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**TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF AND  
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

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**Depositary Notification**

**Modifications to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of  
Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)**

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

At its 55<sup>th</sup> session (Berne, 30 May 2018) the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (RID Committee of Experts) adopted amendments to the 1 January 2017 edition of RID.

In accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF, these amendments will enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following this notification, i.e. on 1 January 2019, 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 period for objections ends on 6 November 2018. Once this deadline has expired, we will inform you of the situation.

These amendments are contained in the enclosed notification texts with the code OTIF/RID/NOT/2019. These texts will also be placed on [OTIF's website](#).

Also attached is the final report of the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 28 and 29 May 2018) and the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts.



(François Davenne)

Secretary General

**Encs:**

- notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2019
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**cc letter and annexes for information:**

- railway undertakings of the Member States of OTIF
- interested international organisations