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UIC contributes to sustainable development objectives:

The latest UIC leaflet 345 “Environmental specifications for new rolling stock” has been published.

Available in English and German, French to be published

(Paris, 18th July 2006). Train is already the most eco friendly mode of transport. Implementing the latest UIC leaflet 345 “Environmental specifications for new rolling stock” is to allow further progresses in the environmental sector. This new leaflet on Environmental specifications is available in English and German. The French edition is being prepared. It is available from the UIC web site: <http://www.uic.asso.fr/etf/> (The “Railway Technical Publications” department of the UIC).

The aim of this leaflet is to contribute to the harmonisation of the environmental procurement framework in the rail sector at European, and in the long time global level. By doing so, the process of procurement is to become more efficient, enabling new rolling stock with a sound environmental performance to be procured more cost effectively.

The leaflet lists all the environmental specifications important to take into account in the preparation of tenders for new rolling stock. It contents in particular:

- Legal framework of procurement,
- Environmental specification in calls for tender and assessment of procurement (energy efficiency, noise emissions, diesel exhaust emissions, material recycling, etc.)
- Degree of quantification of environmental specifications,
- Etc.

This leaflet is the result of a pioneer work that started with the “Nordic Manual for Eco-procurement” in the late 90ies , which further developed into the EU-financed projects RAVEL, REPID and PROSPER. It benefits from the work achieved during the UIC PROSPER project (Procedures for Rolling Stock Procurement with Environmental Requirements).

UIC advises railways purchasing departments to use the leaflet in order to strengthen their main asset in this essential field, environmental friendliness and sustainable development. It is important to underline that this leaflet has been discussed and

approved by the railway industry and rolling stock manufacturers, so it is ready to be complied with.

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