



## Application of RID 2019

The 2019 edition of the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) entered into force on 1 January 2019. As for every publication of a new edition of RID, users are allowed a six month transitional period during which the previous edition can still be applied. This transitional period ends on 30 June 2019. So from 1 July 2019, only the 2019 edition must be applied.

The main new features of the 2019 edition include the introduction of 12 new UN numbers for articles containing dangerous goods of the various classes, a new packing instruction and new provisions for marking such articles, revised classification criteria for mixtures of corrosive substances (dangerous goods of Class 8), the adoption of two new packing instructions for damaged or defective lithium batteries that are likely to react dangerously under normal conditions of transport and destructive tests with a statistical analysis for gas cylinders that cannot be visually inspected or subject to the pressure test.

RID 2019 is published in OTIF's three working languages and can be consulted on [the Organisation's website: French, German, English](#). A Russian version will be online in the course of 2019. The English and French versions are also printed by two publishers, the details of which are available on OTIF's website.