

DfT Survey: GB National Vehicle Register

Response from the Rail Wagon Association

Section A

We welcome your views on the topics covered by the questions set out below, which focus on the National Vehicle Register (NVR). There are three questions in this section for you to consider.

Question 1: Are you responding to this survey as an individual or as an organisation?

- Individual
- Organisation

Question 2: What is your view on the effectiveness of the NVR?

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral
- Mixed
- Other

Please could you provide the reasons for your response here:

Response:

Several RWA members have direct experience of anomalies between the data held in R2 and that held in NVR due to incorrect data entry. In addition, members have found it difficult to get incorrect data in NVR amended.

We understand that data entered into R2 has to be manually entered into the NVR by the Registration Entity. This introduces the possibility of differences due to copying (human) errors and time delays.

Whilst the NVR is good in principle for meeting the requirements of the old Interoperability Directive and current COTIF, the method of administration needs to be improved.

Question 3: What is your view of Network Rail continuing to carry out the role of the Registration Entity for managing the NVR?

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral
- Mixed
- Other

Please could you provide the reasons for your response here

Response:

No comment

Section B

We welcome your views on the topics covered by the questions set out below, which focuses on NVR and R2. There are 4 questions in this section for you to consider.

Question 4: We understand that R2 data feeds into the NVR. What are your experiences of the NVR with regards to accuracy, reliability and speed of update?

- Poor*
- Satisfactory*
- Good*
- Excellent*

Please could you provide the reasons for your response here

Response:

See Q2 response.

Several RWA members have direct experience of anomalies between the data held in R2 and that held in NVR due to incorrect data entry. In addition, members have found it difficult to get incorrect data in NVR amended.

Members report difficulty finding any instructions on how to request any changes. When requests have been made, on occasion requests have been taken but no changes made without many chase up calls.

Question 5: Given the overlap of information between the NVR and R2, what is your view on the future of both databases?

- NVR should be a subset of data held in R2*
- NVR and R2 continue to be treated as separate databases*
- Any other suggestion*

Please could you provide the reasons for your response here

Response:

If we need an NVR, data transfer from R2 should be automated to avoid differences due to time delay or typo. Whilst NVR is relatively easy to access, it is very difficult to amend any of the contained detail.

Question 6: Ahead of answering this question, please read point 4 on COTIF in the introduction. In light of the UK's exit from the EU and existing obligations under COTIF. What is your view on the requirement to have an NVR for domestic only vehicles?

- We should have an NVR for domestic vehicles*
- We should **not** have an NVR for domestic vehicles*

Please could you provide the reasons for your response here:

Response:

No comment

Question 7: Do you have any other general comments?

Response:

No other comment