TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCeded TO COTIF

Depositary notification

Provisions adopted by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 16th session held on 11 and 12 June 2024:

- A revised version of the Uniform Technical Prescription applicable to the subsystem “rolling stock – freight wagons” (UTP WAG)
- A revised version of the Uniform Technical Prescription applicable to the subsystem “rolling stock – noise” (UTP Noise)
- A revised version of the Uniform Technical Prescription applicable to train composition and route compatibility checks (UTP TCRC)
- Modifications to Appendix I of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning Telematics Applications for Freight Services (UTP TAF)
In his capacity as the Depositary, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) notifies you of the following.

In accordance with its competences as laid down in Article 20 and Article 33 § 6 of the Convention, the Committee of Technical Experts adopted at its 16th session (hybrid meeting, Bern, 11 and 12 June 2024):

- A revised version of the Uniform Technical Prescription applicable to the subsystem “rolling stock – freight wagons” (UTP WAG);
- A revised version of the Uniform Technical Prescription applicable to the subsystem “rolling stock – noise” (UTP Noise);
- A revised version of the Uniform Technical Prescription applicable to train composition and route compatibility checks (UTP TCRC);
- Modifications to Appendix I of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning Telematics Applications for Freight Services (UTP TAF) of 1 January 2023, as last amended on 1 January 2024.

The adopted texts are published on OTIF’s website under:

Activities > Technical Interoperability > Notifications > 2024

Upon entry into force, the revised versions of the UTP WAG, UTP Noise and UTP TCRC will repeal and replace the versions of these UTPs that are currently in force. With regard to the UTP TAF, only its Appendix I will be modified.

In accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF, the modifications will enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following this notification, i.e. on 1 January 2025, unless one quarter of the Member States formulate an objection during the four months from the day of this notification in accordance with Article 35 § 4 of COTIF. The deadline for objections is 12 November 2024. Once this deadline has expired, we will inform you of the situation.

When the modifications enter into force, this will be the case for all Member States, with the exception of those which have made a declaration not to apply the APTU Uniform Rules pursuant to Article 42 § 1, first sentence of COTIF, and those which, within a period of four months from the date of this notification, have made a declaration in accordance with Article 35 § 4 of COTIF and Article 9 of the APTU Uniform Rules.

(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

cc for information

– Observers at the Committee of Technical Experts