

The common database of the SEP.

The Silent Wagon Database (SWDB) is a common database of the four countries of the SEP. It serves to register low-noise freight wagons and helps with the efficient examination of applications.

In order to submit your data on low-noise freight wagons via the SEP to the SWDB, please follow the description in the section "Your path to the bonus". After transmitting the excel form, your data will be imported into the SWDB and thereby will be available to all partners of the SEP.⁵

Additionally to the above mentioned procedure, data from low-noise freight wagons will be registered as follows:

- ➔ Interface between the SWDB and RSRD²
- ➔ Country-specific schemes (e. g. registration tool of the ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG or retrofitting register of DB)

Please note that there may be country-specific deadlines and further requirements for your applications. For more details please be certain to read all information regarding the individual countries.

Please also note that the registration of your wagon into the SWDB will not release you from country-specific accountabilities.

Our objective: To cut railway noise in half by the year 2020.

To achieve this goal, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and Austria launched their own successful schemes, consisting of bonus programmes that provide financial support for the changeover to low-noise brake blocks.

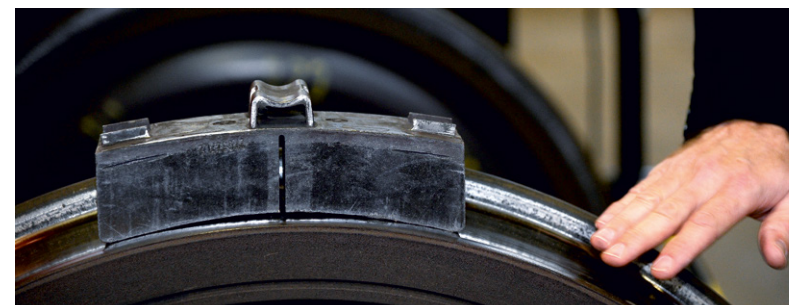
In addition to the known application processes in the respective countries, a Single Entry Point (SEP) was created for the application process.

As a result bonus applications for all four countries can now be submitted in a single step via this central node. The aim is to make the application process much more straightforward for all customers.

You can find all further details at
www.sep-silentwagon.info



Application form to:
bonus@sep-silentwagon.info



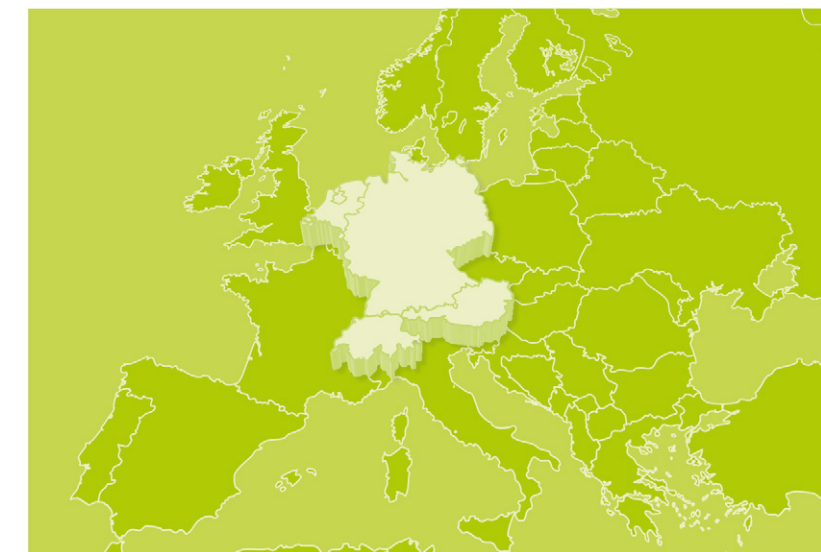
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⁵ Railway undertakings resp. wagon keepers do not have access to the database.

Your application process BAV

In Switzerland, the bonus payments for most standard-gauge routes are settled with the monthly billing of train path charges. The applications for the remaining routes must be submitted annually by the end of June of the following year, either directly to BAV or with the SEP form.

To apply for the bonus, please follow the instructions below:

Single Entry Point (SEP)

- Complete the SEP form available at www.sep-silentwagon.info and e-mail it to bonus@sep-silentwagon.info

Information on automatic settlement¹

- To receive the bonus, RUs must make sure that the low-noise wagons are entered into SWDB correctly and in good time, and that the brake type information have been correctly transmitted with the train operating data to the infrastructure manager.
- New, retrofitted and renumbered wagons must be reported to laermbonus@bav.admin.ch no later than two months before their first use.
- For wagons that are to be newly registered, proof of the type of brake must be provided in addition to the required wagon information.

¹ Infrastructures with automatic noise bonus payment: SBB AG, Thurbo, BLS Netz AG, Sensetalbahn (STB), Schweizerische Südostbahn AG (SOB), Hafenbahnen Schweiz AG (HBSAG) and sections between Basel Verbindungsbahn (BSVB) and Basel Bad Bf (BAD) and between Basel Bad Bf (BAD) and Basel Bad Rbf Kleinhüningen Abzw (BADH) operated by DB Netz AG.

Your application process ProRail

ProRail pays bonuses monthly by offering discounts on the usage charges.

To apply for the bonus, please follow the steps below:

Single Entry Point (SEP)

- Complete the SEP form available at www.sep-silentwagon.info and e-mail it to bonus@sep-silentwagon.info
- Review² and check bonus payment.

E-mail to: noisebonus@prorail.nl³

- **Step 1:** Attach the certificates to the completed SEP form.
- **Step 2:** Send your e-mail to noisebonus@prorail.nl
- **Step 3:** Review² and check bonus payment.

² For retrofitted wagons a certificate of retrofitting, is required.

³ If you do not wish to use SEP as a central entry point, please send an e-mail to noisebonus@prorail.nl.

Your application process DB Netz AG

DB Netz AG pays bonuses once a year for the previous year.

To apply for the bonus, please follow the steps below:

Single Entry Point (SEP)

- Complete the SEP form available at www.sep-silentwagon.info and e-mail it to bonus@sep-silentwagon.info
- DB Netz AG shall enter the wagons into the retrofit register on behalf of the customer, but the customer shall remain responsible for entering the mileage and submitting the applications.

DB Netz AG retrofit register⁴

- **Step 1:** Enter the mileage
- **Step 2:** Prepare the applications and submit them by the end of May.
- **Step 3:** Review and check bonus payment.

⁴ <https://latps-evu.dbnetze.com>

The application process ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG

ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG settles the bonus retrospectively with the railway undertaking (RUs) once per year, in the form of a reduction applied to the track access charge.

When applying for the noise bonus, please take account of the following:

Notification of wagon data to ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG

- Transmission of retrofit data to ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG via either 1) automatic data interface, or 2) data entry in the registration tool of ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG (www.laermbonus.at).
- The wagon list for the train including retrofitted wagons must appear in the Infrastructure Transport Information System (INFRA.TIS), an operations management system of ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG.
- Provision of proof of retrofitting (attestation).

Silent Wagon Database

- The data transmitted are stored in the Silent Wagon Database (SWDB). Data provided by RUs or wagon keepers, via the ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG interface or web application, on wagons that are low-noise but not retrofitted are also stored in the SWDB.
- Retrofitted freight wagons already registered in the SWDB are automatically taken into account when the noise bonus is applied. Thus the retrofit data do not need to be separately notified to ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG. However, proof of retrofitting (attestation) must be supplied if requested.

For further queries, please contact us via e-mail: laermbonus@oebb.at