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**TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF**

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**Amendments to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage  
of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)**

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Together with circular A 81-03/504.2008 dated 27 June 2008, we sent you in document No. OTIF/RID/NOT/2009 the amendments to the 1 January 2007 edition of RID. These amendments were the result of discussions at the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Zagreb, 19 – 23 November 2007 and Berne, 16 May 2008).

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 31 October 2008.**

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 2009**, with a transitional period of 6 months, i.e. with a **transitional period up to 30 June 2009**.

The new edition of RID has already been sent to you separately.

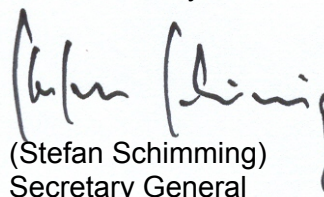
Attached at Annex is corrigendum 1, which contains corrections to the above-mentioned notification texts and to the printed edition of RID 2009.

At its 46<sup>th</sup> session (Hamburg, 21 – 23 October 2008), the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted another amendment to RID, which was necessary because the new version of EN standard 13094, which is already referred to in RID, was only published after the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Berne, 16 May 2008).

Firstly, as this is a very important revision of the standard for the construction of pressure-free tanks and secondly, as the new principle contained in RID is that it is mandatory to apply the standards referred to, the Committee of Experts decided to bring this amendment into force on 1 July 2009, unless a quarter of the Member States object within four months (see Art. 35 § 4 of COTIF). The period for objections to be lodged will begin on 1 January 2009 and **will end on 30 April 2009**. We will inform you of the outcome once this period has ended.

This amendment is contained in the attached notification texts numbered OTIF/RID/NOT/2009/Add.1.

Yours faithfully,



(Stefan Schimming)  
Secretary General

#### **Annexes**

- Corrigendum 1 to the 2009 notification texts and the 2009 edition of RID
- Notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2009/Add.1

#### **The following have been sent a copy of this letter for information:**

- the railway undertakings of the OTIF Member States
- interested international organisations