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

Depositary notification

Provisions adopted by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 15th session held on 13 and 14 June 2023:

- Revision of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning the qualifications and independence of assessing entities (UTP GEN-E)
- Revision of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning a Common Safety Method on risk evaluation and assessment (UTP GEN-G)
- Modifications to Appendix I of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning Telematics Applications for Freight Services (UTP TAF)

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 15th session (hybrid meeting, Bern, 13 and 14 June 2023) to:

- Revise the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning the qualifications and independence of assessing entities (UTP GEN-E) and that the revised version will replace the version of 1 December 2011;
- Revise the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning a Common Safety Method on risk evaluation and assessment (UTP GEN-G) and that the revised version will replace the version of 1 January 2014;
- Modify Appendix I of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning Telematics Applications for Freight Services (UTP TAF) of 1 January 2023.

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 2024, 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 deadline for objections is 13 November 2023. Once this deadline has expired, we will inform you of the situation.

When the 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 of COTIF, 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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(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

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- 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