

Proposed amendment to to the GCU

Title	<i>Update of 1.33</i>
Reference	<i>AP-MNT-2026-08</i>
Planned change date	<i>01/01/2027</i>
Topic proposal	<i>TP-MNT-2026-08</i>
Proposer / working group	<i>WG MNT</i>
Section of the GCU	<i>GCU Appendix 10</i>
Concise description	<i>Update of the provisions for opening wheelset bearings</i>

Record of amendments:

Status	Date	Comment
<i>Work order</i>	<i>6/11/2025</i>	<i>TP approved by GCU JC</i>
<i>In creation</i>	<i>17/10/2025</i>	<i>Ad hoc WG MNT meeting</i>
<i>Updates</i>	<i>02-03/12/2025</i>	<i>By WG Maintenance</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>03-04/02/2026</i>	<i>By WG Maintenance</i>
<i>Decision Working group</i>	<i>03-04/02/2026</i>	<i>Approved by WG MNT</i>
<i>Feedback loop WG MNT after UIC WU SG, UIP et ERFA meetings</i>		<i>No change reported, approved by all</i>
<i>Decision GCU JC</i>	<i>23/06/2026</i>	<i>Approved by the GCU JC</i>

1. Subject matter and reason for the amendment:

- The current version of the GCU allows RUs to open axle bearings. This procedure is outdated.

2. Description of the intended amendment and reason for implementing it in the GCU:

- Change the text to “The wheelset bearings shall not be opened without instructions from the wagon keeper”

3. Is it reasonable to amend the contract?

- Is the change critical to keep the GCU up to date? **Yes**
- Is the implementation of the change urgent? **Yes**
- What is the estimated scope of application of the amendment (e.g. number of wagons affected, number of maintenance operations, etc.)? **Wagons with defects on wheelsets**
- Consequences of not implementing the proposal: **RUs can perform maintenance tasks which potentially conflict with the ECM's responsibilities**
- Define overall priority (High, Medium, Low): **High**

Proposed amendment to the GCU:

Colour codes for amendment proposals:

Black: Currently applicable text; provides information and remains unchanged

Red: New text

Blue: (may be crossed out): Text to be deleted

Symbols are used as follows:

→ Link to other section of the GCU

☑ Communication between keeper and workshop

📄 Documentation of the work acc. to app. 10 annex 6

Note: if changes of the annex 6 are required, they have to be named below.

English:

1.33 ~~Bearings~~ Axle boxes shall not be opened without instructions from the wagon keeper ~~only be lubricated by the keeper~~ ->M00.001.

German:

1.33 Radsatzlager dürfen ohne Anweisungen des Wagenhalters nicht geöffnet ~~nur durch den Wagenhalter gefettet~~ werden ->M00.001.

French:

1.33 Les ~~roulements~~ boîtes d'essieu ne doivent pas être ouverts sans instructions du détenteur du wagon ~~graissés que par le détenteur~~ ->M00.001.

Annex: Safety assessment of proposed amendment

Description of actual/target system, and scope of change to be made (see concise description).

Performance of risk analysis is not necessary where only recognised standards are implemented.

This Safety Assessment is created and released by the working group and validated by the vote of the GCU signatories.

1.1. Does the change have an impact on safety?	☒ No ☐ Yes
Reason: Clarification of the existing provisions.	
1.2. Is the change significant?	☐ No ☐ Yes
Reason:	
1.3. Determining and classifying risk	☐ N/A
1.3.1. Effect of change in normal operation: 1.3.2. Effect of change in the event of disruption/deviation from normal operation: 1.3.3. Potential misuse of system: ☐ No ☐ Yes (describe possible misuse):	
1.4. Have safety measures been applied?	☐ No ☐ Yes
<i>For each type of risk, one of the following risk acceptance criteria is to be selected:</i> • <i>Code of practice</i> • <i>Use of reference system</i> • <i>Explicit risk assessment</i>	
1.5. Do we need to submit this change to an assessment body (when assessed as safety relevant <u>and</u> significant)?	☐ No ☐ Yes
If yes, Assessment body: Attach the verdict reached by the assessment body	[Appendix]