

**Amendments and adjuncts to the GCU  
Proposal sheet**

**GCU article 2.4**

<p><b>1.- Introduce the problem (using examples and, where possible, figures giving an indication of the extent of the problem)</b></p> <p>In the world of the European railways, data is evolving ever more quickly. This statement is equally valid with regard to wagons.</p> <p>Players are created, disappear, evolve, merge and purchase one another.</p> <p>Knowing who is who is therefore very important, particularly within the UIC community where membership, and therefore compliance with the regulations of our contract, is voluntary.</p> <p>Voluntary, yes, but not always secure, as what has been done can be undone, by members themselves or even by the office manager, subject to the rules (non-payment of dues).</p> <p>It is necessary for us to know if our correspondent is a signatory and as such, able to apply the GCU without having to wait for the next quarter.</p> <p>The process needs to be more responsive to change.</p>	<p><b>2.- Demonstrate why and where the provisions of the GCU are insufficient on this point.</b></p> <p>The GCU provides that the list of signatories is updated on the first day of each quarter (GCU article 2.4).</p> <p>This frequency is insufficient, given the pace of change in the railway sector.</p> <p>The availability of membership information online is undeniably helpful, but this information is updated according to the regulations of the GCU, i.e. according to article 2.4.</p>
<p><b>3.- Explain why this problem can only be resolved via the GCU.</b></p> <p>Currently there is an online list which details members that have joined or left the GCU, but this does not help speed up the decision as to whether or not the GCU should be applied for a future or past member.</p> <p>It is for reference only.</p>	<p><b>4.- Indicate why the problem needs to be resolved as envisaged by the proposed amendment/adjunct.</b></p> <p>Increasing the frequency of updates from once a quarter to once a month will resolve any issues.</p>
<p><b>5.- Describe how the proposed amendment or adjunct will help resolve the problem.</b></p> <p>This amendment will mean that the website is updated more often.</p> <p>New members will become part of the GCU community more quickly, if need be. Similarly, in the event of resignation, GCU commitments will be terminated more quickly.</p>	<p><b>6.- Assess the new text's positive or negative impacts (on operations, costs, administrative formalities, interoperability, safety, competitiveness, etc.), using a scale from 1 (very low impact) to 5 (very high impact).</b></p> <p>Very high positive impact: 5.</p> <p>No negative aspects. Slight adjustment to the GCU Bureau.</p>

**7.- Proposed text (Changes in *blue*)**

*a) Replace the text of article 2.4 within the body of the GCU as follows:*

- 2.2** Admission shall be effective from the first day of the following **month**, provided that the application has been received by the GCU Bureau at least **fifteen days** before.
- 2.4** The GCU Bureau shall publish an updated list of signatories (**Appendix 1, available on the website at [www.gcubureau.org](http://www.gcubureau.org)**) every **month, on the first day of the calendar month in question.**

*b) Replace, therefore, within the body of the GCU:*

*b1) the text of article 3 (last sentence) as follows:*

- 3** ... Termination and the date from which it becomes effective shall be published **monthly** by the GCU Bureau together with the list referred to in article 2.4.

*b2) the text of article 5 (end of first sentence) as follows:*

- 5** ... the discontinuance of its being a signatory shall be published in the **monthly** list according to article 2.4.