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New publication: “Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF”

On 20 November 2017, the Secretariat of OTIF publishes a document on [OTIF's website](#) entitled “[Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF](#)”. This document is accompanied by model instruments intended to simplify the formalities for the entry into force of amendments to the Convention.

The Secretary General of the United Nations Organisation is the depositary of multilateral treaties, and in the same way, the Secretary General of OTIF is the depositary of COTIF. To this end, he receives and keeps all instruments and notifications in connection with the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF). Examples of these instruments are ratifications, declarations and reservations, and approvals of amendments, etc.

In order to clarify the practice, the OTIF Secretariat's legal department offered to draft guidelines and model instruments.

After consulting the Member States of OTIF, the Secretariat publishes these guidelines and is pleased to be able to send a printed copy to the ministries and embassies concerned.



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