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Notification of amendments

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At its 40th session (Sinaia, 17-21 November 2003), the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted amendments to the 1 January 2003 edition of RID as amended on 1 January 2004.

The Committee of Experts decided to bring these amendments into force on 1 January 2005, unless one-third of the Member States objects within four months (see Article 21 § 2 of COTIF). This four month period begins on 1 February 2004 and **ends on 31 May 2004**. We will inform you about the status of this matter after this period.

These amendments are contained in the enclosed notification texts with the code OCTI/RID/Not./40a) to h). These texts will also be placed on OTIF's website.

You will receive notification of consequential amendments to Table B of Chapter 3.2 (List of dangerous goods in alphabetical order with NHM codes) at a later date. We would ask for your understanding.

Also attached is the final report of the 40th session of the RID Committee of Experts (A81-03/501.2004). Amendments in respect of the draft version of this report are printed in bold, red text. Amendments adopted provisionally by the RID Committee of Experts which were not adopted by the 75th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 19 – 23 January 2004) are crossed out.

Also attached is a new erratum concerning the 2003 edition and the 2004 amendments (German and French only).

Yours faithfully,

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