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Railway applications — Adhesive bonding of rail vehicles and their components

National foreword

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The UK committee voted against the adoption of the standard for reasons relating to the details of the standard's rABC certification method and the lack of guidance to potentially useful external sources of information.

The committee feels that the method of certifying an rABC with only a two- to three-week class – and without requiring any previous qualifications or experience to design, qualify, implement, or accept signatory authorization authority for, all bonded joints on a passenger rail vehicle – is inadequate (particularly in light of the fact that the rABC role can be held without mandatory practical training or experience).

The UK committee therefore suggests that users of this standard also follow PD ISO/TS 22163, *Railway applications — Quality management system — Business management system requirements for rail organizations: ISO 9001:2015 and particular requirements for application in the rail sector*, to ensure tasks and activities related to adhesive bonding and sealing meet the requirements of IRIS Guideline 6.

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