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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 at its 13<sup>th</sup> session held on 22 and 23 June 2021:

- Adoption of a new UTP concerning train composition and route compatibility checks
- Adoption of a new UTP concerning infrastructure
- Revision of the UTP concerning locomotives and passenger rolling stock
- Revision of the UTP concerning freight wagons
- Revision of the UTP PRM concerning accessibility for people with disabilities and people with reduced mobility

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 its competences as laid down in Article 20 and Article 33 § 6 of the Convention, the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) decided at its 13<sup>th</sup> session (remote meeting, 22 and 23 June 2021) to adopt two new Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTPs) and to modify three UTPs which are currently in force. The decisions concerned:

- Adoption of a new UTP concerning train composition and route compatibility checks;
- Adoption of a new UTP concerning infrastructure;
- Revision of the UTP LOC&PAS (locomotives and passenger rolling stock), repealing and replacing the version that entered into force on 1 January 2015;
- Revision of the UTP WAG (freight wagons), repealing and replacing the version that entered into force on 1 April 2021;
- Revision of the UTP PRM (accessibility for people with disabilities and people with reduced mobility), repealing and replacing the version that entered into force on 1 January 2015.

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 January 2022, 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 19 November 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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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