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Dangerous Goods by Rail  
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<sup>1</sup> With regard to the 1999 Vilnius Protocol itself, two corrigenda were issued: A 56-01/506.2000 on 31.03.2000 and A 56-01/502.2001 on 29.06.2001

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(RID - Appendix C to the Convention)**

**Article 1  
Scope**

§ 1 This Regulation shall apply

- a) to the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail on the territory of the RID Contracting States,
- b) to carriage complementary to carriage by rail to which the CIM Uniform Rules are applicable, subject to the international prescriptions governing carriage by another mode of transport,

as well as the activities referred to by the Annex to this Regulation.

§ 2 Dangerous goods barred from carriage by the Annex must not be accepted for international carriage.

**Article 1bis  
Definitions**

For the purpose of this Regulation and its Annex, “RID Contracting State” means a Member State of the Organisation which has not made a declaration in respect of this Regulation in accordance with Article 42 § 1, first sentence, of the Convention.

**Article 2  
Exemptions**

This Regulation shall not apply, in whole or in part, to the carriage of dangerous goods for which an exemption is provided in the Annex. Exemptions may only be provided when the quantity or the nature of the exempted carriage of goods or the packaging would guarantee the safety of the carriage.

**Article 3  
Restrictions**

Each RID Contracting State shall retain the right to regulate or prohibit, for reasons other than safety during carriage, the international carriage of dangerous goods on its territory.

**Article 4  
Other prescriptions**

The carriage to which this Regulation applies shall remain subject to the national or international prescriptions applicable in general to the carriage of goods by rail.

**Article 5**  
**Type of trains allowed. Carriage as hand luggage,  
registered luggage or in or on board vehicles**

- § 1 Dangerous goods may only be carried in freight trains, except
- a) dangerous goods which are acceptable for carriage in accordance with the Annex complying with the relevant maximum quantities and the special conditions of carriage in trains other than freight trains;
  - b) dangerous goods which are carried, under the special conditions of the Annex, as hand luggage, registered luggage or in or on board vehicles within the meaning of Article 12 of the CIV Uniform Rules.
- § 2 Dangerous goods may only be taken as hand luggage or carried or be handed over for carriage as registered luggage or in or on board vehicles if they meet the special conditions of the Annex.

**Article 6**  
**Annex**

The Annex shall form an integral part of this Regulation.

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The text of the Annex will be that drawn up by the Expert Committee for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods, at the time of entry into force of the Protocol of 3 June 1999 modifying the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980, in accordance with Article 19 § 4 of the latter.