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Update from the Door Task Group

Rail Safety Advisory Committee
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On April 19, 2007 FRA announced the formation of the Door Task Group.



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After seven meetings, the General Passenger Safety Task Force reached consensus on 46 out of 47 items, on Oct. 7, 2009.

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- The one item which we did not reach consensus on was with safety features on new equipment with manually operated exterior side doors.
- This item will be added to our remanded list for a re-vote, if need be.

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- On Sept. 16, 2010, the Passenger Train Safety Working Group voted on and reached consensus on the 46 items.
- The WG agreed to vote electronically on the remanded items when the APTA Standard is complete.

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- On Sept. 11, 2008, APTA created Door Group to develop a standard, that incorporated FRA's safety recommendations.

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- On Sept. 16, 2010, APTA presented a 20 page, 34 item, draft standard, which also included an Appendix that includes mathematical formulas for a variety of forces and measurements.

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- During Nov. 2010, APTA has made several editorial changes to the document and have put it out for a final vote.
- It is not yet complete.

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- Once the APTA Standard is complete, the definitions (one of the remanded items) will be incorporated into the FRA document and the APTA Standard will be attached because it contains a lot of technical safety standards that will become part of the regulation.

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- What is next?
- The remanded items will be voted on by the task Force, then the WG, once the APTA Standard is finalized.
- This will be completed prior to the next full RSAC meeting so that the document will be available for final approval.



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A photograph of two train doors, likely from a passenger train, showing the door frames and windows. The image is split vertically by a white line.

Questions?