
Subject: circulations should be optional

Posted by [Andreas Tanner](#) on Wed, 02 Jan 2013 09:29:16 GMT

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Dear group,
currently blocks can be defined only when also at least one circulation is present: the type rRostering has mandatory child elements blockParts, blocks and circulations. We use blocks to describe vehicle duties within a day, and circulations to concatenate them within a multiple day schedule. Now we have a case where there are no circulations present (as they are defined only in a later planning stage). I think this should be valid, and therefore I propose to relax the standard in that point. One way would be to allow a <blocks> element directly below the <timetable>. I think this would be more correctly model the situation than just to allow rosterings without circulations because without circulations, assigning a block to a rostering would be somewhat arbitrary.

So my suggestion is: insert <blocks> with minOccurs=0 into the sequence of the <timetable> element.

Best, Andreas.

Subject: Re: circulations should be optional

Posted by [Joachim Rubröder railML](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2013 15:55:53 GMT

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Kind regards,
Joachim

Joachim Rubröder
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Subject: Re: circulations should be optional
Posted by [Andreas Tanner](#) on Wed, 13 Feb 2013 07:37:59 GMT
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Thanks a lot. Optional circulations within a rostering would be helpful.
The rest should be discussed at the upcoming conference.
--Andreas.

Am 12.02.2013 16:55, schrieb Joachim Rubroeder:

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Subject: Re: circulations should be optional
Posted by on Tue, 12 Mar 2013 17:25:08 GMT
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Dear Andreas and Joachim,

I also see no objections against optional circulations (i. e. rosterings with blocks but without circulations) and would prefer this against additional blocks at <timetable> but outside <rosterings>. Concerning the latter, it seems to me that we could skip that redundancy.

Best regards,
Dirk.
