



GCU JOINT COMMITTEE

NEWS ON THE GCU BROKER

MOVING FORWARD

Since October 2020, you can find information on the GCU Broker on a new dedicated section of the GCU website: https://gcubureau.org/gcu_broker. This page will continue to be updated and expanded in the coming months with relevant publication and information. You are encouraged to visit it from time to time as the GCU Trustee will publish monthly KPIs on the use of the GCU Broker and information on the version releases and related improvements.

Improvements to the system

Besides solving a couple of bugs in the system, changes have been made to facilitate the exchange of Wagon Damage Reports (WDR according to Appendix 4 GCU) as XML files and ensure a seamless transposition of the changes to Appendix 4 entering into force on January 1st, 2021 ([A2020-24](#) - **updated description of WDR elements**).

In addition, the GCU Bureau will publish together with the contract 2021 an **Excel version of Annex 1 of Appendix 9** which will be used within the GCU Broker to transform XML in PDF. This document will be kept yearly up-to-date and signatories are welcomed to use the file for integrating the description of damage codes in their IT systems. However, the content of PDF version of Annex 1, Appendix 9 published as part of the contract shall prevail over the CSV file which is provided as a courtesy document only.

Pre-requisite for gathering wagon data via GCU Broker

While looking for the market uptake of the GCU Broker, ensuring that those who are authorized to access information can do so while those who are not authorized are prevented from doing so, is key. To ensure confidentiality and protect information from unauthorised access or disclosure, RUs will have to provide their Safety Certificate Number (European Identification Number (EIN) of the single safety certificate according to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/763) **in the signatory admin data section of the GCU Broker before the 30th of April 2021** to be able to request wagon data via the GCU Broker. RUs and RUKs not subject to the European regulation mentioned above should contact the GCU Trustee Floris Foqué (gcubureau.org).

Addressing barriers for the market uptake

One of the important pre-requisites for a successful digitization of information exchanges based on the GCU is the quality of the reference data provided by the signatories into the GCU Broker tool.

Unfortunately, too many signatories did not yet update the administration data and the connection configuration in the GCU Broker. As per end of November 2020, **only 71 out of the 690 signatories have configured a connection to the GCU Broker** in the administration panel. In addition, as the Keepers' Wagons Lists (KWL) are at the heart of the data exchanges between signatories, it is of utmost importance that keepers and RU-keepers ensure that all the wagon numbers are provided into the system and that their KWL is kept up to date in the GCU Broker.

The configuration settings necessary for the GCU Broker are described in latest version of the GCU Broker interface manual available in the documentation section of the GCU Broker (login via <https://prod.gcubroker.org/login>).

With this letter we call on all GCU signatories to improve the quality of the reference data provided into the GCU Broker as this is a crucial condition to provide a basis market acceptance for using the tool and increasing process efficiency.

If you need access to the **GCU Broker test system** to set up the necessary interface for the reception and sending of data or should you have further questions on the exchange of wagon performance data, please contact the GCU Trustee Floris Foqué (gcu@gcubureau.org).

Kind regards,



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