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**DETERMINATION OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY INCLUDING  
ASPECTS RELATED TO THE FEE FOR THE USE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Addendum 1**

**Transmitted by the Government of Greece**

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## GREECE

### **(a) Legal status for railway infrastructure managers, railway operators and the national regulatory body**

- In September 1996, Decree No. 324 of 2 September incorporated Council Directive 91/440/EEC on the development of the Community's railways into Greek law.

In accordance with this Decree, the State entrusted the Greek Railway Company (CH) with the management of the railway infrastructure and further made it responsible, with the necessary State contribution, for infrastructure investments, renovation, modernization, maintenance and extension, and the management of control and safety systems.

The spheres of the infrastructure and of operation were separated in accounting terms, each having its own balance sheet and income statement within an integrated company.

- In December 1996, the new Statutes of the Greek Railways, drawn up by a committee of experts in the context of Decree No. 324 incorporating Directive 91/440, were approved by joint decision No. 41342/4616 of the Minister of Transport and Communications and the Minister of Finance of 27 December 1996.

In accordance with its Statutes and Act No. 2671 of 23 December 1998 governing matters concerning the Greek Railway Company, the latter is a public body belonging wholly to the Greek State; it has economic independence and operates according to the provisions of a limited liability company.

It is also a railway company and infrastructure manager.

- In March 1998, Decree No. 76 of 26 March incorporated Council Directive 95/18/EC on the licensing of railway undertakings into Greek law. In accordance with this Decree, the authority responsible for the issue of licences is the Ministry of Transport and Communications.
- In June 1998, Decree No. 180 of 9 June incorporated Council Directive 95/19/EC on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacities and charging for infrastructure into Greek law.

In accordance with this Decree, the Greek Railway Company (CH) is the infrastructure manager and the allocation body responsible for allocating infrastructure capacities.

(b), (c), (d), (e), (f): No framework has been prepared for these points.

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