



Amendments to RID

The 55th session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (RID Committee of Experts) was held in Berne on 30 May 2018.

The 55th session of the RID Committee of Experts approved amendments to RID prepared by its working group in 2016, 2017 and 2018 for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2019.

The Member States will be informed of these amendments by the beginning of July 2018. The Member States will then have a four month period to lodge any objections.

Safety in the carriage of dangerous goods by rail has been one of the main tasks of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) for 125 years. The biennial revision of the dangerous goods provisions takes account of technical progress and lessons are learned from accidents and incidents.

The RID Committee of Experts is the organ of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) that decides on amendments to the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), which forms Appendix C to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF). RID is revised every two years. On the basis of EU Directive 2008/68 on the inland transport of dangerous goods, RID must also be applied to domestic transport in the EU Member States, so amendments to RID automatically lead to changes in national law.

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