

During the period from the last meeting the following items are new:

Amended Law on railway system:

Definition changed, Transport for own goods: is transport on trailers and towing vehicles owned by legal or natural person who transports for its own needs, transportation of goods for own needs intended for performance of the activity of the legal or natural person which the same one is registered for with owning trailers and towing vehicles for non-commercial purposes, transportation of materials, equipment and components for construction and maintaining the railway infrastructure;

Art: 14

A transport for own needs is not considered as:

-transportation of materials and raw materials, which are not part of the production process of the legal or natural person, or constitute part of the production process in any other legal or natural person;

-transportation of goods, which are used in activities for which the legal or natural person is not registered;

-transportation of goods that require license provided against other law and

-transportation of goods that are not owned by the legal or natural person, but are owned by other legal entities and are not part of the production process of the legal or natural person who transports for its own needs.

The second most important amending regards shunting services. Shunting services can be performed by RU for public railway transport, legal or natural person who transports for its own needs, IM and other legal or natural person. In order to be able to perform shunting services the legal or natural person must meet conditions as: to own towing vehicles registered in the National register of railway vehicles, to be insured in an insurance co. with proof submission of 50.000,00 Euro, eligibility for obtaining a safety certificate either for public transport or performing services for their own needs.

Shunting services are allowed to be performed on station's tracks in order to form trains, loading and unloading wagons, wagons to be transferred from station's track on industrial track, or even performing other technological operations.

In order to perform shunting services on the station's tracks can be allowed only with prior approval issued by the IM under non-discriminatory basis, within five days. The TAC will be against the NS.

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**RU:** In June, a contract was signed with a Chinese co. to supply 4 DMU and 2 EMU low- floor passenger rolling stocks including TSI compliance. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in July 2015. Within this loan a fund in an amount of 13,2 mill euro is contracted with ZOS Trnava to supply 150 wagons from this month., and 10 more mill euro are allocated for refurbishing existing railway vehicles.

The NSA has issued a safety certificate to LOCO TRANS LTD Skopje in accordance with the amended law mentioned above for transport on own needs.

The railway passenger transport has recorded a decrease in 2014 compared to 2013 of 10%. Regarding the international passenger transport there is an increase of 1% comparing to last year, as a result of operating one passenger train per day from Thessaloniki to Belgrade. Regarding the freight transport, a decrease in the transport of goods is recorded in 2014 compared to 2013 of 13%.