TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF

Amendments to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)
Together with circular A.81-03/503.2012 dated 4 July 2012, we sent you in document No. OTIF/RID/NOT/2013 the amendments to the 1 January 2011 edition of RID. These amendments were the result of discussions at the 50th and 51st sessions of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Malmö, 21 – 25 November 2011 and Berne, 30 and 31 May 2012).

Under Article 35 § 4 of COTIF, decisions of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods shall be deemed to be adopted unless one-quarter of the Member States have objected within four months from the date of notification.

**This period expired on 4 November 2012.**

No Member State has lodged an objection against the amendments. In accordance with the decision of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, these amendments will **enter into force on 1 January 2013**, with a transitional period of 6 months, i.e. with a **transitional period up to 30 June 2013**.

Attached at Annex is corrigendum 1, which contains corrections to the above-mentioned notification texts.

Lastly, we should point out that at the Joint Meeting (Geneva, 17 – 21 September 2012), various errors were noted in the amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2013. The 52nd session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Riga, 13 November 2012) has yet to approve these amendments. As the corrections that need to be made are mainly amendments of substance to the texts adopted for 2013, the usual implementation procedure has to be applied. We will inform you of developments after the 52nd session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Yours faithfully

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**Annexes**
- Corrigendum 1 to the 2013 notification texts

**The following have been sent a copy of this letter for information:**
- the railway undertakings of the OTIF Member States
- interested international organisations