TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF

Depositary Notification

Modifications to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)
In his capacity as depositary, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) notifies the following:

At its 55th session (Berne, 30 May 2018) the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (RID Committee of Experts) adopted amendments to the 1 January 2017 edition of RID.

In accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF, these amendments will enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following this notification, i.e. on 1 January 2019, unless one quarter of the Member States formulate an objection during the four months from the day of this notification in accordance with Article 35 § 4 of COTIF. The period for objections ends on 6 November 2018. Once this deadline has expired, we will inform you of the situation.

These amendments are contained in the enclosed notification texts with the code OTIF/RID/NOT/2019. These texts will also be placed on OTIF's website.

Also attached is the final report of the 9th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 28 and 29 May 2018) and the 55th session of the RID Committee of Experts.

(François Davenne)
Secretary General

Encs:
- notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2019
- final report of the 9th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
- final report of the 55th session of the RID Committee of Experts

Cc letter and annexes for information:
- railway undertakings of the Member States of OTIF
- interested international organisations