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**TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF AND
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

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

At its 54th session (Berne, 25 May 2016) the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (RID Committee of Experts) adopted amendments to the 1 January 2015 edition of RID.

The Committee of Experts decided to bring these amendments into force on 1 January 2017, unless one quarter of the Member States objects within four months (see Article 35 § 4 of COTIF). This four month period begins on 1 July 2016 and **ends on 31 October 2016**. 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 OTIF/RID/NOT/2017. These texts will also be placed on OTIF's website.

Also attached is the final report of the 6th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 23 and 24 May 2016) and the 54th session of the RID Committee of Experts.

Yours faithfully,



(François Davenne)

Secretary General

Encs:

- notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2017
- final report of the 6th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
- final report of the 54th session of the RID Committee of Experts

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