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Modification of Appendix F (APTU UR) (Text as modified)

Text modification

Article 3 of the Uniform Rules concerning the Validation of Technical Standards and the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to Railway Material intended to be used in International Traffic (APTU), Appendix F to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 in the version of the Protocol of 3 June 1999 (Vilnius Protocol) and with amendments adopted by the Revision Committee at its 24th and 25th sessions, reads as follows:

"Article 3 Aim

- § 1 The validation of technical standards relating to railway material and the adoption of UTP applicable to railway material shall have as its aim to
 - a) facilitate the free circulation of vehicles in international traffic,
 - b) contribute to ensuring the safety, efficiency and the availability for international traffic,
 - c) take account of the protection of the environment and public health.
- § 2 When technical standards are validated or UTP are adopted, only those prepared at the international level shall be taken into account.
- § 3 To the extent possible
 - a) it is appropriate to ensure interoperability of technical systems and components necessary for international traffic;
 - b) technical standards and UTP shall be performance related; if appropriate, they shall include variants."