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The purpose of this document is to standardize the terms and definitions, used in the field of railway application including design, construction, manufacture, equipment, operations and maintenance.

This document aims to eliminate:

- misunderstandings;
- effort and time related to defining terms during the preparation of a new standard or the revision of a standard; and
- errors arising from the translation process.

Terms and definitions that are common between different structural subsystems are given in this document. Terms and definitions exclusively used within a specialist area are not included, such as those in:

- ISO 24478;
- ISO 19659-1.

This document also does not cover terms and definitions related to electrotechnical and electronic products and services for railway application, which are given in IEC standards.

It is the intention to extend this document with further terms and definitions in future revisions.

It is intended for new railway standards or revisions of existing railway standards to reference this document, to avoid repetitions and deviations of terms and definitions in railway standards.

Several of the terms used in the field of railway systems have had different meanings in different languages and at different periods in history. This document brings together a consensus of opinions by those charged with its drafting as to the most effective unambiguous definitions for future use.

Typically, the terms and definitions in this document do not imply operational or geographical aspects. If a term is implying operational or geographical aspects, the respective term can be expanded by using the definitions of this document.

Terms given in this document are basic terms, some of which can be combined.