Amendments and additions to the GCU : Proposal sheet

Changes of Appendix 9 to the GCU

1.- Present the problem (with examples and, if possible, figures giving a measure of the scope of the problem):
Annex 1 of Appendix 9 to the GCU sets and describes binding provisions governing the technical condition of wagons exchanged between two or more railway undertakings (RUs), as established during a technical transfer inspection. It also describes the quality assurance procedure.

2.- Show what the GCU is lacking in this respect:
Binding provisions concerning safety in service and suitability for service in the GCU and the obligatory UIC leaflets and directives.

3.- Explain why the problem can only be solved through the GCU contract:
All signatories to the GCU must implement it.

4.- Outline why the problem should be solved as envisaged in the proposed amendment/addition:
Compliance with the GCU is the basis for the conclusion of bilateral and multilateral agreements and new contracts.

5.- Describe how the proposed amendments or additions will help solve the problem:
The aim is for the amendments to be qualitatively compliant with the TSI provisions, the requirements of national authorities and the GCU itself.

6.- Assess the potential positive and negative impacts (on operations, costs, administration, interoperability, safety, competitiveness, etc.), using a scale from 1 (very low) to 5 (very high):
Operations: significant reduction of waiting time at border crossing points, accelerated traffic; costs: reduced through the prevention of interruptions in traffic and unnecessary fines; administration costs: reduction through fewer checks and handling procedures involving border-crossing traffic; interoperability: already ensured at the beginning of shipping by the consigning RU; safety: safe rail operations already ensured at the beginning of shipping; competitiveness: to be classed as very high.
7. – Text proposal:

Due to the size of the text, the amendments are attached as appendices.