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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF AND TO
REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

Depositary Notification

Entry into force of the provisions adopted by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 15th session held on 13 and 14 June 2023:

- Revision of the Uniform Technical Prescriptions concerning the qualifications and independence of assessing entities (UTP GEN-E)
- Revision of the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning a Common Safety Method on risk evaluation and assessment (UTP GEN-G)
- Modifications to Appendix I of the Uniform Technical Prescriptions concerning Telematics Applications for Freight Services (UTP TAF)

In his capacity as the Depositary, the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) notifies you of the following.

In circular letter [NOT-23015](#) of 13 July 2023, the Secretary General notified the decisions taken by the Committee of Technical Experts to:

- Revise the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning the qualifications and independence of assessing entities (UTP GEN-E) and that the revised version will replace the version of 1 December 2011;
- Revise the Uniform Technical Prescription concerning a Common Safety Method on risk evaluation and assessment (UTP GEN-G) and that the revised version will replace the version of 1 January 2014;
- Modify Appendix I of the Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to telematics applications for freight services (UTP TAF) of 1 January 2023.

By the deadline of 13 November 2023, the Secretary General had not received any objections to the above-mentioned decisions, in accordance with Article 35 § 4 of COTIF, from those Member States which, in accordance with Article 42 § 1 of COTIF, have not made a declaration not to apply Appendices F (APTU) and G (ATMF). Consequently, in accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF, the above-mentioned modifications will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

In accordance with Article 8 § 1 of APTU Uniform Rules and with the decisions taken by the Committee of Technical Experts at its 15th session (see [OTIF-23003](#)), the texts are published on OTIF's website (www.otif.org) under:

[Reference texts > Technical Interoperability > Prescriptions and Other Rules](#)

Yours faithfully,



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

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- Non-Member States that are candidates for accession or which might be interested in acceding to COTIF and the international organisations and associations which are invited to the Committee of Technical Experts