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[Draft] Proposal for the full revision of the Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to Telematics application for freight services (UTP TAF)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Article 20 § 1 b) of COTIF and Article 6 of the APTU Uniform Rules (Appendix F of COTIF), the Committee of Technical Experts is competent to take decisions about the adoption of a Uniform Technical Prescription (UTP) or a provision amending a UTP.

This proposal to modify the UTP applicable to subsystem “Telematics applications for passenger and freight services” – Telematics application for freight services (UTP TAF), as last amended on 1 June 2020, has been developed in accordance with COTIF, as last amended on 1 March 2019, in particular with Article 8 of the APTU Uniform Rules.

## 2. CONTEXT AND SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL

The current UTP TAF is equivalent to the technical specification for interoperability relating to the telematics applications for freight subsystem of the rail system in the European Union, Commission Regulation (EU) No 1305/2014 of 11 December 2014.

Since the UTP TAF entered into force on 1 December 2017, its Appendix I has been subject to minor amendments three times, the last amendment was adopted by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 13<sup>th</sup> session (remote meeting, 11-23 June 2021). There have not been any other modifications than those to Appendix I.

On 26 March 2021, the European Union adopted a new implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/541, which modified the TAF TSI.

The currently proposed modifications to the UTP TAF are aiming to ensure continued equivalence with the TAF TSI. The proposed modifications include:

- Updated provisions concerning the equivalence with provisions of the European Union.
- Updates to the structure of the document;
- The requirement that the non-EU Contracting States should inform the OTIF Secretariat of their National Contact Point;
- Addition of provisions related to Path Allocation and Train Running Information;
- Replacement of provisions regarding train composition with a reference to the UTP TCRC;
- Update of Appendix II Glossary and deletion of abbreviations no longer used in the legal text;
- Update to latest legal references under COTIF and EU law throughout the document;
- Editorial modifications.

The modifications are set out in the Annex in the form of track changes compared to the version of 1 December 2017, including the latest modification to Appendix I.

The modified version should replace the current version. The current version should therefore be repealed at the moment of entry into force of the new version.

## 3. PREPARATORY WORK

The proposal has been prepared by the OTIF Secretariat in coordination with WG TECH. The proposed modifications were discussed at the 43<sup>rd</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Working Group Technology.

#### **4. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AMENDMENTS**

The proposed modifications to the UTP TAF will ensure continued full equivalence, in the meaning of the APTU and ATMF Uniform Rules, between the European Union and COTIF provisions. This equivalence is important to ensure a common legal basis for data exchange in international traffic from and to the European Union and traffic between non-EU Contracting States that apply the UTP TAF.

#### **[DRAFT] PROPOSAL FOR DECISION**

1. In accordance with Article 20 § 1 b) and Article 35 of COTIF and Article 6 of APTU Uniform Rules, the Committee of Technical Experts adopts the modifications to the Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to subsystem “Telematics applications for passenger and freight services” – Telematics application for freight services (UTP TAF), as set out in the Annex (reference TECH-21033 Annex).
2. The Annex shall replace the UTP TAF 2017 of 1 December 2017, including all of its amendments; the UTP TAF 2017 of 1 December 2017, including its amendments, shall therefore be repealed at the moment of entry into force of the new version.
3. The Committee of Technical Experts instructs the Secretary General to publish the new version of the UTP TAF on the Organisation’s website, although the repealed version should also remain available online for future reference.