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

Depositary notification

Modifications to the UTP GEN-B and UTP TAF adopted by the Committee of Technical Experts using the written procedure

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

Following the 11th session of the Committee of Technical Experts, a vote was held using the written procedure (reference TECH-18022 dated 20.8.2018) concerning modifications to UTP GEN-B and UTP TAF. By the deadline of 30 November 2018, the Secretary General had received 28 valid votes, all of which were in favour of all the proposed modifications. As a consequence, the proposals are adopted by the Committee of Technical Experts.

In accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF, the modifications will enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following this notification, i.e. on 1 June 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 13 April 2019. Once this deadline has expired, we will inform you of the situation.

When these modifications enter into force, this will be the case for all Member States, with the exception of those which have made a declaration not to apply the APTU Uniform Rules pursuant to Article 42 § 1, first sentence, and those which, within a period of four months from the date of this notification, have made a declaration in accordance with Article 35 § 4 of COTIF and Article 9 of the APTU Uniform Rules, in terms that they will not apply or will only partly apply the modified UTP.

The modifications are published on OTIF's website under Activities > Technical Interoperability > Notifications

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 Non Member States that are candidates for accession or which might be interested in acceding to COTIF and the international organisations and associations which are invited to the Committee of Technical Experts