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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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**Interfaces between customs and transport regulations**

Consultation

At its 3<sup>rd</sup> session (October 2020), the Working Group of Legal Experts agreed to assign priority "1 (to be included on the agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> session)" in particular to item 4 of its work programme, namely the interfaces between customs and transport regulations.

The Secretariat of OTIF submitted an initial document<sup>1</sup> on this issue to the 4<sup>th</sup> session (April 2021) of the Working Group of Legal Experts. Following a decision taken by the Working Group of Legal Experts at its 4<sup>th</sup> session, in this circular letter the Secretariat is launching a consultation with the members of OTIF and interested parties on the need to amend the customs provisions in the CIM UR.

An extract from document LAW-21022-GTEJ 4/12 and the questionnaire are available on OTIF's website ([www.otif.org](http://www.otif.org)) under

[Activities > Working Group of Legal Experts > Consultation](#)

The Member States, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and interested parties are requested to complete (electronically) the questionnaire on the interfaces between the customs regulations and the CIM UR by

**16 September 2021.**

Member States, regional organisations that have acceded to COTIF and interested parties are invited to contact the Legal Department of the Secretariat of OTIF ([law@otif.org](mailto:law@otif.org)) for any further clarification concerning the questionnaire.

Based on the information received from Member States, regional organisations and interested parties, a report will be prepared and submitted for consideration by the Working Group of Legal Experts at its 5<sup>th</sup> session in November 2021.

Yours faithfully,



(Wolfgang Küpper)  
Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. LAW-21022-GTEJ 4/12 dated 12 March 2021

**cc:**

The international organisations and associations concerned

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

World Customs Organization (WCO)

World Trade Organization (WTO)

International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)

Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)

International Union of Railways (UIC)