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Update on vehicle registers: search and retrieval of vehicle data

1. INTRODUCTION

At its 13th session (remote meeting, 22-23 June 2021), the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE):

- Requested the Secretary General of OTIF to remind Contracting States of their obligations under the specifications for vehicle registers, and to notify him of the registration entity, the location (internet address) of the vehicle register and to inform him how eligible users can obtain access to the registered data.
- Requested the OTIF Secretariat to publish this information on OTIF’s website in the form of a list of all vehicle registers, including information on how to contact the registration entity of each CS and how eligible parties can obtain access rights.

Based on the above decisions, OTIF’s Secretary General sent circular letter TECH-21029 (17.09.2021) to all the Member States that are contracting states to the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules and to regional organisations which have acceded to COTIF. The circular included an Annex with 10 questions. The deadline for responses was 17 December 2021.

The 13th session of CTE also discussed the importance of monitoring and assessing COTIF legal instruments, including implementation of the ATMF UR and APTU UR. It requested the Chair of the Committee, on behalf of the Committee, to send out the questionnaire annexed to document TECH-21002-CTE13-8.1. Question 3 of the questionnaire refers specifically to the establishment of vehicle registers. The deadline for responses was 6 November 2021.

This update summarises the results of the questionnaires obtained by the end of January 2022. As some Member States had further questions, the OTIF Secretariat received some of the responses after the deadline.

2. BACKGROUND

Article 13 of the ATMF Uniform Rules requires Contracting States to establish and implement railway vehicle registers. Furthermore, the OTIF [Specifications for vehicle registers](#) (applicable from 1 April 2021) require, inter alia, that:

“Each state shall ensure that its vehicle register functions in accordance with these specifications by no later than 16 June 2021. By this date, all vehicles in the scope of ATMF must be registered in the vehicle register, which must be accessible to users in accordance with the specifications.”

In accordance with Article 6 of the OTIF Specifications for vehicle registers, each Contracting State has to designate a Registration Entity and notify the Secretary General without delay of the location of the vehicle register and how to request access rights to it.

In 2019, the OTIF Secretariat sent the non-EU CSs (TECH-19009-CTE12-NVR Questionnaire dated 4 July 2019) a questionnaire to gauge the progress they had made towards establishing their railway vehicle register and their views on a central register. The responses showed a different level of implementation, with some states already using well developed and sophisticated tools, while other states were still deciding on the best approach, bearing in mind their limited funds and resources.

At the 13th session of CTE, the OTIF Secretariat presented its analysis of the feasibility of establishing an OTIF/international vehicle register for railway vehicles which are intended for use in international traffic (TECH-21009, dated 21.04.2021). It concluded that decisions to establish such a register could not be taken until various legal, financial and technical questions had been considered and further understood.

In the second half of 2021, the 44th, 45th and 46th sessions of WG TECH continued the discussions on solutions to maintain connectivity between national registers and the exchange of relevant vehicle data between EU and non-EU CSs. Discussion paper [TECH-21017](#) (dated 5.10.2021) further explained the

relevance of access to vehicle registers, examined the relationship between EVR and the OTIF Specifications, and offered possible scenarios for access to vehicle data depending on where the vehicle had been registered.

3. RESULTS AND UPDATE ON REGISTERS

In response to the questionnaire in TECH-21029, the Secretary General received responses from 6 non-EU members.

In response to the questionnaire concerning the monitoring of implementation of the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules by Contracting States, 14 Member States and the European Union responded.

The responses to each question can be summarised in the following table:

No	Information requested:	Summary of responses
1	Name of Contracting State to ATMF UR and APTU UR	19 respondents + EU
2	Is there a contact person with whom the OTIF Secretariat may liaise regarding vehicle registers? <i>This information will be used only by the OTIF Secretariat and will not be communicated to third parties.</i>	19 respondents + EU
3	Please indicate the registration entity in accordance with Article 6 of the OTIF Specifications for vehicle registers.	All but 3 of the responding Member States provided contact details for their Registration Entity and vehicle registers.
4	Is there any agreement with the European Union resulting in the current or future use of the European Vehicle Register (EVR)? <i>If the answer is yes, please indicate the starting date of using the EVR and skip the remaining questions.</i>	Bilateral agreements on the use of and access to the EVR have not been established.
5	Is it the wish or intention to use the EVR in the future?	4 non-EU Member States confirmed their intention to use the EVR, pending communication from the European Commission and rollout of the EVR after the testing period. 1 non-EU Member State indicated that it would use the EVR, if there were an obligation to do so.
6	Internet address of the vehicle register	5 respondents do not yet have an internet address. 6 respondents provided links. The rest provided an explanation of how to request access.

7	Is the vehicle register strictly national or shared with one or more other states?	4 respondents informed the Secretariat that the vehicle register was strictly national.
8	Is the vehicle register connected to other vehicle registers?	2 respondents confirmed connectivity with ECVVR. 1 respondent uses the NVR software of ERA but it is not connected to other registers.
9	Please describe how eligible users can request access to the vehicle register.	All but 4 of the respondents informed the Secretariat that eligible users can request access by contacting the Registration Entity by e-mail. 1 Registration Entity provided a digital application form.
10	If you do not have a vehicle register, when do you expect to establish one?	No specific date has been given by those who do not have a register.

The OTIF Secretariat has aggregated the responses into a table and published it on OTIF's website. It is assumed that Contracting States which are also Member States of the European Union will migrate to using the European Vehicle Register once it becomes operational. The information on Registration Entities and links to the registers will remain available on the website until the EVR is fully operational and the relevant states have transitioned to the EVR. The table is annexed to this document for information.

All Contracting States are invited to review the table and inform the OTIF Secretariat if and when the information needs to be updated.

PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

The Committee of Technical Experts:

- Takes note of the update on vehicle registers: search and retrieval of vehicle data.
- Takes note of the publication of the list of Registration Entities and registers, and how to obtain access to the registers on OTIF's website.

Annex to TECH-22011

- EN http://otif.org/en/?page_id=198
[Reference Texts](#) > [Technical Interoperability](#) > [Registers](#)
- FR http://otif.org/fr/?page_id=198
[Textes de référence](#) > [Interopérabilité technique](#) > [Registres](#)
- DE http://otif.org/fr/?page_id=198
[Referenztexte](#) > [Technische Interoperabilität](#) > [Register](#)

Country	Registration Entity	Contact details / Website	How to obtain access rights
EU	EU Agency for Railways provides a list of the Registration Entities of the EU Member States:	List of Registers in the EU Member States: https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/registers/docs/list_of_registering_entities_en.pdf .	To use EVR, each stakeholder needs to have an allocated organisation code. Organisation codes can be requested via the online tool available at Registers ERA (europa.eu)
United Kingdom for the Great Britain network	NVR Registration Entity Network Rail	The Quadrant:MK Elder Gate Milton Keynes MK9 1EN Tel: +44 (0) 1908 781 346 E-mail: NVR@networkrail.co.uk Website*: http://production.networkrailvehicles.co.uk/?q=node/57	Send request by e-mail.
Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein uses the Austrian Federal Railways as its Registration Entity (Schieneninfrastruktur-Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH)	Austria Campus 2 Jakob-Lind-Straße 2, Stiege 2, 4. OG, 1020 Vienna E-mail: register@schig.com Website: https://snvr.schig.com	Send request by e-mail.
Norway	Norwegian Railway Authority	E-mail: post@sjt.no Website: https://www.sjt.no/jernbane/tillatelse/kjoretoy/nasjonalt-koyretoyregister-snvr/access-to-the-nvr-register/	Send request via digital form application: https://skjema.onacos.no/sjt/sd/skjema/SJT066/?lang=3

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Switzerland	Bundesamt für Verkehr (Federal Office for Railways)	E-Mail: Fahrzeugregister@bav.admin.ch Website*: https://www.bav.admin.ch/bav/de/home/verkehrsmittel/eisenbahn/fachinformationen/eisenbahn-fahrzeugregister.html	Send request by e-mail.
Turkey	Directorate General of Regulation of Transport Services	Directorate Website: https://uhdgm.uab.gov.tr www.uhdgm.gov.tr www.uab.gov.tr Register Website: http://snvr.ddgm.gov.tr/sNVR/Login/LoginView.aspx	Access to registration records is granted by applying to the General Directorate. In the NVR program, the user name and password are determined by the General Directorate.

* The information marked with an asterisk was not notified, but as it is publically available it has been added by the OTIF Secretariat.