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

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**Depositary notification**

Decisions taken by the Committee of Technical Experts using the written procedure:

- Modification of the UTP concerning rolling stock noise
- Modification of the UTP concerning freight wagons
- Modification of the UTP concerning vehicle marking
- Full revision of the rules for certification and auditing of entities in charge of maintenance (ECM Regulation)
- Full revision of the specifications concerning vehicle registers

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

In accordance with circular [TECH-20025](#) of 26 May 2020, the Committee of Technical Experts could not convene and take decisions as previously planned. Instead, a vote was held using the written procedure as per circular [TECH-20026](#) of 23 July 2020. The vote concerned:

- Modification of the UTP concerning rolling stock noise;
- Modification of the UTP concerning freight wagons;
- Modification of the UTP concerning vehicle marking;
- Full revision of the rules for certification and auditing of entities in charge of maintenance (ECM Regulation);
- Full revision of the specifications concerning vehicle registers.

By the deadline of 30 September 2020, the Secretary General had received 32 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 April 2021, 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 9 February 2021. 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 and ATMF 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.

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(Küpper Wolfgang)  
Secretary General

**cc for information**

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