

As announced at the meeting of the coordination mechanism of 11 October 2024, the implementation of the principle of allocating capacity without shearing - initially planned for the 2026 timetable - has been postponed to the 2027 timetable in order to optimise the said principle on the basis of additional analyses. This version of appendix B.8 was an integral part of the consultation on the draft 2026 network statement, although its content may change as a result of the above-mentioned analyses. Appendix B.8, possibly modified following the conclusions of the additional analyses, will form an integral part of the consultation of the draft 2027 network statement.

1. Introduction

Starting from the 2026 timetable, certain stations will be subject to operating restrictions. For example, certain routes that allow line changes will no longer be allowed under normal conditions, either for passenger trains only or for both passenger and freight trains. A line change includes the reuse of rolling stock in combined passenger relations.

The train path requests on these routes will therefore no longer be permitted.

These operating restrictions do not apply at night (station transit between 10pm and 6am) so that trains can be prepared for departure.

In the event of disturbances or works (in or outside the station in question), these routes may nevertheless be used, but only with Infrabel's express consent.

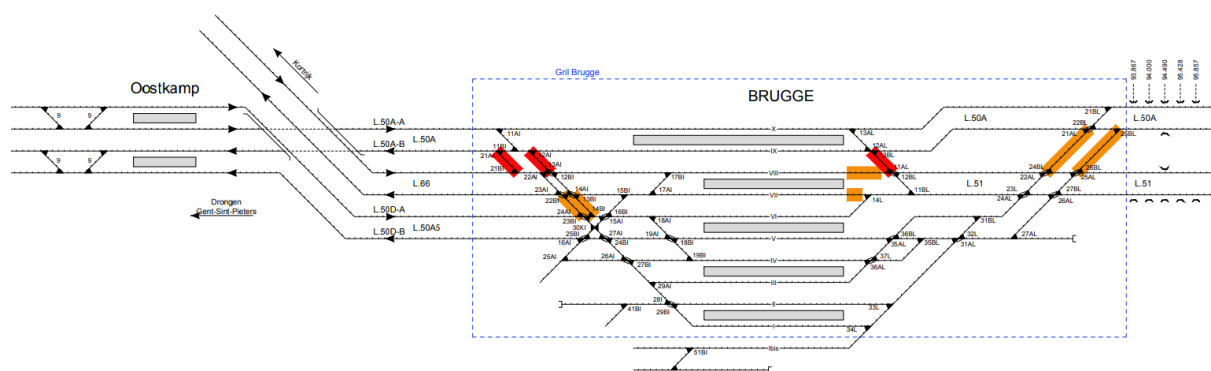
Infrabel reserves the right to deviate from these rules if circumstances justify it.

2. Brugge railway station

The following traffic will apply:

Brugge	Traffic under normal conditions (loaded and empty journeys)	
	Passenger trains	Freight trains
Traffic exchange in both directions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> between L.66 and L.50A between L.66 and L.50D in the grid of Brugge	Prohibited	Permitted
Traffic exchange in both directions between L.50D and L.50A in the grid of Brugge*	Prohibited	Prohibited
Traffic exchange in both directions between L.66 and L.51 in the grid of Brugge	Prohibited	Permitted

* Traffic exchange must therefore be done in the four-track section between the Assels branch line and the Stuyvenberg branch line.



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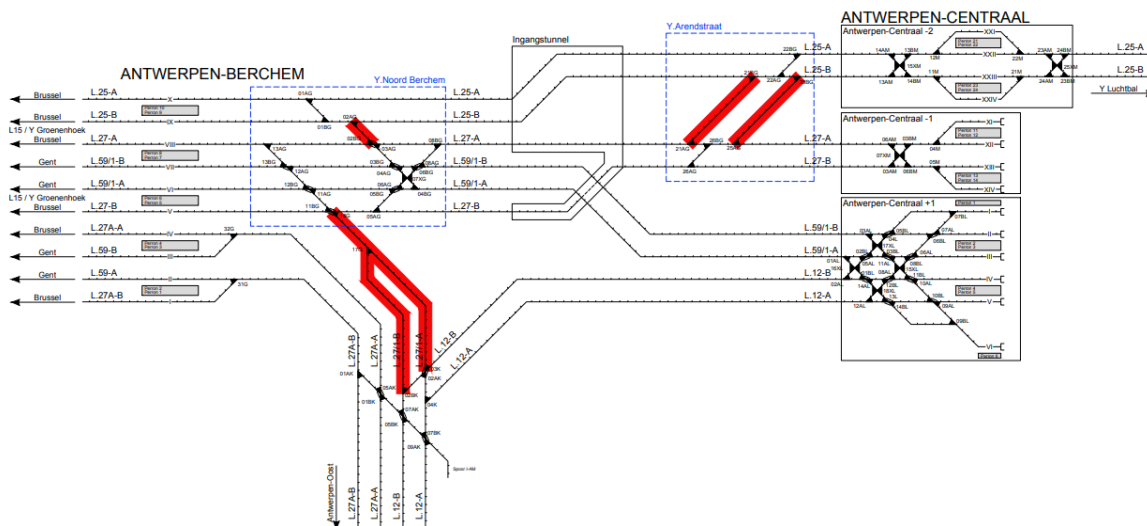
Red = traffic prohibited for passenger and freight trains

Orange = traffic prohibited for passenger trains

3. Antwerpen-Centraal railway station

The following traffic will apply:

Antwerpen-Centraal	Traffic under normal conditions (loaded and empty journeys)	
	Passenger trains	Freight trains
<p>Traffic exchange in both directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> between L.25 and L.27 between L.25 and L.59/1 <p>at the branch line <i>Arendstraat</i> or the branch line <i>Noord-Berchem</i></p>	Prohibited	Prohibited
<p>Traffic exchange in both directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> between L.27/1 and L.27 between L.27/1 and L.59/1 <p>at the branch line <i>Noord-Berchem</i></p>	Prohibited	Prohibited



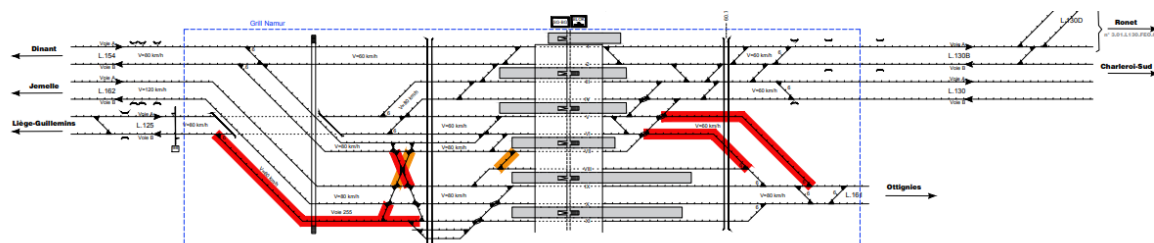
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4. Namur railway station

The following traffic will apply:

Namur	Traffic under normal conditions (loaded and empty journeys)	
	Passenger trains	Freight trains
Traffic exchange in both directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between L.161 and L.125 • between L.162 and L.125 in the grid of Namur or via track 255	Prohibited	Prohibited
Traffic exchange in both directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between L.161 and L.154 • between L.162 and L.154 in the grid of Namur	Prohibited	Prohibited
Traffic exchange in both directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between L.130 and L.161 • between L.130 and L.162 • between L.130B and L.161 • between L.130B and L.162 in the grid of Namur	Prohibited	Permitted



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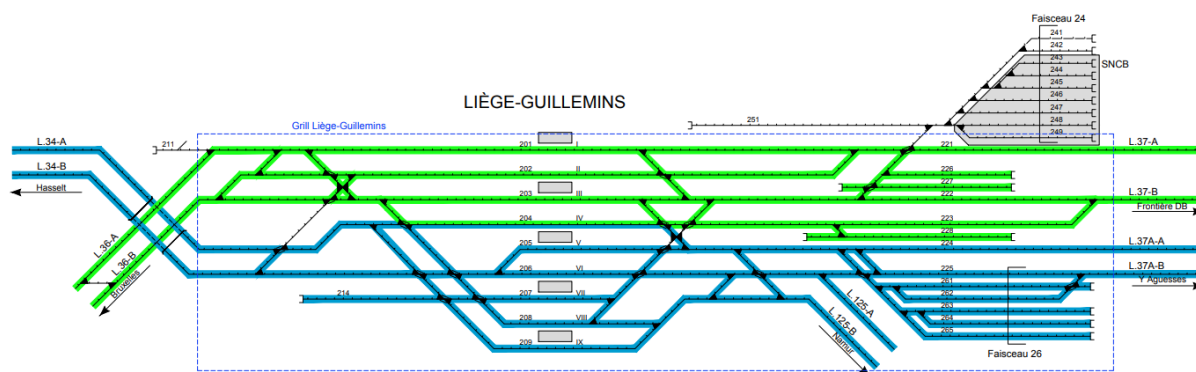
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5. Liège-Guillemins railway station

The following traffic will apply:

Liège-Guillemins	Traffic under normal conditions (loaded and empty journeys)	
	Passenger trains	Freight trains
<p>Traffic exchange in both directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> between L.36 and L.125 between L.36 and L.37A between L.37 and L.125 between L.37 and L.37A <p>in the grid of Liège-Guillemins</p>	Prohibited	Prohibited
<p>Traffic exchange in both directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> between L.34 and L.36 between L.34 and L.37 <p>in the grid of Liège-Guillemins</p>	Prohibited	Prohibited



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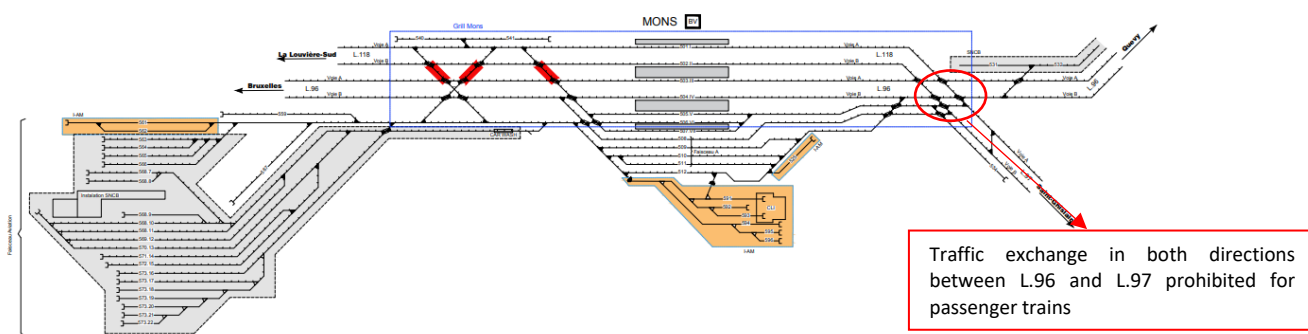
Green = traffic only allowed to and from lines 36 and 37

Blue = traffic only allowed to and from lines 34, 125 and 37 A

6. Mons railway station

The following traffic will apply:

Mons	Traffic under normal conditions (loaded and empty journeys)	
	Passenger trains	Freight trains
Traffic exchange in both directions between L.96 and L.97	Prohibited	Permitted
Use of Mons as terminus for L.118 traffic	Prohibited	Not applicable
Reuse of equipment coming from L.96 (side of Brussels) to L.118 (and vice versa)	Prohibited	Not applicable



Legend:

Red = traffic prohibited for passenger and freight trains