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Uniform format of certificates (Design Type Certificate & Certificate of Operation)

Status: IN FORCE

According to Article 12 § 1 of the revised Appendix G (ATMF) of the Convention, which entered into force on 1 December 2010, the Committee of Technical Experts shall adopt and prescribe the uniform formats of certificates which verify the technical admission of a vehicle or of a type of vehicle.

The formats of the “Certificate of Operation” and of the “Design Type Certificate” are annexed to this document.

After the entry into force of this regulation, only these uniform certificate formats shall be used by the Contracting States when they issue technical admissions in accordance with COTIF 1999, i.e. for vehicles admitted to international traffic between the OTIF Contracting States.

This regulation is not mandatory for vehicles placed in service in the European Union.

This regulation is not mandatory for the admission of vehicles which are restricted to domestic traffic. However, the formats may also be used for such vehicles provided they fully meet the applicable COTIF regulations. If the vehicle is restricted to domestic traffic and does not fully meet the COTIF regulations which would have been applicable if it should be admitted to international traffic, the format may be used but without the OTIF logo; at the place of the logo shall instead be written: DOMESTIC TRAFFIC ONLY

In the case of misuse, unauthorised use of the formats or even fraud, this should be reported without delay to the Secretary General in order that the Secretary General can inform all Contracting States thereof; if fraud is suspected, it should be investigated and if proven prosecuted by the State where the fraud has taken place.

Rules for the use of the uniform formats:

Obligatory fields:

All fields are obligatory, except if the field title begins with “If” or include the wording “(if any)”.

In fields and “tick boxes” which are not used shall be written “---” (three hyphens); in a “tick box” which applies shall be written “X” (capital X).

Data formats:

- Dates shall be written using this format: dd.mm.yyyy;
- If two dates indicate an interval, both dates shall be considered as included;
- EIN (European identification number), see Appendix 2 of document A 94-20/1.2012 concerning National Vehicle Registers;
- State names shall be written in full text and NOT as abbreviations;
- Vehicle identification: the unique 12 digit vehicle number shall be used;
- Type identification: the unique 12 digit vehicle number of the prototype or a unique name used by the applicant shall be used

Group of vehicles:

If a single certificate is issued for a group of vehicles, the unique vehicle numbers must be consecutive in the series (of course the check digit may vary according to the rules for check digits). The first and last number in the series shall be indicated.

Category and index

As specified for freight wagons in the section PP.12 of annex UTP WAG-PP. For other vehicles, see TSI OPE Annex P.

Corrections:

Corrections may not be made to the Certificate, neither before nor after the issue. In the case of a typing error by the preparation of the certificate, a new clean certificate should be prepared.

Annexes to a certificate concerning additional admissions from other Contracting States may be added also after the issue of the Certificate.

Lacking space in a field:

If there is not sufficient space in a text field, an annex with the full text should be added to the certificate; the annex should be given a number according to the rules below and a reference to that annex should be made in the field in question.

Language in text fields:

The language shall be the same as the certificate format used, i.e. English, French or German.

Annexes to the certificate:

All annexes shall bear a reference to the certificate of which they are annexed. The reference shall be the certificate's EIN followed by a hyphen and the number of the annex.

Example: CH 53 2011 0004 – 3, i.e. annex 3 (the technical file) of the 4th Certificate of Operation to a freight wagon (53) issued by Switzerland (CH) in the year 2011.

All annexes must also bear the stamp or seal of the issuing authority and be signed by a competent authority staff member.

All pages in an annex must bear the initial of the signing person and bear a page number indicating the current page and the total number of pages in the annex: Example 3/15, where 15 is the total number of pages in the annex. The page numbers shall be consecutive in order that it can be seen if a page is added or removed later.

The applicant for the certificate must provide the informations and documents (certificates, declarations, quality management approvals, etc.) required to be included in the annexes 1-4. The additional admitting Contracting States shall communicate to the certificate issuing authority the evidence of their admissions of the vehicle (including possible restrictions, conditions) to be included as annex 5; no specific format is required.

Validity:

If the validity of the Certificate is not limited in time, the “until” date shall be filled with ---.---.----

Design Type Certificate – Identification of the type

If the prototype has no vehicle number, the 4 digit numerical code XXXX for the category and index of vehicles of this type should be indicated as in this example: •• •• XXXX ••••

Other identification of the type: This can be a name for the type (project) used by the applicant.

If the type has obtained a reference number (10 digit) in the Register of Admitted Types (RAT) this shall be indicated in the Design Type Certificate. In the RAT register the Design Type will be identified by the certificate ID.

Design Type Certificate – obligatory annex 1.:

This annex shall indicate the name and full address of the expected manufacturer(s) of the serie(s) based on this certificate. The name of the manufacturer of the prototype shall be indicated on the first page of the certificate.



CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION

Issuing Contracting
State's symbol
(e.g. national flag)

proving that this vehicle has been technically admitted according to COTIF 1999 (APTU & ATMF)

TYPE OF VEHICLE:

Freight wagon ☐
Carriage ☐
Locomotive ☐
Trainset (passenger) ☐
Other ☐

If rake, number of units _____

CERTIFICATE ID: (EIN format)

Identification of the vehicle(s):

Unique vehicle number _____
If group of objects, until number _____

Category and index (e.g. Hbis)

Registered in NVR on date:

If this Certificate is based on a
Design Type Certificate, its ID: _____

APPLICANT:

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____	application	_____	
Business No.	_____	reference	_____	

REGISTERED KEEPER: (at the time of issue)

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____			
Business No.	_____	VKM	_____	

REGISTERED ENTITY IN CHARGE OF MAINTENANCE (ECM): (at the time of issue)

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____	if a freight wagon:		
Business No.	_____	ECM certificate ID	_____	

MANUFACTURER (of the assembly)

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____	additional		
Business No.	_____	information	_____	

OPERATING LIMITATIONS (if any):

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CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION

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CONDITIONS FOR THIS CERTIFICATE (if any):

OBLIGATORY ANNEXES: (integrated parts of the certificate)

(Each of the annexes must be clearly marked with the applicants application reference, the ID of this certificate and must be stamped and signed by the certificate issuing competent authority)

1. Name and full address of the designer(s) and manufacturer(s) of parts of the assembly
2. A list of the assessing entities and the assessment modules applied
3. The Technical File (with the content specified in UTP GEN-C)
4. Signed copies of related certificates and declarations (verifications of conformity with UTP and applicable national rules), the quality management system approval (if any) and assessment reports insofar these documents are not included in or annexed to the Technical File
5. Signed copies of the additional admissions of this vehicle issued by other Contracting States

REMARKS (if any):

If this Certificate of Operation is following a previous one for this vehicle, the reference to the previous one:

Date: _____ Issuing State: _____ ID: _____

VALIDITY:

This certificate grants circulation on the territories of the following OTIF Contracting States:

FROM UNTIL IN
DATE: DATE:

_____ ALL OTIF Contracting States (ATMF Art 6 § 3), i.e. **TEN** marked ☐

or in the OTIF Contracting State(s) indicated in the NVR (ATMF Art 6 § 4), i.e. **grid** marked ☐

Note: The indications in the national vehicle register (NVR) are according to ATMF Article 13 § 6 only "prima facie" evidence; the formal evidence are the annexed copies of the additional national admissions as required above

ISSUING COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____		_____	

DATE: _____ Authority's official stamp or seal: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Name _____ Function/title: _____



DESIGN TYPE CERTIFICATE

Issuing Contracting
State's symbol
(e.g. national flag)

proving that this design has been technically admitted according to COTIF 1999 (APTU & ATMF)

TYPE OF VEHICLE:

- Freight wagon ☐
Carriage ☐
Locomotive ☐
Trainset (passenger) ☐
Other ☐

If rake, number of units _____

CERTIFICATE ID: (EIN format)

Identification of the type:

Prototype's Vehicle number

and/or

Other identification of the type

Category and index (e.g. Hbis)

Registered in RAT on date:

(register of authorised types)

APPLICANT:

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____	application	_____	
Business No.	_____	reference	_____	

DESIGNER:

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____	application	_____	
Business No.	_____	reference	_____	

MANUFACTURER OF PROTOTYPE:

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____	application	_____	
Business No.	_____	reference	_____	

OPERATING LIMITATIONS (if any):

CONDITIONS FOR THIS CERTIFICATE (if any):

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DESIGN TYPE CERTIFICATE

Issuing Contracting
State's symbol
(e.g. national flag)

OBLIGATORY ANNEXES:

(Each of the annexes must be clearly marked with the applicants application reference, the ID of this certificate and must be stamped and signed by the certificate issuing competent authority)

1. Name and full address of the expected manufacturer(s)
2. A list of the assessing entities and the assessment modules used
3. The Technical File (with the content specified in UTP GEN-C)
4. Signed copies of related certificates and declarations (verifications of conformity with UTP and applicable national rules), the quality management system approval (if any) and assessment reports insofar these documents are not included in or annexed to the Technical File
5. Signed copies of the additional type admissions issued by other Contracting States

REMARKS (if any):

If this Design Type Certificate is following a previous one for this type, the reference to the previous one:

Date: _____ Issuing State: _____ ID: _____

VALIDITY:

Vehicles which are proved being manufactured as identical with this design type shall in their Certificates of Operation be granted circulation on the territories of the following OTIF Contracting States:

FROM **UNTIL** **IN**
DATE: **DATE:**
_____ **ALL** OTIF Contracting States (ATMF Art 6 § 3), i.e. be **TEN** marked ☐
or in the Contracting State(s) which admissions are annexed (ATMF Art 6 § 4), i.e. be **grid** marked ☐

Note: The annexed copies of the additional national admissions as required above determine which Contracting States are covered by this Design Type Certificate

ISSUING COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

Name	_____	Phone	_____	(incl. interna-
Address	_____	Fax	_____	tional prefix)
Post code	_____	www (web)	_____	
City	_____	e-mail	_____	
Country	_____			

DATE: _____ Authority's official stamp or seal:

SIGNATURE: _____
Name _____ Function/title: _____