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Glossary for Transport Statistics

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 13: Transport Statistics, para. 15.1 of the programme of work 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, ECE/TRANS/2016/28 and Add.1) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 26 February 2016.

II. Proposal

2. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft amendments to the fourth edition of the Glossary as submitted by the European Railway Agency:

A. Railway Transport

It is proposed to amend the Glossary as follows (Italic: New parts):

A.I-03 Running track

A track providing end-to-end line continuity designed for trains between stations or places indicated in tariffs as independent points of departure or arrival for the conveyance of passengers or goods.

Tracks at warehouses/depots/workshops should be excluded. The boundary of the workshop/warehouse/depot is the point at which the railway vehicle leaving the

depot/warehouse/depot cannot pass without having an authorization to access the mainline or other similar line. This point is usually identified by a signal.

The length of tracks (and lines) refers to the number of running tracks used for train operation.

A.I-06 Line

One or more adjacent running tracks forming a route between two points. Where a section of network comprises two or more lines running alongside one another, there are as many lines as routes to which tracks are allotted exclusively.

Line length of lines refers to line consisting of one or more running tracks which are used for train operations.

A.I-17 Railway network

All railway lines in a given area.

The length of the railway network is the cumulative length of all lines.

This does not include stretches of road or waterways even if rolling stock is conveyed over such routes, e.g. by trailers or ferries.

Lines solely used for operating touristic trains and heritage trains are excluded as are railways constructed solely to serve mines, forests or other industrial or agricultural installations and which are not open to public traffic.
