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Publication of modification and addenda to the ‘Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF’

The Secretary General of OTIF is the Depositary of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF). In 2017, the Secretary General published the ‘Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF’ prepared by the Legal Department in order to facilitate and accelerate the procedures that are necessary for modifications to the Convention and its Appendices to come into force or for other treaty acts to come into effect.

In order to clarify some other depositary practices and requirements, the Legal Department has prepared:

- Addendum 1 to the ‘Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF’ concerning maritime and inland waterway services;
- Addendum 2 to the ‘Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF’ concerning accession to COTIF 1999 with a reservation to apply CIV UR and/or CIM UR only to part of a Member State’s railway network;
- Modification of and Addendum 3 to the ‘Guidelines on treaty acts under COTIF’ concerning authentic texts and certified copies of COTIF 1999 and amendments to it.

The documents are published on OTIF’s website [Reference Texts](#) > [COTIF 1999](#) under ‘Depositary’.



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## **Annexes**