



PRESS STATEMENT

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JNS updates risk control measures to strengthen safety consistently across Europe

UIP welcomes the publication of the final report of the Joint Network Secretariat (JNS) task force “Accident Gotthard base tunnel – broken wheels”, which sets out updated, harmonised European safety measures building on previous work. The outcome confirms that Europe has a strong and comprehensive rail safety framework in place and that the key challenge is not the absence of rules, but the consistent and effective application of existing European safety measures across all actors involved in rail freight operations.

UIP fully supports this European, coordinated approach and sees the JNS as the appropriate forum for assessing risks and agreeing solutions. Consistent application of the JNS conclusions as a common European reference supports proportionate implementation and legal certainty across Europe.

UIP members have largely implemented the JNS risk control measures agreed in 2019 and 2024. Building on this experience, UIP is committed to supporting swift and full compliance with the newly adopted JNS recommendations.

UIP Secretary General Gilles Peterhans said:

“This outcome shows how Europe’s rail safety system works in practice. The rules are in place, and the priority now is to apply them fully and consistently. The JNS provides the right European framework to manage risks in an evidence-based and proportionate way, while ensuring the legal predictability and security that rail freight needs to operate reliably across borders.”

UIP and its members remain fully committed to working closely with the European Union Agency for Railways, national safety authorities and partners across the rail sector to support consistent and effective implementation of the JNS conclusions, ensuring that safety and interoperability continue to advance together across the European rail network.

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About UIP

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