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Valenciennes, 16 August 2021

**Subject: Reminder and new templates for collecting information after accidents and incidents**  
**Ref: JNS Normal Procedure on “Broken wheels”**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

in December 2019 the Joint Network Secretariat (JNS) Normal Procedure Task Force “Broken wheels” has published its final outcome under the following link:

[https://www.era.europa.eu/activities/joint-network-secretariat\\_en](https://www.era.europa.eu/activities/joint-network-secretariat_en)

The final outcome is aiming at mitigating the risk caused by broken wheels in tread braked freight application and contains mid- and long-term measures for operation and maintenance. The JNS Task Force “Broken Wheels” strongly recommends the implementation of these measures by all parties involved.

In addition the final outcome contains concrete proposals for improving related contractual arrangements, standards and regulations which is followed up by a subgroup of the Task Force, the so called Joint Sector Group (JSG) “Broken Wheels”. The amendment of the GCU is already finished, the changes in standards and regulations are still under progress.

The final outcome is accompanied by the following two templates for collecting information after accidents and incidents where broken/cracked wheels are concerned:

- *“Template\_for\_analysis\_broken\_cracked\_wheels.xlsx” with focus on the broken/cracked wheels.  
(This document has been published already 2019 under the above-mentioned link “Template\_for\_analysis\_cracked\_wheels.xlsx” and was recently slightly updated).*
- *“Template\_for\_analysis\_brake.docx” with focus on the brake of tread-braked freight wagons.  
(This document has been newly published under the above-mentioned link)*

The JNS Task Force “Broken Wheels” strongly recommends the use of both templates for collecting the technical elements that are necessary for possible future analysis and to use them when reporting in the current European data collection systems (e.g. SAIT, SIS and future developments).

Please distribute this letter and the two templates to any involved party within your organization/association.

On behalf of the JNS Normal procedure Task Force “Broken wheels”

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure:

- [Template\\_for\\_analysis\\_broken\\_cracked\\_wheels.xlsx](#)
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