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Entry into force of the amendments to COTIF 1999 and its Appendices

On Wednesday, 1 July 2015, the amendments to COTIF and its Appendices entered into force. These amendments, which were adopted at the 25th session of the Revision Committee in Berne on 25 and 26 June 2014, were notified by the Secretary General of OTIF on 10 July 2014.

COTIF 1999 and its Appendices have once again shown that they can be adapted with the aim of building railway law to connect Europe, Asia and Africa.

The amendments to the Convention and its Appendices mainly concern Article 27 of COTIF, Article 2 of Appendix D (CUV) and Appendices G (ATMF) and F (APTU).

In a simplified form, Article 27 of COTIF now enables the auditors' monitoring powers of the OTIF Secretariat to be guaranteed in their integrity in accordance with the international standards in force.

Article 2 of the CUV Uniform Rules provides a new definition of the term «keeper» which is more in line with the European Union's (EU) Directive 2008/110/EC.

With regard to the ATMF Uniform Rules, a new Article 15a entered into force on 1 July 2015 on train composition and operation. This revision adapts ATMF to the most recent developments in the EU: it therefore specifies more precisely the responsibilities of the various stakeholders

concerned by these Uniform Rules. In addition, in order to harmonise with EU terminology, some terms used by OTIF have been modified to avoid any ambiguity in terms of application (cf. [Explanatory document on ATMF 2105](#)).

Lastly, the APTU Uniform Rules have been amended to take account of the amendments to ATMF.

The 1 July 2015 text of COTIF 1999 is available [here](#).

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