

Federal Office of Transport FOT
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The CIM UR and CIV UR. feedback and prospects

Tuesday, November 7 2023, Universal Postal Union, Berne

The first International Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM) was adopted on 14 October 1890 and entered into force on 1 January 1893. The first International Convention concerning the Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail (CIV) was adopted on 23 October 1924 and entered into force on 1 October 1928.

This year, 2023, CIM has been in force for 130 years and CIV for 95 years. OTIF is celebrating these anniversaries.

Programme

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Registration

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM Opening session

Wolfgang KÜPPER, Secretary General of OTIF

Andrea PEARSON, Deputy Director International Rail and Rail Freight, Vice-Chair of the ad hoc Committee on Legal Affairs and International Cooperation, Department for Transport (UK)

Peter KÖNIG, Delegate for legal issues relating to digitalisation, Federal Office for Transport (CH)

10:20 AM - 10:30 AM Coffee break

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Session on CIM UR

- · Is there an urgent need to revise the CIM Uniform Rules? (General question).
- Liberalisation and operational models for the carriage of goods: successive carrier, substitute carrier.
- What should the role of the consignment note be nowadays in general. With the development of long distance railway traffic, do we need a negotiable transport document (bill of lading)?
- Cross-cutting and associated issues: multimodality. Level playing field between transport modes.

Andreas FELDER (Moderator), Co-Head of Section, International Affairs, Federal Office of Transport (CH)

Cristian CUENCA, Legal Advisor, Head of Customs/Insurances

Christophe PAULIN, Full Professor, Université Toulouse Capitole

Gerald WIESER, Head of Department Claims & Insurance Management, Rail Cargo Group

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch (Restaurant 7th floor)

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Session on CIM UR

- How should the customs procedures interface with the carriage of goods? Is the disconnection of customs procedures and the contract of carriage a problem?
- · Where are we with regards to digitalisation, especially of the electronic consignment note?
- Cross-cutting and associated issues: multimodality. Level playing field between transport modes.

Oktay AYDINOĞLU, Deputy Head of the Freight Department, TCDD Transport JSC

Darius PRANKA, Head of document digitization and compliance, Lithuanian Railways, LTG Cargo

Wessel SIJL, Manager Customs & Transport Legislation, DB Cargo Nederland NV

Philip VAN DEN BOSCH (Moderator), Deputy Director Freight, UIC

Susanna ZAPPA, customs specialist, SBB Cargo

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Coffee break

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Session on CIV UR

- Should the CIV Uniform Rules be further harmonised and unified? The question of the statute of limitation and liability. The question of how passengers are informed and aware of their rights. The question relating to the terms and conditions of assistance to passengers.
- · How should the CIV UR relate to the domestic law of the members of OTIF?
- Liberalisation and operational models for the carriage of passengers: successive/substitute carrier. What is the role of the company issuing the ticket?
- · What are the main challenges of digitalisation in international rail passenger transport?
- · Cross-cutting and associated issues: multimodality. Level playing field between transport modes.

Paul-Émile BOUTIN, Legal Advisor, SNCF Voyageurs

Marc DEBRINCAT, Representative of the European Passengers' Federation, Managing Director of the French National Federation of Transport Users Associations European Passengers' Federation

Nina SCHERF, Senior Legal Adviser, International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)

Clio LIÉGEOIS (Moderator), Legal Advisor, Head of the Railway Regulation Service, GD Sustainable Mobility and Railways Policy (BE)

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Conclusion

Wolfgang KÜPPER, Secretary General of OTIF

Gilles MUGNIER, Secretary General of CIT

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Reception/Sternen Muri

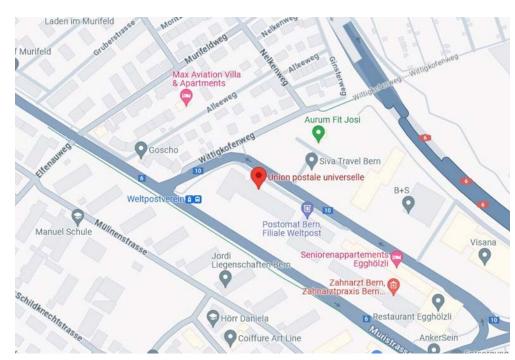
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