



## Application of RID 2017

The 2017 edition of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) entered into force on 1 January 2017. As is always the case each time a new edition of RID is published, users are allowed a transitional period of six months during which they may apply the previous version of RID as well as the new version.

This transitional period ends on 30 June 2017. From 1 July 2017, only the 2017 edition of RID may be applied.

The most important new features of the 2017 edition of RID are the inclusion of new UN numbers for polymerizing substances and vehicle engines, new markings and danger labels for lithium batteries, the use of flexible bulk containers for certain dangerous goods and requiring undertakings that pack dangerous goods or load them into tanks to appoint a dangerous goods safety adviser.

RID is available on OTIF's website in the three working languages of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (French, German and English) ([www.otif.org](http://www.otif.org)).