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**TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF**

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**Notification of amendments to  
the Regulations concerning the International  
Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)**

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At its 42<sup>nd</sup> session (Madrid, 21 - 25 November 2005), the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted amendments to the 1 January 2005 edition of RID.

The Committee of Experts decided to bring these amendments into force on 1 January 2007, unless one-third of the Member States objects within four months (see Article 21 § 2 of COTIF). This four month period begins on 1 February 2006 and **ends on 31 May 2006**. We will inform you about the status of this matter after this period.

These amendments are contained in the enclosed notification texts with the code OCTI/RID/Not./42. These texts will also be placed on OTIF's website.

Addendum 2 of the final report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts (A 81-03/501.2006 with Annexes .../Add.1 to .../Add.4), which was sent to you a few days ago, contains the Generic Guideline for the Calculation of Risk inherent in the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail adopted by the RID Committee of Experts. This Guideline will be referred to in section 1.9.3 of the 2007 edition and will be placed on OTIF's website. In addition, Addendum 3 of the final report contains the revised Rules of Procedure of the RID Committee of Experts, which will come into force when the new COTIF enters into force.

Also attached is a new erratum concerning the 2005 edition.

Yours faithfully,

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