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Withdrawal of declarations by the United Kingdom and Slovakia

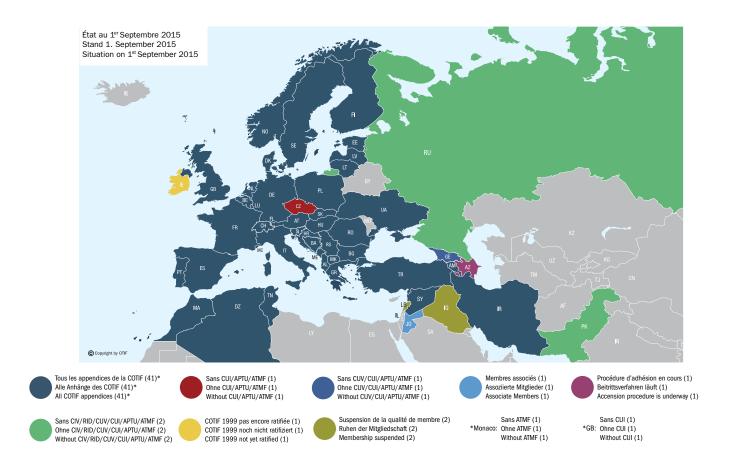
On 27 and 28 August 2015 respectively, Slovakia and the United Kingdom submitted instruments to withdraw their declarations with immediate effect. The instruments were sent to the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).

On 29 June 2006, the United Kingdom declared that it would not apply Appendices E, F and G to COTIF 1999 and on 31 January 2007, Slovakia also declared that it would not apply these Appendices either.

The reason for these reservations was the difficult interface between EU law and the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF). However, the EU's accession to COTIF in 2011 and the partnership policy that has been followed since 2013 have made it possible for these declarations to be withdrawn.

Thus in an instrument dated 6 August 2015, Slovakia fully withdrew its reservations and in an instrument dated 18 August 2015, the United Kingdom withdrew its reservations against Appendices F and G.

So since the end of August 2015, the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules have been applicable on a further 20,016 km of railway lines in Slovakia and the United Kingdom. The Secretariat of OTIF welcomes this step forward towards unified law for international rail carriage over a homogeneous area from the Maghreb to the Middle East via Europe.



SUMMARY OF THE SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF COTIF AND ITS APPENDICES

OTIF and EU Member State
OTIF Member State

As at 1st September 2015			CIV	CIM	RID	CUV	CUI	APTU	ATMF	not yet ratified	Comments
AL	Albania	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DZ	Algeria	· ·	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
AM	Armenia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
AT	Austria		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 1 July 2011
AZ	Azerbaijan	C	✓	✓	✓						Accesion procedure is underway
ВЕ	Belgium		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 8 February 2012
ВА	Bosnia and Herzegovina		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
BG	Bulgaria		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 17 December 2012
HR	Croatia	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
cz	Czech Republic		✓	✓	✓	✓					
DK	Denmark		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 7 July 2011
EE	Estonia	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 9 August 2013 Appli- cation on specific lines only
FI	Finland	+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 1 July 2011
FR	France		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the APTU lifted with effect from 3 February 2014, against the CUI with effect from 4 March 2014 and against Appendix G with effect from 1 July 2015
GE	Georgia	+ +	✓	✓	✓						Application on specific lines only
DE	Germany		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservation against the CUI lifted with effect from 1 January 2012 and against the APTU/ ATMF with effect from 1 January 2013
GR	Greece	≔	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 13 Sept. 2011
HU	Hungary		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 16 February 2012
IR	Iran	Ψ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
IQ	Iraq	ينظما بقال									OTIF membership suspended
IE	Ireland									✓	
IT	Italy		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
LV	Latvia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 26 April 2013
LB	Lebanon	*									OTIF membership suspended

As at 1st September 2015		CIV	CIM	RID	cuv	CUI	APTU	ATMF	not yet ratified	Comments	
FL	Liechtenstein	tia .	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
LT	Lithuania		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 10 Nov. 2011
LU	Luxembourg		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 11 January 2012
MK	FYR of Macedonia	米	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
МС	Monaco		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
ME	Montenegro	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
MA	Morocco	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
NL	Netherlands		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 1 January 2012
NO	Norway	#	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 18 June 2014
PK	Pakistan	C		✓							
PL	Poland		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 1 January 2012
PR	Portugal	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 13 May 2013
RO	Romania		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 1 March 2013
RU	Russia			✓							Application on specific lines only
RS	Serbia	Ĥ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SK	Slovakia	#	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 27 August 2015
SI	Slovenia	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 19 October 2012
ES	Spain	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Reservations against the CUI/APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 16 April 2014
SE	Sweden	+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
СН	Switzerland	+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SY	Syria	* *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
TN	Tunisia	©	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
TR	Turkey	C*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
UA	Ukraine		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Application on specific lines only
GB	United Kingdom		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		Reservations against the APTU/ATMF lifted with effect from 28 August 2015
EU	European Union		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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