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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF AND
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

Depositary Notification

Restructuring of the CIM list of railway lines
(Circular letter 19)

In his capacity as the Depositary, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) notifies you of the following information:

Under COTIF, any State which is a party to a convention concerning international through carriage of goods by rail comparable to the CIM UR may, when it makes an application for accession to the Convention, declare that it will apply CIM UR only to carriage performed on a part of the railway infrastructure (i.e. railway lines) situated on its territory (see Article 1 § 6 of the CIM UR). This part of the railway infrastructure must be precisely defined and connected to the railway infrastructure of a Member State. Afterwards, Member States may include new railway lines or delete them by sending the Secretary General notification concerning the inclusion or deletion of such part of the railway infrastructure. Such railway lines of a Member State are included by the Depositary in the CIM list of railway lines in accordance with Article 24 § 2 b) of COTIF.

Following consultation with the Member States which have included railway lines in the CIM list of railway lines, the Secretary General has restructured the above list. The objectives of the restructuring were:

- to present the list in a clear and user-friendly manner to make it easier to use and update, in particular to determine the scope of application of the CIM Uniform Rules;
- to retrace the entire history of the railway lines entered, deleted or modified by the Member States since the entry into force of COTIF 1999 on 1 July 2006.

The restructured CIM list of railway lines* is published on OTIF's website under:

- [Reference texts > Railway Contract Law > CIM List of Railway Lines](#)



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Secretary General

***List of restructured chapters**

- NOT-24058 (Azerbaijan)
- NOT-24059 (Estonia)
- NOT-24060 (Georgia)
- NOT-24061 (Russia)
- NOT-24062 (Ukraine)