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TITLE

MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF TIMETABLE INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR

ERA, INF SG

SUBJECT RELATED TO

Commission Regulation (EU)
n°1300/2014 (PRM TSI) amended by
Reg. (EU) 2019/772 and Reg. (EU)

AMENDMENT RECORD:

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND EXPLANATION

The aim of this RFU is to clarify the interpretation of requirement 4.2.1.10 (4) of PRM TSI and ensure a common understanding.

Background:

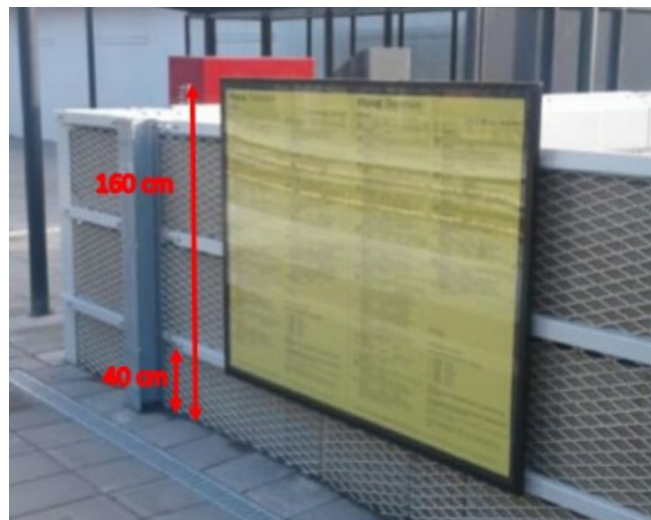
PRM TSI clause 4.2.1.10 (4):

“The information concerning the departure of trains (including destination, intermediate stops, platform number and time) shall be available at a height of 160 cm maximum at least in one location in the station. This requirement applies to printed and dynamic information whatever is provided.”

Description of the situation:

The word ‘maximum’ is misleading. ERA explained that the original intention was to ensure that there would be in the station a place where people with visual impairment could get very close to the information in order to read it, so placed lower than the usual location of displays and other information that are located quite higher than the eye level of average people.

It seems that the requirement is sometimes understood differently: 160 cm maximum is understood as being the highest level of the information panel, what results in unfortunate applications of the TSI such as on the picture opposite.





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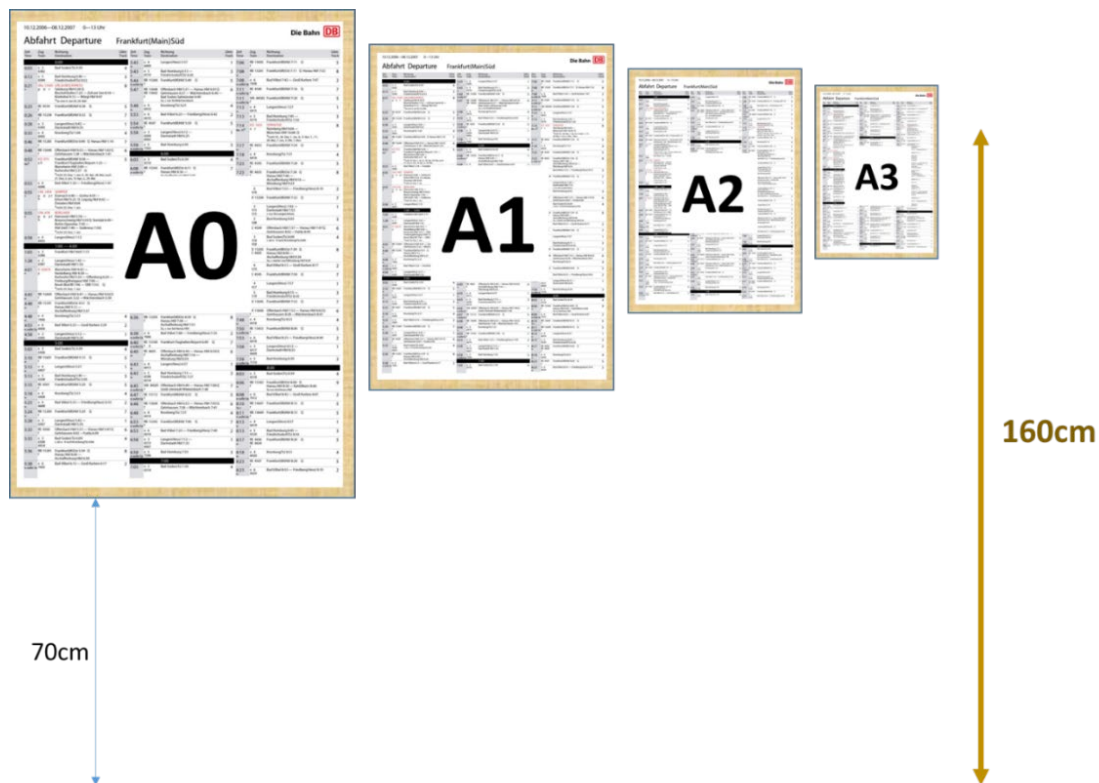
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RFU PROPOSAL

The requirement should be read without understanding the word 'maximum' as the maximum height of the timetable panel (frame).

The provision of visual information at a height of 160 cm is intended for people with visual impairment for whom, in case of dynamic information, the formula defining the area of use of displays (point 5.3.1.1(3) of the TSI) is not appropriate for they have vision on a very short distance only. Therefore, they need to be able to get their eyes very close to the message that is displayed. According to the size of the information panel, the height of 160 cm should be such that 20% to 30% of the panel is above that height, taking care that the lower part of the panel should not be located below 70 cm (see example below).





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PLENARY MEETING 64 – 02/03/2022

THIS RFU ENTERS INTO FORCE ON

09/03/2022 (DATE OF PUBLICATION)

FROM THIS DATE ON THIS RFU CAN BE APPLIED INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS MANDATORY VERSION.

RFU APPLICATION IS MANDATORY STARTING FROM

09/06/2022

AT THIS DATE ANY PREVIOUS VERSIONS (*OR, ALTERNATIVELY, VERSION XX*) OF THIS RFU WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

RFUS SHALL BE APPLIED BY ALL NoBos. PLEASE REFER TO RFU-STR-702, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SECTION “DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND EXPLANATION”, FOR THE LEGAL BASIS SUPPORTING THIS OBLIGATION.

ERA COMMENTS

PLE 64 – 02/03/2022: NO COMMENTS