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ECTA-UIRR-ERFA guidelines for digital data sharing in intermodal freight transport

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ECTA (European Association for Chemical Transport), UIRR (International Union for Combined Road-Rail Transport) and ERFA (European Rail Freight Association) have collaborated for nine months in a collaborative working group on intermodal digitalisation to pave the way for a more common digital data model based on existing standards for intermodal freight transport. Three new guidelines on digital best practices are the result of this joint work.

These guidelines aim to simplify communication and data exchange between all intermodal transport actors, reduce administrative and bureaucratic costs, enable smooth and real-time logistics planning and execution, and ultimately improve the competitiveness of intermodal freight transport services in Europe.

The three new guidelines on digital best practices address the following topics:

1. General principles for standardised sharing of digital data in intermodal freight transport.
2. Standardized digital booking, gate-in and gate-out processes at the terminals.
3. Standardised sharing of digital data between railway undertakings, combined transport operators and terminal managers.

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