



## Withdrawal of Estonia's reservations

On 29 April 2022, Estonia deposited with the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) its instrument of withdrawal of reservations concerning application of the CIV UR and the CIM UR to only part of its rail network.

The withdrawal of these reservations, signed by Estonia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, took effect on 16 June 2022 in accordance with Article 1 § 7 of the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Passengers by Rail (CIV UR - Appendix A to the Convention) and the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM UR - Appendix B to the Convention).

When it acceded to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), Estonia had entered these reservations concerning the application of the CIV UR and the CIM UR. The CIV UR and the CIM UR were to apply only to the international carriage of passengers and goods by rail in both directions on the Tallinn-Tapa-Valga railway line, i.e. over 273 km.

The CIV and CIM Uniform Rules will now apply to more than 1,000 km of the railway network, i.e. the entire public railway infrastructure.

Estonia is a very active Member State of OTIF and is involved in developing international railway law.

The Secretariat welcomes this withdrawal, which enables the uniform rules of COTIF to be applied homogeneously.

