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**Secretary General** 

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

Entry into force of the amendments to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)

Together with circular RID-16003-CE54 dated 30 June 2016, we sent you in document No. OTIF/RID/NOT/2017 the amendments to the 1 January 2015 edition of RID. These amendments were the result of discussions at the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Berne, 25 May 2016).

Under Article 35 § 4 of COTIF, decisions of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods shall be deemed to be adopted unless one-quarter of the Member States have objected within four months from the date of notification.

## This period expired on 31 October 2016.

No Member State has lodged an objection against the amendments. In accordance with the decision of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, these amendments will **enter into force on 1 January 2017**, with a transitional period of 6 months, i.e. with a **transitional period up to 30 June 2017**.

Attached at Annex is a list of corrections, which contains corrections to the above-mentioned notification texts. This list of corrections has been approved by the  $6^{th}$  session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Prague, 22 - 24 November 2016).

Also attached is a list of corrections concerning the 2017 edition of RID which contains a few amendments that were unable to be taken into account in the printed edition.

Yours faithfully,

(François Davenne) Secretary General

## **Annexes:**

- List of corrections to the 2017 notification texts
- List of corrections 1 to the printed RID 2017 edition

## The following have been sent a copy of this letter for information:

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