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## Guidance and FAQs

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### Publication of ERA technical opinions

The ERA has now published on its website the [Technical Opinions](#) [external link] that it has formulated at the request of the European Commission. These Opinions include those which enable the UK to adopt the solutions provided below, and show the underlying technical consideration that went into their formulation.

### Noise TSI - Critical Error

The pass-by testing requirements specified in the noise TSI are not appropriate for rail vehicles designed for electric third-rail infrastructure. View and download the [derogation arrangement](#) (PDF, 112KB) that DfT has put in place to resolve this Error.

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### Freight Wagon TSI - critical errors in UK specific cases

DfT, in negotiation with the European Commission, has achieved a recognition of 3 issues which have caused difficulties for UK freight wagon contracting entities. The following solutions are now available for use by Contracting Entities.

[View and download a letter](#) (PDF, 42KB) specifying the solutions that are now available for use in the UK.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Interoperability FAQs

Our FAQs deal with a range of common queries, and we are always glad to receive suggestions for new questions which users would like us to answer.

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## **Helpnotes**

Interoperability Helpnotes are a new, modular approach to providing guidance to the rail industry and its suppliers on interoperability and the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They superseded the first edition of DfT's interoperability guidance, which was withdrawn last October, and pave the way for the development of DfT's forthcoming strategic implementation plan for interoperability, and the policies that will be needed to support it.

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