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

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### **Depositary Notification**

**Amendments to the Regulation 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:

Owing to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (RID Committee of Experts) had to be cancelled. Consequently, the planned approval of all the amendments to RID proposed for entry into force on 1 January 2021 had to be obtained using the written procedure laid down in Article 21 § 3 of the RID Committee of Experts' Rules of Procedure.

By the specified deadline of 13 June 2020, the Secretary General had received 33 valid votes. This means that the quorum applicable in accordance with Article 21 § 3 g), in conjunction with Article 20 of the Rules of Procedure, was reached. All the votes received were in favour of adopting the proposed amendments.

The attached notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2021 were produced on the basis of documents OTIF/RID/CE/2020/1 and OTIF/RID/CE/2020/2 that were sent out for the vote using the written procedure. The notification texts will also be published on OTIF's website ([www.otif.org](http://www.otif.org)) under Activities > Dangerous Goods > Notifications > 2021 ([http://otif.org/en/?page\\_id=594](http://otif.org/en/?page_id=594)).

The following subsequent editorial amendments were made:

- In Part III of document OTIF/RID/CE/2020/2 (Draft amendments proposed by the Working Group on Standards), the amendment to 6.2.3.5.1 was deleted, as amendment 1 to standard EN ISO 16148:2016 + A1:2020 was not published on time for 1 June 2020 (see also the explanations in paragraph 5 of document OTIF/RID/CE/2020/2).
- In Part III of document OTIF/RID/CE/2020/2 (Draft amendments proposed by the Working Group on Standards), the reference in square brackets to standard EN 13175:2019 + A1:2020 in 6.2.4.1 was deleted, as this amendment 1 to standard EN 13175:2019 was not published on time for 1 June 2020 either. Instead, the reference to standard EN 13175:2019 (except clause 6.1.6) is maintained.
- In document OTIF/RID/CE/2020/1, in 6.2.4.2 for the newly included standard EN ISO 10462:2013 + A1:2019 in column (2), the reference to standard ISO 10462:2013 + A1:2019 was deleted. This is a consequential amendment to the amendment contained in Part III (Draft amendments proposed by the Working Group on Standards) of document OTIF/RID/CE/2020/2 to delete the reference to the corresponding ISO standard for all EN ISO standards.

In accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF, these amendments enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following this notification, i.e. on 1 January 2021, unless, in accordance with Article 35 § 4 of COTIF, one quarter of the Member States object within four months from the date of this notification. The period for entering an objection ends on 1 November 2020. Once this period has expired, we will inform you of the status of this matter.

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)

Secretary General

**Annexes:**

- Notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2021

**cc letter and annexes for information:**

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