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TO THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF

Notification from the Depositary

Modifications to the Convention and its Appendices E (CUI) and G (ATMF) adopted by the 13^{th} General Assembly

In his capacity as the Depositary, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) notifies you of the following.

At its 13th session (Berne, 25 and 26 September 2018), the General Assembly adopted modifications to the Convention (including the adoption of Appendix H (EST)) and its Appendices E (CUI) and G (ATMF).

In accordance with Article 34 § 2 of COTIF, the modifications to the Convention will enter into force twelve months after their approval by two thirds of the Member States in accordance with their national law. When these modifications enter into force, this will be the case not just for those states that have approved them in accordance with their applicable national procedures, but also for all the other Member States, with the exception of those which, before the entry into force, have made a declaration in terms that they do not approve such modifications.

In addition, in accordance with Article 34 § 3 of COTIF, the modifications to Appendices E (CUI) and G (ATMF) will enter into force twelve months after their approval by half the Member States which have not made a declaration pursuant to Article 42 § 1, first sentence, that they do not apply Appendices E (CUI) and G (ATMF). When these modifications to Appendices E (CUI) and G (ATMF) enter into force, this will be the case not just for those states that have approved them in accordance with their applicable national procedures, but also for all the other Member States, with the exception of those which, before the entry into force, have made a declaration that they do not approve such modifications, and those which have made a declaration pursuant to Article 42 § 1, first sentence of COTIF.

The period referred to in Article 34 §§ 2 and 3 runs from the day of the notification by the Secretary General that the conditions for entry into force of the modifications have been fulfilled (Article 34 § 5 of COTIF). The twelve month period referred to in Articles 34 § 2 and 34 § 3 of COTIF for the entry into force of the modifications adopted by the 13th General Assembly starts to run from the time of the Secretary General's notification.

These modifications are shown in the annexed notification texts and will also be published on OTIF's website under Activities > General Assembly > Notifications.

(François Davenne) Secretary General

Annexes:

- NOT-18001 Ad. 1 (Base Convention)
- NOT-18001 Ad. 2 (Appendix H EST)
- NOT-18001 Ad. 3 (Appendix E CUI)
- NOT-18001 Ad. 4 (Appendix G ATMF)

cc for information (copy of this letter and annexes):

 Non Member States that are candidates for accession or which might be interested in acceding to COTIF and the international organisations and associations in accordance with the letter of invitation SG-18024-AG-13