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## **PARTIAL REVISION OF APPENDIX G (ATMF UR)**

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Proposal for amendments: deletion of ‘other railway material’

## INTRODUCTION

At its 25<sup>th</sup> session, the Revision Committee adopted a revision of the Uniform Rules concerning Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic (ATMF), Appendix G to the Convention. Among the modifications was the deletion of the term ‘other railway material’.

The justification for the deletion was that the term ‘other railway material’ seemed to serve no practical purpose. An additional argument is that the term ‘other railway material’ has no equivalent in European Union (EU) law, meaning any requirement related to ‘other railway material’ could become a source of incompatibility between COTIF and EU law and, as such, hamper international railway traffic or make it more difficult.

As a first step, the Revision Committee deleted all references to ‘other railway material’ insofar as this was in its competence. This concerned all articles except Articles 1, 3 and 9, as in accordance with Article 33 § 4 letter g) of COTIF, only the General Assembly is competent to decide on modifications to Articles 1, 3 and 9 of ATMF.

As a second step, the Revision Committee suggested that ‘other railway material’ be deleted from Articles 1, 3 and 9, which are in the competence of the General Assembly.

Article 9 does not contain any references to ‘other railway material’, so the modifications only concern Articles 1 and 3.

## PROPOSAL

Articles 1 and 3 of the Uniform Rules concerning Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic (ATMF), Appendix G 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> sessions, should be amended as follows:

### **Article 1** **Scope**

These Uniform Rules lay down, for railway vehicles ~~and other railway material~~, the procedure for the admission to circulation or use in international traffic.

### **Article 3** **Admission to international traffic**

- § 1 Each railway vehicle must, for circulation in international traffic, be admitted in accordance with these Uniform Rules.
- § 2 The technical admission shall have the aim of ascertaining whether the railway vehicles satisfy
- a) the construction prescriptions contained in the UTP,
  - b) the construction and equipment prescriptions contained in RID,
  - c) the special conditions of an admission under Article 7a.

- § 3 §§ 1 and 2 as well as the following articles shall apply mutatis mutandis to the technical admission of ~~other railway material and of elements of construction either of vehicles or of other railway material.~~

### **Proposals for decision**

1. The General Assembly adopts the amendments.

Articles 1 and 3 of the Uniform Rules concerning Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic (ATMF), Appendix G 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, is amended to read as follows:

#### **“Article 1 Scope**

These Uniform Rules lay down, for railway vehicles, the procedure for the admission to circulation or use in international traffic.

#### **Article 3 Admission to international traffic**

- § 1 Each railway vehicle must, for circulation in international traffic, be admitted in accordance with these Uniform Rules.
- § 2 The technical admission shall have the aim of ascertaining whether the railway vehicles satisfy
- a) the construction prescriptions contained in the UTP,
  - b) the construction and equipment prescriptions contained in RID,
  - c) the special conditions of an admission under Article 7a.
- § 3 §§ 1 and 2 as well as the following articles shall apply mutatis mutandis to the technical admission of elements of construction.”
2. The General Assembly mandates the Secretary General to amend the Explanatory Report accordingly in order to reflect the deletion of the term “other railway material”, and to publish it. The amendment concerns ATMF, section ‘In Particular’:
- Article 3, point 1, second sentence and last sentence,
  - Article 3, point 2, first sentence (twice).