Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF)
Appendix C – Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)

With effect from 1 January 2009

This text replaces the requirements of 1 January 2007.

Note by the Secretariat of OTIF:

The following are Member States of COTIF (as at 30 June 2008):
Albania, Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark,
Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein,
Lithuania, Luxembourg, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands,
Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia,
Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine.
Article 1
Scope

§ 1 This Regulation shall apply
a) to the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail on the territory of Member States,
b) to carriage complementary to carriage by rail to which the CIM Uniform Rules are applicable, subject to the international prescriptions governing carriage by another mode of transport, as well as the activities referred to by the Annex to this Regulation.

§ 2 Dangerous goods barred from carriage by the Annex must not be accepted for international carriage.

Article 2
Exemptions

This Regulation shall not apply, in whole or in part, to the carriage of dangerous goods for which an exemption is provided in the Annex. Exemptions may only be provided when the quantity or the nature of the exempted carriage of goods or the packaging would guarantee the safety of the carriage.

Article 3
Restrictions

Each Member State shall retain the right to regulate or prohibit, for reasons other than safety during carriage, the international carriage of dangerous goods on its territory.

Article 4
Other prescriptions

The carriage to which this Regulation applies shall remain subject to the national or international prescriptions applicable in general to the carriage of goods by rail.

Article 5
Type of trains allowed. Carriage as hand luggage, registered luggage or on board motor vehicles

§ 1 Dangerous goods may only be carried in goods trains, except
a) dangerous goods which are acceptable for carriage in accordance with the Annex complying with the relevant maximum quantities and the special conditions of carriage in trains other than goods trains;
b) dangerous goods which are carried, under the special conditions of the Annex, as hand luggage, registered luggage or in or on board motor vehicles in accordance with Article 12 of the CIV Uniform Rules.

§ 2 The passenger may not take with him dangerous goods as hand luggage or consign them as registered luggage or on board motor vehicles if they do not meet the special conditions of the Annex.

Article 6
Annex

The Annex shall form an integral part of this Regulation.

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The text of the Annex will be that drawn up by the Expert Committee for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods, at the time of entry into force of the Protocol of 3 June 1999 modifying the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980, in accordance with Article 19 § 4 of the latter.

Note by the Secretariat of OTIF:

In the text that follows, “RID” refers to the Annex to Appendix C of COTIF in accordance with Article 6. In certain exceptional cases where the text of Appendix C reproduced above is referred to, reference will be made specifically to “Appendix C of COTIF” (e.g. in 1.1.2, 1.5.1.3, Chapter 7.7).