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# Comité international des transports ferroviaires (CIT)

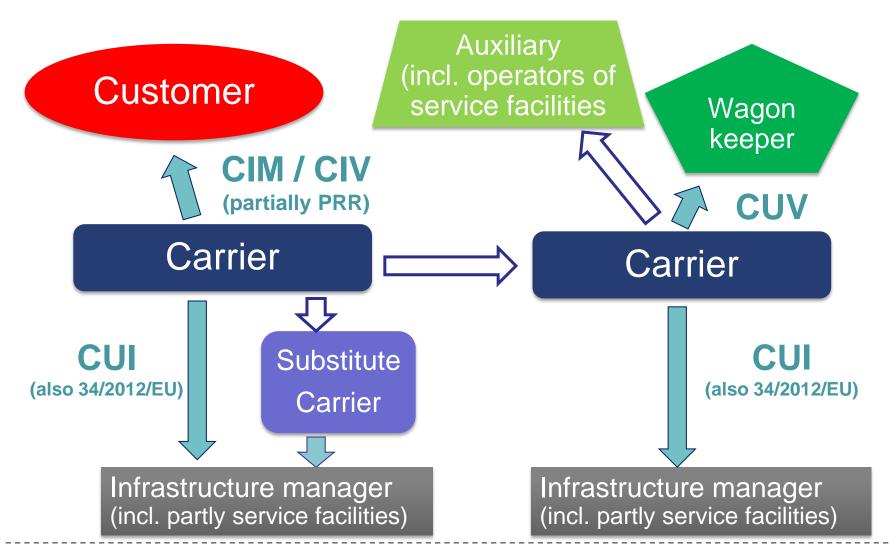
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- 200 railway undertakings and shipping companies
- Association under Swiss law, located in Bern
- > Tasks:
  - Implementation of COTIF and EU law for practical use
  - Standardisation of contractual relationships
  - 3. Representation of the interests of members towards authorities and other associations





# Relationships governed by international law





### An example of the CIT products

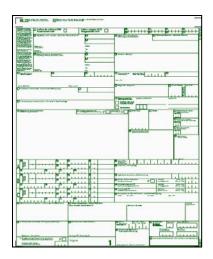
# Legal rules

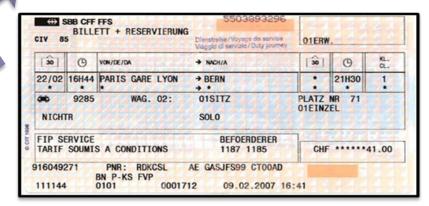
- COTIF / CIV or CIM
- PRR or other EU law
- national law



### **Contractual rules**

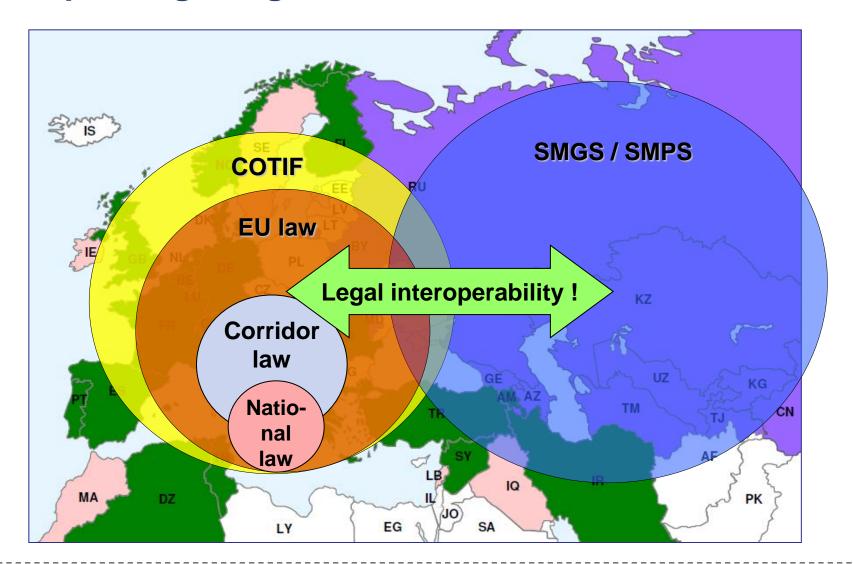
- GCC-CIV/PRR or GTC-CIM
- SCC: special conditions of carriage (per carrier, train offer etc.)







# Complex legal regime for rail





# The international law for carriages by rail – COTIF 99

#### **Protocol of Vilnius 1999**

#### **COTIF**

Convention concerning
International Carriage by Rail
Protocol on the Privileges and
Immunities of OTIF

Appendix A

Appendix B Appendix C Appendix D Appendix E

Appendix F Appendix G

# CIV UR

Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Passengers by Rail CIM UR

Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Goods by Rail RID

Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail CUV UR

Uniform Rules concerning Contracts of Use of Vehicles in International Rail Traffic CUI UR

Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of Use of Infrastructure in International Rail Traffic APTU UR

Uniform Rules concerning the Validation of Technical Standards and the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions applicable to Railway Material intended to be used in International Traffic

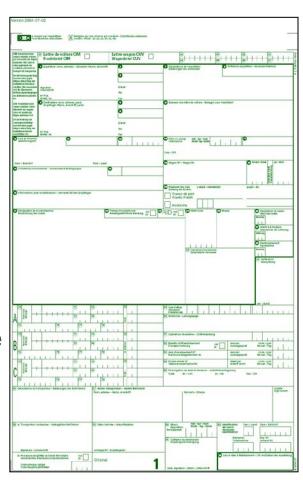
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Uniform Rules concerning the Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic



# **CIM Consignment note**

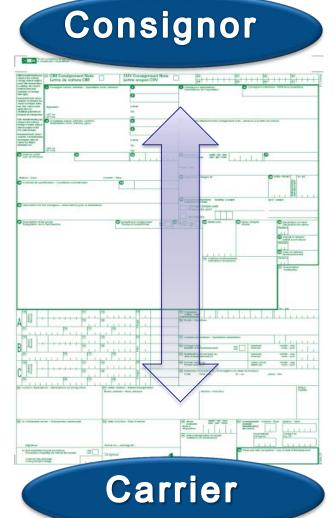
- Consignment note = only a proof of the contract of carriage (Art. 6 § 2 CIM)
- However, consignment note is obligatory for custom enters in the EU + EEA and EFTA (CH) or common transit procedure (Art. 6 § 7 CIM)
- International associations of carriers (like CIT)
  have the task to establish uniform model
  consignment notes (Art. 6 § 8 CIM)
- Except if otherwise agreed, the completion of the consignment note shall be the responsibility of the consignor
- Creation of common CIM/SMGS consignment note





# Article 6 § 9 CIM: legal basis for the e-consignment note

■ § 9: The consignment note and its duplicate may be established in the form of electronic data registration which can be transformed into legible symbols. The procedure used for the registration and treatment of data must be equivalent from the functional point of view, particularly so far as concerns the evidential value of the consignment note represented by those data.





# CIM Electronic consignment note: proposal of the CIT on the level of regulation

new Article? ... CIM should assure:

- priority of the electronic consignment note and electronic accompanying documents;
- evidential value of the electronic consignment note for the contract of carriage;
- authentication of the electronic consignment note (electronic signature?);
- ensuring that the requirements of the national law applicable are met





# Electronic consignment note CIM: step forward at sector level

- Transposition with priority of the electronic CIM consignment note and the wagon note CUV into the CIT freight documentation
- Definition of the legal and functional specifications for the electronic consignment note in the manuals of the CIT in force since 1.1.2017
- RailData in cooperation with the CIT prepared the technical specifications for the electronic consignment note CIM and wagon note CUV
- Implementation of the electronic CIM at level of railway companies ongoing
- Definition of the legal and functional specifications in the for the CIM-SMGS consignment note ready and technical specifications for the CIM-SMGS electronic consignment note in force from 1th July 2019



# **EDI** contract checklist

## Purpose of the EDI contract

- Conditions for making valid use of an electronic consignment note / wagon note relative to the CIM / CUU uniform rules
- Customer transport undertaking and transport undertaking transport undertaking relationships

### Contents

- Boilerplate clauses, comments for drawing up the EDI contract
- Scope
- Definitions
- Purpose of the EDI contract
- Contents, establishment and transmission of the electronic consignment note / wagon note
- Liability in the event of non-compliance with the obligations arising out of the EDI contract



# **Electronic Formal Report (CIT20)**

The CIT is working on simple solutions fit for business use for the digitization of the formal report (CIT 20), with the aim of making the necessary bases available to the railway companies by 2018

- Message flows
- Message content
- Printer outputs
- New Appendix 20b to the GTM-CIT



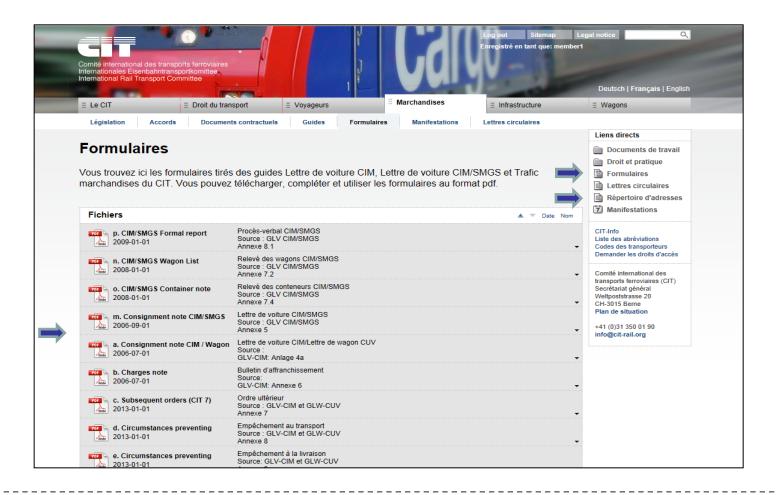
# Main obstacles for the implementation

- Investments in IT and new procedures
- Need for paper documents in B to A
- Paper consignment note as basis for simplified customs procedure and still no solution for the implementation of the EU customs code
- Legal recognition





# Electronic consignment note / wagon note / formal report: Forms – www.cit-rail.org





# **Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF)**

- > The CIT is part of the "Digital Transport and Logistics Forum"
- Digitalisation high priority and Megatrend for the transport sector
- ➤ COM 2018/0140: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on electronic freight transport information / May 2018
- ➤ Focus: e-transport documents for B to A data flows



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