

Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 11 May 2016 on railway safety (recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 1*

**Subject matter**

This Directive lays down provisions to ensure the development and improvement of the safety of the Union rail system and improved access to the market for rail transport services by:

- (a) harmonising the regulatory structure in the Member States;
- (b) defining responsibilities between the actors in the Union rail system;
- (c) developing common safety targets ('CSTs') and common safety methods ('CSMs') with a view to gradually removing the need for national rules;
- (d) setting out the principles for issuing, renewing, amending and restricting or revoking safety certificates and authorisations;
- (e) requiring the establishment, for each Member State, of a national safety authority and an accident and incident investigating body; and
- (f) defining common principles for the management, regulation and supervision of railway safety.