Subject: Re: blockPart mission="other:..."

Posted by on Mon, 09 Mar 2020 09:25:18 GMT

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Dear Stefan,

I would say it depends on what exactly would be the "other:..." value and what would be semantically behind it.

In general, it is right that using an extension (including "other:...") for something which is already defined in railML is not the meaning of a standard, leads to incompatibility and therefore should not be certified.

However, there may be a reasonable semantic difference between mission="inspection" and what your customer/consumer needs. If so, they should give an explanation why the usage of mission="inspection" would be misleading. railML can naturally not foresee everything which occurs but railML wants to define a standard for compatibility in general.

But in this certain case, since mission="inspection" has no much fixed meaning/definition by railML, I can hardly imagine that.

Best regards, Dirk.

P.S.: To avoid misunderstandings: This is an opinion of a member who is called "senior" by the railML system (which hurts me a bit); it is no official statement concerning certification, where I have no entitlement.