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

Depositary Notification

CIM list of railway lines (circular letter 17)

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

In a letter dated 22 February 2022, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia requested the Secretary General to include new railway lines in the "Russia" Chapter of the "CIM list of railway lines".

When Russia acceded to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), which took effect on 1 February 2010, it entered a reservation in accordance with Article 1 § 6 of the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM Uniform Rules) that it would only apply these Uniform Rules to carriage performed on part of the railway infrastructure situated on its territory.

According to Article 24 § 3 of COTIF, Member States which have made such a reservation still have the possibility of unilaterally including new lines or having them deleted by sending the Secretary General a suitable notification.

In accordance with Article 24 § 4 of COTIF, the Secretary General then notifies all Member States and regional organisations which have acceded to COTIF of the inclusion or deletion of a line.

Consequently, the Secretary General notifies the inclusion of the following railway lines in the "Russia" Chapter of the "CIM list of railway lines":

- The line from the Mamonovo border crossing railway station to Dzerjinskaya-Novaya railway station;
- The line from the Zheleznodorozhny border crossing railway station to Chernyakhovsk railway station;
- The line from Kaliningrad-Sortirovochny railway station to the port of Kaliningrad;
- The line from Buslovskaya border crossing railway station to the state border with Finland;
- The line from Svetogorsk border crossing railway station to the state border with Finland;
- The line from Vyartsilya border crossing railway station to the state border with Finland;
- The line from Kivijarvi border crossing railway station to the state border with Finland.

In accordance with Article 24 § 5 of COTIF, carriage on these railway lines will be subject to the provisions of COTIF after the expiry of one month from the date of this notification, i.e. on 2 June 2022.

As a result of these inclusions, the "Russia" Chapter of the "CIM list of railway lines" is re-issued and attached at annex.

(Wolfgang Küpper) Secretary General

Annex:

- "Russia" Chapter of the "CIM list of railway lines" applicable from 2 June 2022

cc:

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