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Consultation on the draft of the limited revision of the TSI relating the subsystem rolling stock – Noise (TSI Noise) Reference: 006REC1072 Publication Date : 22/12/2017 Published by: Interoperability Document Types: Consultations Keywords: Noise;NOI;TSI;Consultation Description: This draft of the limited revision of the TSI Noise is deemed to impact the freight traffic and the social environment. Therefore, associations and bodies representing users on matters having a direct impact on freight customers as well as social partners shall be consulted in accordance with articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways and to article 5 (7) of Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union. Status: New Closing Date : 22/03/2018 Related documents:

Documents for consultation:

– Draft of the limited revision of the TSI relating rolling stock subsystem – Noise (TSI Noise) ([EN](#)).

This draft document is a recommendation amending the TSI Noise in order to make it applicable to the existing freight wagons.

Other reference documents:

The document for consultation is a recommendation to amend to the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1304/2014 of 26 November 2014 concerning the technical specification for interoperability relating to the subsystem rolling stock – noise, which is available here:

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[Press release: Shingles vaccine programme reduces cases and chronic](#)

complications

First evidence of the shingles vaccine programme shows a substantial reduction in cases and long-term complications.

A new study in the [Lancet Journal of Public Health](#) shows a substantial decrease in shingles cases and associated complications in the first 3 years since the introduction of the shingles vaccination programme by Public Health England (PHE).

Despite these very positive results, uptake of the vaccine has declined, with a 13% decline in people aged 70 since the start of the programme and an 8.4% decline in people aged 78 years since 2014.

PHE is urging adults aged 70 and 78 to protect themselves by taking up the offer for vaccination from their GP or booking an appointment if they missed out. Shingles is a painful condition and can be especially debilitating for older people.

The new analysis of the shingles vaccine programme, which was introduced in England in September 2013, estimated that the vaccine was 62% effective against shingles and between 70 to 88% effective against post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), or long term pain, which is one of the main complications associated with shingles.

The study estimated that GP visits for shingles and PHN reduced by 35% and 50% respectively, in those aged 70 during 2013 to 2016.

An estimated 17,000 GP visits for shingles were avoided amongst the 5.5 million individuals who were given the vaccination in the first 3 years of the programme across England.

Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisations at PHE, said:

I encourage all those who are 70 and 78 to make an appointment with their GP practice to get the shingles vaccine, as well as those under 80 who previously missed out. It's the best way to avoid this very nasty disease and the long-term complications that can develop from having it.

Our population is aging and the risk from getting shingles and complications is higher as you get older. Immunisation is the best way to protect yourself from this painful, sometimes debilitating condition. Taking up the vaccine is an important part of staying healthy as you age.

Shingles is characterised by a skin rash on one side of the body resulting from reactivation of chicken pox virus that has been lying dormant in the body. It can last on average for 2 to 4 weeks and be significantly

debilitating, causing loss of sleep and and interference with day-to-day activities. Symptoms can include sharp stabbing pain and burning of the skin in the affected area, feeling unwell, a bad headache and a fever.

Over 50,000 cases of shingles occur in people aged 70 years and over each year in England and Wales, with approximately 50 cases being fatal.

The likelihood of getting shingles increases with age and adults aged 70 and above are more at risk of developing serious complications from it, such as PHN, a severe nerve pain that lasts for several months or more after the rash has gone.

Though many recover from PHN, symptoms can last for years or can become permanent. It is therefore vital for every individual eligible to get their vaccine.

In England, the shingles vaccination programme now targets adults aged 70 and 78 with a catch up programme for those aged 71 to 79.

PHE is encouraging healthcare professionals and the public to be aware of the complications surrounding shingles and to encourage those within the eligible groups to get vaccinated.

Background

1. Those who are eligible for the free shingles vaccine include people in their 70s who were born after 1 September 1942 and people aged 79 years.
2. To get your vaccine, contact your GP or pharmacist for more information. If you are within the eligible group, your doctor will recommend the shingles vaccine during general GP visits or your annual flu appointment. Further details on the [shingles vaccination programme](#) are available on NHS Choices.
3. PHE's [shingles eligibility calculator](#) can help determine whether or not you are eligible for the vaccine.

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[Press Release: EASO signs new Special Support Plan with Cyprus](#)

EASO and Cyprus extend Special Support Plan for country's asylum services

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the Government of Cyprus have [signed a new agreement that will see the Agency's Special Support Plan \(SSP\)](#) extended until 31 January 2019, with additional amendments to its tasks.

The Amended SSP was signed by the Executive Director of EASO, José Carreira, and the Minister of Interior of Cyprus, Constantinos Petrides. The agreement will build on the expansion in support activities that EASO has been delivering throughout 2017 to improve and enhance the country's asylum and reception system.

In addition to extending the applicability, the new SSP also amends the previous version with new specific deliverables that EASO will provide in its operations supporting backlog management and in the field of reception and open accommodation. José Carreira welcomed the signing of the new SSP as a further bolstering of the close cooperation between EASO and Cyprus' Asylum Service:

"Today's extension of the SSP with our colleagues in Cyprus strengthens EASO's support to the country and enables us to keep building on the operational assistance we have been providing. I look forward to the work ahead; the Agency will do all it can to support Cyprus in managing its asylum and reception system as efficiently as possible."

EASO's support for backlog management began in [February 2017](#), whereby the Agency deployed eight dedicated experts later in the year in order to assist Cyprus in clearing the backlog caused by an elevated number of applications for international protection in recent years. In addition to amending the Agency's deliverables in this area, the new SSP also sets out EASO's support in the field of reception and open accommodation through a series of measures.

The operational support is carried out exclusively at the request of, and on behalf of, the authorities in Cyprus. EASO does not take decisions on applications for international protection or carry out any executive functions.

Background

In September, [Mr. Carreira visited Cyprus](#) to open EASO's office in Nicosia and to discuss the Agency's operational support with Minister Petrides.

Cyprus first requested special support from EASO to improve the asylum and reception system in specific areas on 26 May 2014. Currently, in addition to the deployment of experts specialised in backlog management, EASO also simultaneously deploys 8 experts at the Kofinou reception center, assisting in vulnerability assessment, social assistance, and additional capacity building activities.

As a measure of contingency planning, EASO also stands ready to provide operational assistance to Cyprus in the field of registration, screening and reception of persons requesting international protection in case of high number of arrivals.

See Special Support Plan [\[EN\]](#)

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