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TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF

Amendments to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)

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Together with circular A 81-03/503.2010 dated 30 June 2010, we sent you in document No. OTIF/RID/NOT/2011 the amendments to the 1 January 2009 edition of RID. These amendments were the result of discussions at the 47^{th} and 48^{th} sessions of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Sofia, 16 - 20 November 2009 and Berne, 19 and 20 May 2010).

Under Article 35 § 4 of COTIF, decisions of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods shall be deemed to be adopted unless one-quarter of the Member States have objected within four months from the date of notification.

This period expired on 31 October 2010.

No Member State has lodged an objection against the amendments. In accordance with the decision of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, these amendments will **enter into force on 1 January 2011**, with a transitional period of 6 months, i.e. with a **transitional period up to 30 June 2011**.

Attached at Annex is corrigendum 1, which contains corrections to the above-mentioned notification texts.

Yours faithfully

(Stefan Schimming) Secretary General

Annexes

Corrigendum 1 to the 2011 notification texts

The following have been sent a copy of this letter for information:

- the railway undertakings of the OTIF Member States
- interested international organisations