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

Survey on rules concerning negotiable transport documents in rail transport

Consultation

At its 4th session (April 2021), the Working Group of Legal Experts instructed the Secretariat to initiate consultations with OTIF's members and relevant stakeholders to gather information on the national law that is applicable to negotiable rail transport documents and views on whether it is necessary to introduce the possibility of using negotiable transport documents for the carriage of goods under the CIM UR.

The Secretariat of OTIF submitted an initial document on this issue to the 4th session of the Working Group of Legal Experts¹. Following a decision taken by the Working Group of Legal Experts, the Secretariat is launching in this circular letter a consultation with the members of OTIF and all interested stakeholders affected by the CIM UR or with a legitimate interest in them.

The document LAW-21023-GTEJ 4/13 (extract) and the questionnaire are available on OTIF's website (www.otif.org) under

[Extranet - ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation](#)

The Member States, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and interested parties are requested to complete (electronically) the survey on Rules concerning negotiable transport documents in rail transport by:

6 July 2022.

The Member States, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and interested parties are invited to contact the Legal Department of the Secretariat of OTIF (law@otif.org) for any further clarification concerning the questionnaire.

Based on the information received from Member States, regional organisations and interested parties, a report will be prepared and submitted for consideration by the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation at its 3rd session in October 2022.

Yours faithfully,



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes

¹ LAW-21023-GTEJ 4/13 'Inception paper on bill of lading' (extract)

cc:

- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- Forum Train Europe (FTE)
- International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- RailNetEurope (RNE).