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

## **Depositary notification**

Decisions taken by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 14<sup>th</sup> session held on 14 and 15 June 2022:

- Revision of the Uniform Technical Prescriptions concerning telematics applications for freight services (UTP TAF)
- Revision of Annex B to the ATMF Uniform Rules concerning derogations from the application of Uniform Technical Prescriptions.

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 14<sup>th</sup> session (hybrid meeting, Bern, 14 and 15 June 2022) to modify:

- The Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to telematics applications for freight services (UTP TAF)
- Annex B to the ATMF Uniform Rules concerning derogations from the application of Uniform Technical Prescriptions.

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 2023, 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 12 November 2022. Once this deadline has expired, we will inform you of the situation.

When the modifications to the UTP TAF will 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.

When the modifications to Annex B to the ATMF Uniform Rules 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 ATMF Uniform Rules pursuant to Article 42 § 1, first sentence.

The adopted texts are published on OTIF's website under:

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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