



## RID now published in Russian

Since 1 June 2016, the Russian version of the 2015 edition of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) has been available on OTIF's website. This is another milestone in the work on harmonising RID and Annex 2 to the Agreement concerning International Goods Traffic by Rail (SMGS) of the Organization for Co-operation between Railways (OSJD).

RID contains more than 1000 pages of provisions that have to be complied with for the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail. OTIF has previously published a German, English and French edition of RID. Since 2012, attempts have been made to harmonise more closely RID and SMGS Annex 2, which is applicable in eastern Europe and Asia. The aim of this harmonisation is to simplify the carriage of dangerous goods by rail between these two legal regimes. As SMGS Annex 2 is only published in Russian and Chinese, the Russian translation of RID will be of considerable help in simplifying the harmonisation work.