU) No. 913/2010 <i>concerning a European rail network for competitive freight</i>

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Corridor One-Stop Shop	The management board of a freight corridor designates or creates a joint body for applicants to request and to receive answers, in a single place and in a single operation, regarding infrastructure capacity for freight trains crossing at least one border along the freight corridor	RNE, based on article 13.1 of Regulation (EU) No. 913/2010 <i>concerning a European rail network for competitive freight</i>
<i>Daily In</i>	The <i>Daily In</i> application is available on the <i>Business Corner</i> . This application allows candidates to consult bulletins.	Infrabel
De-icing train	Special technical train or route (locomotive only) for de-icing the catenary every night before the arrival of the first trains.	Infrabel
Department of Rail Safety and Interoperability	<p>The Department of Rail Safety and Interoperability (<i>Service de Sécurité et d'Interopérabilité des Chemins de Fer - SSICF</i>) acts as the national safety body for Belgium. The SSICF was established following the transposition of the second railway package of the European Union into Belgian law, designed to increase the safety and interoperability of the European rail system.</p> <p>The national safety body is independent from the railway undertaking or the rail infrastructure manager in terms of its organization, legal structure and decision-making. It has to define the regulatory framework and supervise the rail infrastructure manager and railway undertakings.</p>	Website SSICF
<i>Draw In</i>	The <i>Draw In</i> application is available on the <i>Business Corner</i> . This application provides the published versions of the maps produced by Infrabel, e.g. network maps, schematic signalling plans, etc.	Infrabel

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Exceptional transport	<p>An exceptional transport is a transport in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the equipment is not in conformity with the approval requirements and/or; – the load or equipment exceeds the Belgian loading gauge (in height and/or width) and/or; – the load exceeds the permissible maximum load and/or maximum length, and/or; – the load is loaded on several wagons. 	Infrabel
Feasibility study	<p>This study has the same objective as the capacity study, with the particularity that it is only conducted in the event of capacity requests submitted within the period for drafting the timetable, in accordance with the schedule drawn up by <i>RailNetEurope</i>.</p>	Infrabel
Framework agreement	<p>A legally binding general agreement under public or private law, setting out the rights and obligations of an applicant and the infrastructure manager in relation to the infrastructure capacity to be allocated and the charges to be levied over a period longer than one working timetable.</p>	Article 3, 3° of the Rail Code
High-speed lines (HSL)	<p>Lines on which the reference speed is higher than 220 km/h.</p>	Infrabel
High-Speed Train (HST)	<p>any train designed for high speed, often running on dedicated lines, and consisting of specific self-propelled equipment.</p>	Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 July 2019 <i>on the distribution of railway infrastructure capacities and the fee for the use of the railway infrastructure</i> .
Key Account Manager	<p>The relationship manager of Infrabel and the single point of contact for the various stakeholders, such as the applicants (RU / non-RU).</p>	Infrabel

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Licence	A licence granted by a licensing authority to a company, by which it is recognised that it is capable of providing rail transport services as a railway undertaking. The licence can be limited to the provision of particular categories of transport services.	Article 3, 35° of the Rail Code
Main lines	Lines which are used by passenger and freight trains at speeds generally in excess of 40 km/h.	Infrabel RDEI 122 – Signalling - generalities
Minimum access package	A package of rights conferred by Directive 2012/34/EC, Annex II, point 1. These rights are included in the access charge and confer access to railway infrastructure facilities and a set of services for international or domestic traffic; they include the handling of requests for infrastructure capacity, the right to use granted capacity as well as use of electrical supply equipment. Infrastructure managers must deliver the listed services.	Annex 1, point 1 of the Rail Code
Minister	The minister authorised for the regulation of the railway traffic.	Article 3, 38° of the Rail Code
Mixed lines	The other lines of the Belgian railway infrastructure.	Infrabel
National regulations	All binding regulations adopted by the King in accordance with Article 68, paragraph 2, 1° of the Rail Code, which contain railway safety requirements or technical requirements, other than those established by Union or international regulations, which are applicable to infrastructure users on the Belgian railway network.	Article 3, 56° of the Rail Code
Network statement	The document which gives a detailed description of the network, the general rules for travelling on it, the deadlines, the procedures and the criteria that relate to the systems for the charging and for the distributing of the rail infrastructure capacity; this document also gives all the other information required in order to apply for railway infrastructure capacity.	Article 3, 22° of the Rail Code

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One-Stop Shop	A One-Stop Shop is a single point of contact. The infrastructure managers who are members of RNE have set up 'One-Stop Shops' working as national customer contact points. For international train path requests, the customer needs only to contact one of these One-Stop Shops, which will initiate the whole international train path allocation process. The OSS aims to provide competent and efficient assistance across all borders, based on transparent, confidential and non-discriminatory procedures.	RNE
Operator of service facility	Any public or private entity responsible for managing one or more service facilities or supplying one or more services to railway undertakings (as referred to in Annex I, points 2, 3 and 4 of the Rail Code).	Article 3, 28/1° of the Rail Code
Other trains	Any service or work train.	Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 July 2019 <i>on the distribution of railway infrastructure capacities and the fee for the use of the railway infrastructure.</i>
Other trains (HkvOther/HkmOther)	Notified bodies, technical trains, staff trains, de-icing trains, trains for moving stock between facilities.	Infrabel (market segment within the framework of the user charge)
Passenger transport services subject to a public service obligation (HkvPso)	The provision of national or international passenger transport services under a public service contract concluded between a railway undertaking and a competent authority. This contract is based on a general interest criterion that ensures that the service is provided under conditions that enable it to fulfil its mission. These are therefore transport tasks that the railway undertaking would not perform to the same extent or under the same conditions if it only took account of its commercial interests.	Infrabel (market segment within the framework of the user charge)

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Pre-arranged Path	On Rail Freight Corridors, a pre-constructed path offered on either a whole Corridor or a Corridor section. A pre-arranged path is a path set up by the infrastructure managers in the Corridors and given to the Corridor OSSs for allocation purposes. The number of Corridor pre-arranged paths is based on the requirement of Regulation 913/2010. Both paths on cross-border sections and paths on national sections can form the offer for pre-arranged paths.	RNE Guidelines for Corridor OSS
Predetermined lines	Lines used exclusively by one type of transport.	Infrabel
Rail Freight Corridor	All designated railway lines, including railway ferry lines, on the territory of or between Member States, and, where appropriate, European third countries, linking two or more terminals, along a principal route and, where appropriate, diversionary routes and sections connecting them, including the railway infrastructure and its equipment and relevant rail services in accordance with Article 5 of Directive 2001/14/EC.	Article 2, 2(a) of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 <i>concerning a European rail network for competitive freight</i>
Railway infrastructure	The set of elements referred to in Annex 23 to the Rail Code.	Article 3, 32° of the Rail Code
Railway infrastructure capacity	The potential to schedule train paths requested for a section of the railway infrastructure for a certain period.	Article 3, 12° of the Rail Code
Railway infrastructure manager	The limited liability company under public law called Infrabel. A body or undertaking responsible for operating, maintaining and renewing railway infrastructure on a network and for participating in its development in accordance with the rules laid down in the Rail Code and, where applicable, by the Law of 21 March 1991 on the reform of certain economic public companies within the framework of the general policy on the development and financing of railway infrastructure.	Article 3, 29° of the Rail Code

Term	Definition	Source
Railway undertaking	Any public or private undertaking holding a license in accordance with the applicable European regulations and whose main activity involves providing rail transport services for freight and/or passengers, where the undertaking has to provide the traction; this also includes undertakings, which solely provide traction.	Article 3, 27° of the Rail Code
Rapid freight train	Any freight train capable of running at a speed equal to or greater than 100 km/h.	Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 July 2019 <i>on the distribution of railway infrastructure capacities and the fee for the use of the railway infrastructure.</i>
Rapid passenger train	Any train capable of running at the speed authorised by the signalling system and with a limited number of stops on the line.	Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 July 2019 <i>on the distribution of railway infrastructure capacities and the fee for the use of the railway infrastructure.</i>
Register of infrastructure (RINF)	Each Member State shall ensure that a register of infrastructure is published and updated [...]. This register shall indicate the main features of each subsystem or part subsystem involved (e.g. the basic parameters) and their correlation with the features laid down under the applicable TSIs. To that end, each TSI shall indicate precisely what information must be included in the register of infrastructure.	Article 35 of Directive 2008/57/EC <i>on the interoperability of the rail system within the Community</i>
Regulatory body	The public authorities responsible for the economic regulation of railway transport.	Article 3, 43° of the Rail Code
Related railway undertaking	Any association, company or legal entity authorised to submit a request for train paths and/or local capacity to allow the movement of railway vehicles on the network for approval-certification or tourist travel purposes.	Infrabel

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Reserve capacity	In accordance with article 14 (5) of the Regulation 913/2010, infrastructure managers shall, if justified by market needs, define the reserve capacity for international freight trains running on the freight corridors recognizing the need for capacity of other types of transport. They keep this reserve available within their final working timetables to allow for a quick and appropriate response to ad hoc requests for capacity.	Infrabel, based on article 14 (5) of the Regulation 913/2010 <i>concerning a European rail network for competitive freight</i>
<i>Rob In</i>	The <i>Rob In</i> application is available on the <i>Business Corner</i> . With this application, applicants can get an overview of their (pro forma) invoices.	Infrabel
Service facility	The installation, including ground area, building and equipment, which has been specially arranged, as a whole or in part, to allow the supply of one or more services referred to in points 2, 3 and 4 of Annex I to the Rail Code.	Article 3, 33/1° of the Rail Code
Services for commercially operated high-speed passenger transport (Hst)	Services for the national or international commercial transport of passengers, developed for high-speed trains (trains with modern technology whose speed is significantly higher than that of conventional trains), which often run in their own beds and are provided by specific vehicles.	Infrabel (market segment within the framework of the user charge)
Services for freight transport (HKM)	Services for the national or international transport of freight.	Infrabel (market segment within the framework of the user charge)
Shunting	Operation of moving a rail vehicle or set of rail vehicles inside a railway station or other railway installations (depot, workshop, marshalling yard, etc.).	Eurostat: Glossary for transport statistics
Single safety certificate	The document that aims to provide evidence that the railway undertaking concerned has established its safety management system and that it is able to operate safely in the intended area of operation.	Article 3, 16° of the Rail Code

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Slow freight train	Any train other than a fast freight train.	Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 July 2019 <i>on the distribution of railway infrastructure capacities and the fee for the use of the railway infrastructure.</i>
Slow passenger train (article 2 of the RD of 19 July 2019)	Any train other than a rapid passenger train.	Article 2 of the Royal Decree of 19 July 2019 <i>on the distribution of railway infrastructure capacities and the fee for the use of the railway infrastructure.</i>
Specialist freight lines	Lines designated by the infrastructure manager for specific use by passenger trains to which it gives priority in the allocation of capacities.	Infrabel
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Staff train	Passenger service train intended exclusively for the transport of staff and operated exclusively for the railway undertaking.	Infrabel
Technical Specification for Interoperability	The specifications by which each subsystem or part subsystem is covered in order to meet the essential requirements and ensure the interoperability of the rail system of the Union.	Article 3, 67° of the Rail Code

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<p>Technical train</p>	<p>There are three types of technical train:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Emergency trains. These extremely urgent trains are used to restore the normal situation in the event of an accident (re-railing train, catenary power cars, etc.). This concerns both Infrabel’s stock and that of the infrastructure users. – Work trains. Work trains are special trains used to work on the network’s facilities. This only concerns Infrabel trains. The status of work train applies only to trains performing work on a track in service (under the traffic system for local movements) or on a track out of service. – Other technical trains. These are trains other than emergency or work trains, which are deployed at the request of Infrabel or an infrastructure user with a view to carrying out the necessary operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proper functioning of the railway network (track maintenance and renewal, overhead line maintenance, weed killing, etc.); • measurements, test runs, infrastructure tests. 	<p>Infrabel</p>
<p>Timetable</p>	<p>The data defining all scheduled train and rolling-stock movements which will take place on the relevant infrastructure during the period for which it is in force.</p>	<p>Article 3, 30° of the Rail Code</p>
<p>Tourism organisations</p>	<p>The railway company or the operator of the museum railway line that organises non-profit tourist traffic on the national railway network, as provided for in the Royal Decree of 8 May 2014 <i>laying down the requirements for the circulation of vehicles intended exclusively for use in the context of heritage, history or tourism.</i></p>	<p>Article 1, 5° of the Royal Decree of 8 May 2014 <i>laying down the requirements for the circulation of vehicles intended exclusively for patrimonial, historical or touristic purposes on the national railway network.</i></p>

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Tourism organisations (HkvTo/HkmTo)	An organisation that organises train rides within the framework of Article 1, 5° of the Royal Decree of 8 May 2014 <i>laying down the requirements for the circulation of vehicles intended exclusively for patrimonial, historical or touristic purposes on the national railway network.</i>	Infrabel (market segment within the framework of the user charge)
Track Access Agreement	An agreement concluded between the infrastructure manager and the railway undertaking providing rail transport services prior to each use of the railway infrastructure by this railway undertaking. The track access agreement sets out the respective rights and obligations of each party. The provisions of this agreement are non-discriminatory, transparent and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force. In particular, the track access agreement lays down the detailed rules for the implementation of the safety regulations.	Infrabel
Train path	The infrastructure capacity needed to run a train between two places over a given time period.	Article 3, 64° of the Rail Code

A more elaborate glossary is available on the website of RailNetEurope: www.rne.eu/organisation/network-statements



Explanation of abbreviations

AM	<i>Arrêté Ministériel</i> (Ministerial Order)
AR	<i>Arrêté Royal</i> (Royal Decree)
CT	<i>Court Terme</i> (Short Term)
CID	Corridor Information Document
C-OSS	Corridor One-Stop Shop
CTL	<i>Coupure Totale de Lignes</i> (Total Line Cuts)
DRR/NS	<i>Document de Référence du Réseau</i> (Network Statement)
ERTMS	European Rail Traffic Management System
ETCS	European Train Control System
FIFS	First In First Served
FTE	Forum Train Europe
GSM-R	GSM for Railways
IM	Infrastructure Manager
LGV / HSL	<i>Lignes à Grande Vitesse</i> / High-Speed Lines
LT	Long Term
PSS	<i>Plan Schématique de Signalisation</i> (Schematic Signalling Plan)





RD	Royal Decree
RDEI	<i>Réglementation et Documentation pour l'Exploitation de l'Infrastructure</i> (Regulations and Documentation for the Operation of Infrastructure)
RFC	Rail Freight Corridor
RID	<i>Règlement concernant le transport International ferroviaire de marchandises Dangereuses</i> (Regulation on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail)
RIEI	<i>Registre de l'Information pour l'Exploitation de l'Infrastructure</i> (Register of Information for the Operation of Infrastructure)
RNE	RailNetEurope
RRU	Related Railway Undertaking
RT	Real-Time
RU	Railway Undertaking
SSICF	<i>Service de Sécurité et d'Interopérabilité des Chemins de Fer</i> (Railway Safety and Interoperability Service)
STI/TSI	<i>Spécifications Techniques d'Interopérabilité</i> (Technical Specifications on Interoperability)
TBL	<i>Transmission Balise Locomotive</i> (Balise Locomotive Transmission)
TGV/HST	<i>Train Grande Vitesse</i> (High-Speed Train)
UIC	<i>Union Internationale des Chemins de fer</i> (International Union of Railways)

