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## Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail

# Explanatory document on ATMF 2015
# Clarification of the rules for the technical admission of railway rolling stock used in international traffic

On 10 June 2015, the Committee of Technical Experts approved the explanatory document on ATMF. The document is available on OTIF's website. (click here)

25 Member States of OTIF's Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) met in Berne. The Committee is made up of the OTIF Member States that apply COTIF Appendices F (APTU) and G (ATMF). It is responsible mainly for adopting the Uniform Rules that are the basis for the technical admission procedure for railway material in international traffic.
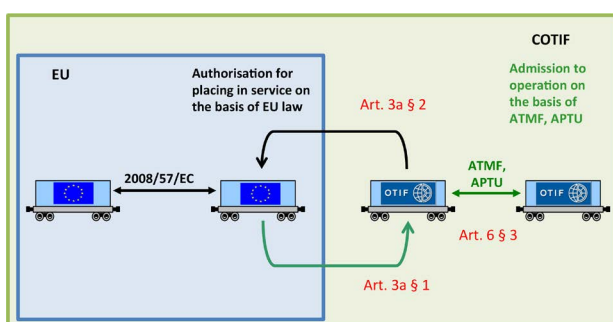This 8th session of CTE approved the explanatory document proposed by the Secretariat of OTIF on the new version of ATMF that will enter into force on 1 July 2015. This document explains the general principles of ATMF, its raison d'être and its content. It also summarises the tasks and responsibilities of the various actors involved in applying ATMF.

By virtue of the ATMF Uniform Rules, the OTIF Member States can admit rail vehicles from other Member States to traffic without a bilateral agreement. It is therefore crucially important that these rules are correctly applied.

The explanatory document is available in OTIF's three working languages. It is only for information purposes and has no prescriptive value. The document is a very practical tool, designed to help the reader improve his understanding of the application of ATMF.

In this document, OTIF's technical service has made every effort to provide practical clarification for those who work with ATMF.
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