



# HS1 Network Statement

2028 update

Consultation with stakeholders – July 2026

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# Consultation on HS1 2028 Network Statement

## 1. Network Statement 2028 update

The HS1 Network Statement provides general information about HS1; conditions of access to HS1 by transport operators; rules, procedures and criteria for allocation of capacity and payments for the same. Pursuant to the requirements of the Rail Regulations 2016, we are updating the Network Statement to the 2028 version of the document. This periodic update is required under the Rail Regulations 2016 to ensure the HS1 Network Statement remains current. No major changes have been made to the Network Statement as part of this update.

## 2. Summary of notable changes

The below table provides a summary of the notable changes we have made to the Network Statement.

Section/item	Page	Change
Whole document	N/A	Charges in the Network Statement are indexed and uplifted by RPI with each release. For the 2028 version, applicable charges have been adjusted to reflect the February 2026 RPI.
Glossary of terms	N/A	<p>Reviews identified the following terms as defined terms and we included them in the definition section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dangerous Goods</li> <li>• Direct Agreement</li> <li>• Priority Date</li> </ul> <p>Removed the definition “HS1 Codes”, replacing it with definition “HS1 Operational Codes” to be consistent with the definitions used in our FTAA’s.</p>
1.3 Legal Framework	p12	Narrative on our legal framework simplified, removing outdated information on European railway packages and Brexit.
2.2.4 Safety Certificate	p18	Redrafted the paragraph on Technical Framework Agreement to improve clarity.
3.3.1.3 Stations and Nodes	p27	Added links to the Station Access Conditions station annexes.
3.6.10 Other Facilities	p34	Southeastern has produced an Ashford Depot Service Facility Description which is available on the Infrastructure Manager’s website.
4.2 Description of Process	p35	Clarified that Applicant will have rights to the agreed amount of guaranteed capacity on HS1 for the duration of their FTAA, subject to making timely timetable bids as described in Part D of the HS1 Network Code.
6.3 Tariffs (AIRC)	p48	Section updated to confirm that no AIRC is currently charged on the HS1 Network, as the AIRC for ERTMS early works has now been recovered.
6.3 Tariffs (Other Services Charges)	p52	Included a note that LSPH is developing its approach to the Station Enhancement Project charge (“StEP charge”)

Annex 5	p108	Timetable development calendar dates aligned with Part D Annex 1 of the HS1 Network Code and updated for the latest version.
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### 3. Next steps

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We welcome stakeholders' feedback on this consultation.

We ask that stakeholders provide feedback by **COP Wednesday 29 July** to [Arthur.Velavs@stpancras-highspeed.com](mailto:Arthur.Velavs@stpancras-highspeed.com) and [Regulation@stpancrashighspeed.com](mailto:Regulation@stpancrashighspeed.com).

We will consider these responses before publishing the final version of the HS1 2028 Network Statement.