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**RAILWAY SAFETY: RISK ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES**

**Addendum 1**

**Transmitted by the Belarusian Railways**

Belarusian Railways are pursuing efforts to prioritize the safety of railway workers, which is a central element in State policy with regard to health and safety at work.

A constant reduction in the number of traffic safety accidents has been ensured in recent years. This is the result of the consistent implementation of planned measures for the technical re-equipment of the railways, the modernization of existing facilities for the management of train traffic, the introduction of state-of-the-art technological processes for the servicing and repair of equipment and rolling stock, a broadening of the range of the safety and fault-detection devices employed, as well as an improvement in the system of staff training and retraining.

Special corridors have currently been designated for the carriage of dangerous goods by Belarusian Railways on the lines included in the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC), maximum permissible concentrations of dangerous goods at nodes and marshalling yards have been specified, and hazard levels have been defined for populated areas where dangerous goods are handled.

A sectoral energy-saving programme is being regularly implemented on the railways, on the basis of the introduction of advanced resource-efficient technologies. The negative environmental impact of enterprises' economic activities is thus continuing to be reduced.

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