

Commission Directive 2014/82/EU of 24 June 2014 amending Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards general professional knowledge and medical and licence requirements (Text with EEA relevance)

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 31 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II of Directive 2007/59/EC includes a provision according to which vision for both eyes is not required to be effective in the case of adequate adaptation and sufficient compensation experience and only if binocular vision was lost after starting the job. That provision contradicts the other vision requirements in Annex II of Directive 2007/59/EC and might put at risk the high level of safety in rail operations.
- (2) In addition, certain requirements in Annexes IV and VI of Directive 2007/59/EC regarding the licence and the certificate lack clarity, leading to different application in the Member States and ultimately jeopardizing the introduction of a harmonized licence system for train drivers in the Union.
- (3) On 7 May 2012 the European Railway Agency submitted advice to the European Commission regarding the amendment of Annexes II, IV and VI of Directive 2007/59/EC. The bodies represented in the European Social Dialogue Committee were consulted in accordance with Article 31 of that Directive.
- (4) Transitional measures should be provided for train drivers who have obtained or will obtain their licence in accordance with Directive 2007/59/EC before the date of application of this Directive.
- (5) Directive 2007/59/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee that assists the Commission pursuant to Article 32(1) of Directive 2007/59/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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(1) OJ L 315, 3.12.2007, p. 51.