

**OTIF**



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## **OTIF in Berne sets the standard**

### **Work starts in a new Facilitation Committee for international rail traffic**

At the inaugural meeting of the Rail Facilitation Committee for international rail traffic held today in Berne, the Member States of OTIF set the seal on a new course of action. The aim is to mitigate or completely remove the universally deplored time-consuming obstacles to Eurasian rail traffic connections.

With the help of a catalogue of measures, by autumn 2012 OTIF will submit to its highest body, the General Assembly, a specific basis for decisions to facilitate border crossing and customs processes in international rail transport.

**OTIF in brief**

*The Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) currently has 46 Member States (Europe, Near/Middle East and North Africa). At present, international carriage by rail on railway infrastructure of around 250,000 km and the complementary carriage of freight and passengers on several thousand kilometres of shipping routes, inland waterways and (in domestic carriage) roads are concerned by the uniform law created by OTIF. The headquarters of the Organisation are in Berne, Switzerland.*

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