RID 2021 also available in Russian

The 2021 edition of the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) is now available on OTIF’s website in Russian.

RID has already been published in the Organisation’s three working languages (French, German and English). It contains more than 1000 pages of provisions applicable to the cross-border transport of dangerous goods by rail between the existing 45 RID Contracting States in Europe, Asia and North Africa.

RID also provides the basis for Annex 2 to the Agreement concerning International Freight Traffic by Rail (SMGS) of the Organisation for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD), which applies in Eastern Europe and Asia. Since 2012, efforts have been underway to harmonise RID and SMGS Annex 2 more closely in order to simplify the carriage of dangerous goods by rail between these two legal regimes. As SMGS Annex 2 is only published in Russian and Chinese at present, the Russian translation of RID helps make the work on harmonisation much easier.