Withdrawal of the Czech Republic’s reservations

On 29 July 2016, the Czech Republic submitted an instrument to withdraw its reservations with immediate effect. The instruments were sent to the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).

On 8 December 2008, the Czech Republic declared in accordance with Article 42 § 1 of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) that it would not apply:
- The Uniform Rules concerning Contracts of Use of Infrastructure in International Rail Traffic (CUI UR, Appendix E to COTIF)
- The Uniform Rules concerning the Validation of Technical Standards and the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to Railway Material intended to be used in International Traffic (APTU UR, Appendix F to COTIF)
- The Uniform Rules concerning the Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic (ATMF UR, Appendix G to COTIF).

As a result, since 29 July 2016, the CUI, APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules apply on around 9,500 km of additional railway lines, i.e. the entire Czech railway network.

The Czech Republic is a very active Member State within OTIF and is involved in the development of international railway law. The Secretariat of OTIF welcomes this withdrawal, which now means that the Uniform Rules of COTIF now apply uniformly across the entire territory of Europe.

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