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TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF

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

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At its 52nd session, the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Riga, 13 November 2012) adopted amendments to the 1 January 2013 edition of RID.

The Committee of Experts decided to bring these amendments into force on 1 May 2013 at the earliest and by 1 July 2013 at the latest, unless one quarter of the Member States objects within four months (see Article 35 § 4 of COTIF). This four month period begins on 27 November 2012 and **ends on 26 March 2013**.

As explained in paragraph 8 of the attached report on the 52nd session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods OTIF/RID/CE/2012-B, if possible these amendments should be brought into force at the same time as the equivalent amendments to ADR. If a date of entry into force later than 1 May 2013 is decided for ADR, we will adapt the date of entry into force for RID to this date, provided it is before 1 July 2013 (the date from which the provisions of RID 2013 become mandatory).

We will inform you about the status of this matter at the beginning of April 2013.

These amendments are contained in the enclosed notification texts with the code OTIF/RID/NOT/2013/Add.1. These texts will also be placed on OTIF's website.

Also attached is the final report of the 52nd session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Yours faithfully



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Deputy Secretary General

Annexes:

- Notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2013/Add.1
- Final report of the 52nd session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods OTIF/RID/CE/2012-B

cc letter and annexes for information:

- The railway undertakings of the Member States of OTIF
- Interested international organisations