



**RID (Appendix C to COTIF)  
Regulation concerning the International  
Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail**



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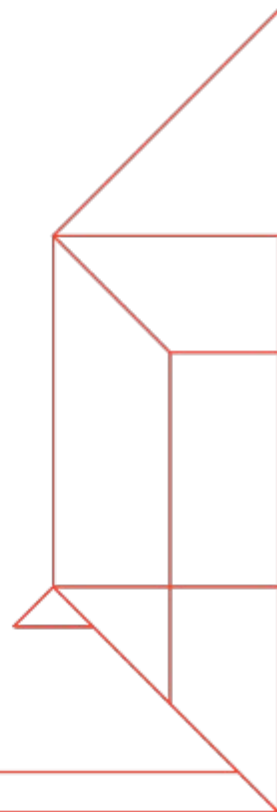
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# COTIF 1999

## Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail



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### COTIF 1999

Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail



### COTIF: CONVENTION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY RAIL

<b>APP. A</b> CIV Uniform Rules	<b>APP. B</b> CIM Uniform Rules	<b>APP. C</b> RID Regulation	<b>APP. D</b> CUV Uniform Rules	<b>APP. E</b> CUI Uniform Rules	<b>APP. F</b> APTU Uniform Rules	<b>APP. G</b> ATMF Uniform Rules
The contract of carriage of passenger	The contract of carriage of goods	The carriage of dangerous goods	Contracts of use of vehicles	The contract of use of infrastructure	Validation of technical standards and adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTPs)	Technical admission of railway material



# RID

- RID = **R**egulations Concerning the **I**nternational Carriage of **D**angerous Goods by Rail
- First edition: 1893
- Harmonised structure since 2001
- 47 RID Contracting States
- Revision every two years
- Responsible OTIF Committee: RID Committee of Experts



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# RID | 2023

Regulations concerning  
the International  
Carriage of Dangerous  
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- Actual version: RID 2023
- Applicable since 01.01.2023
- Transitional period until 30.06.2023
- Mandatory application of RID 2023 from 01.07.2023





# RID



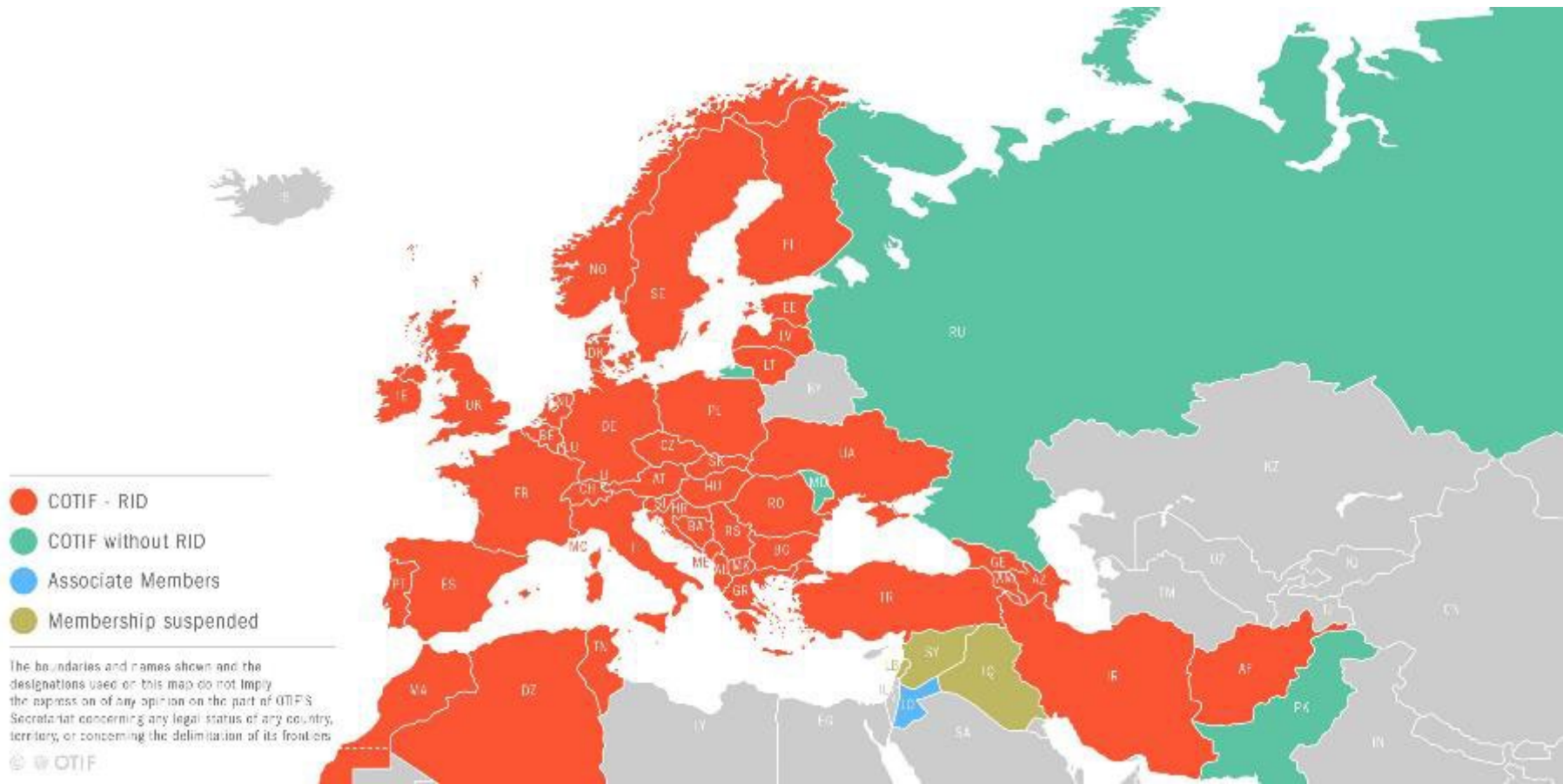
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# Scope of application of RID - Appendix C to COTIF

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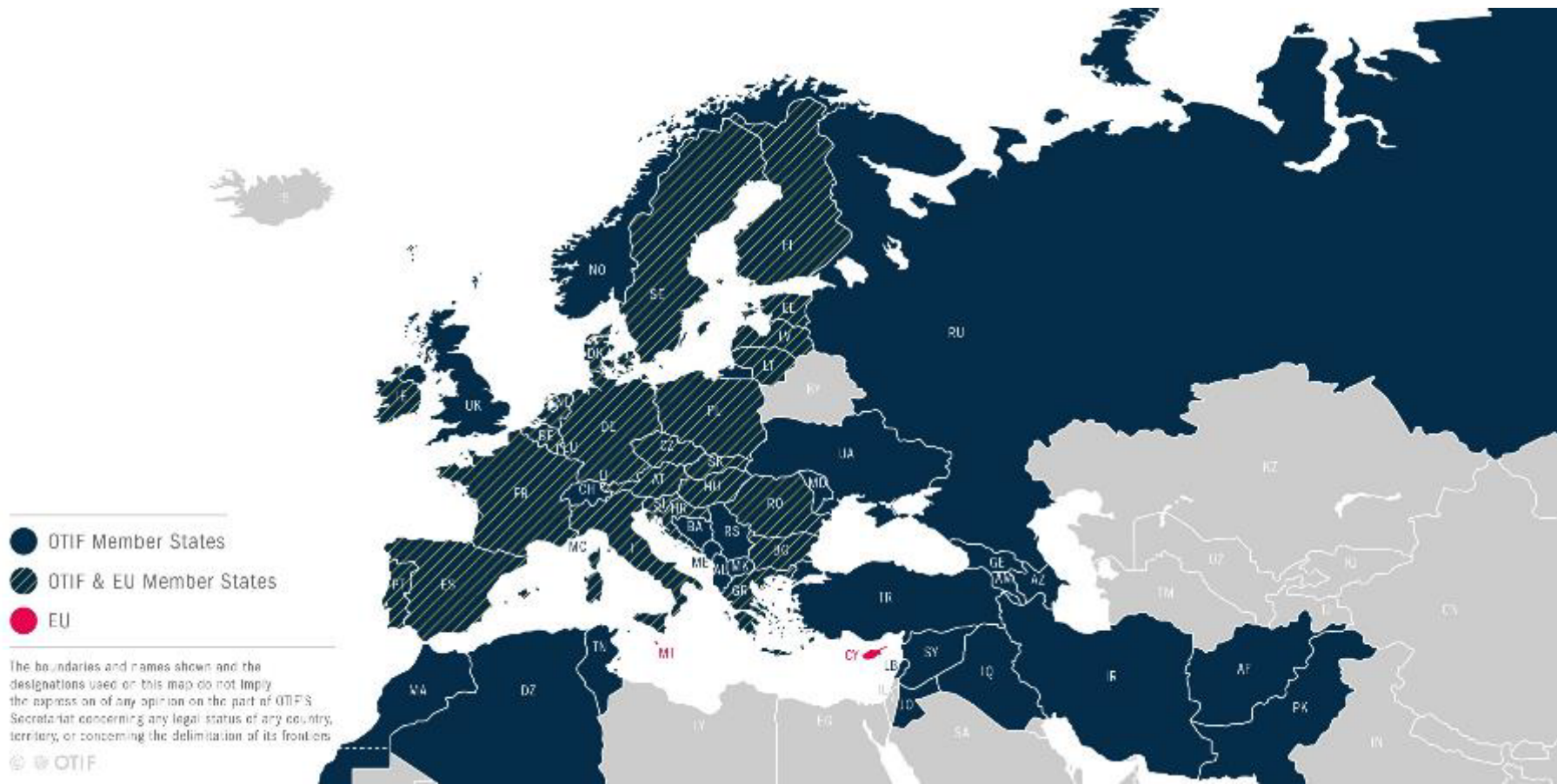
- COTIF - RID
- COTIF without RID
- Associate Members
- Membership suspended

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# OTIF – EU Member States

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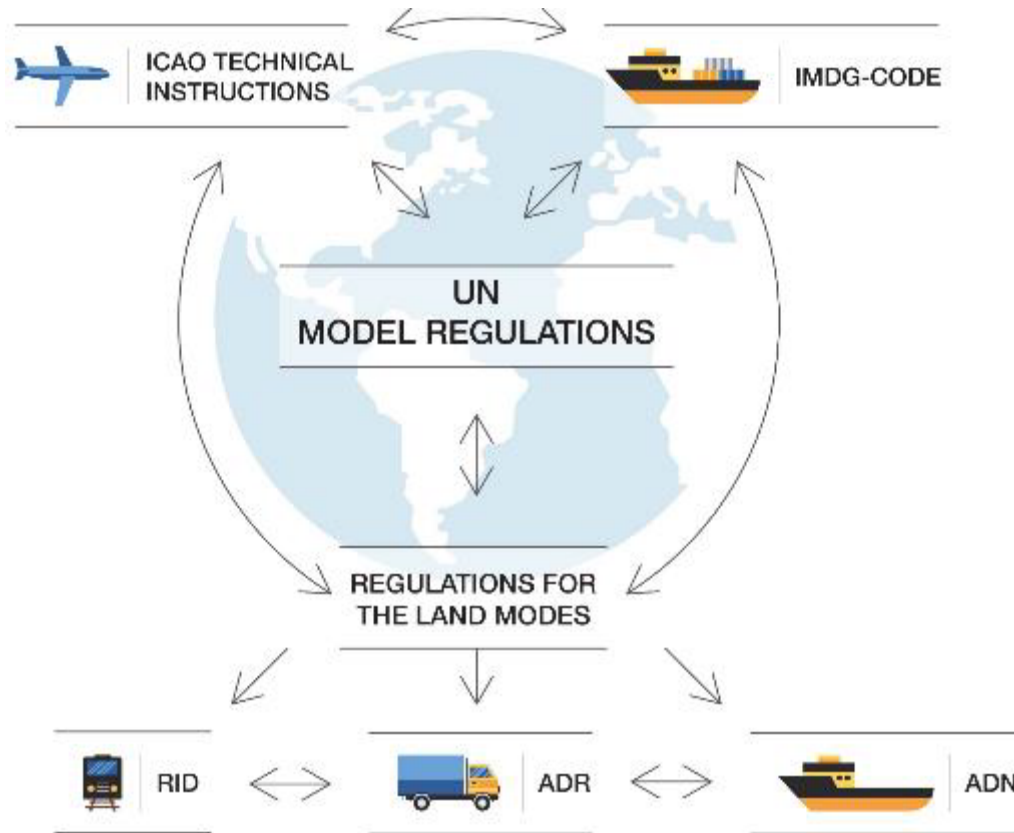


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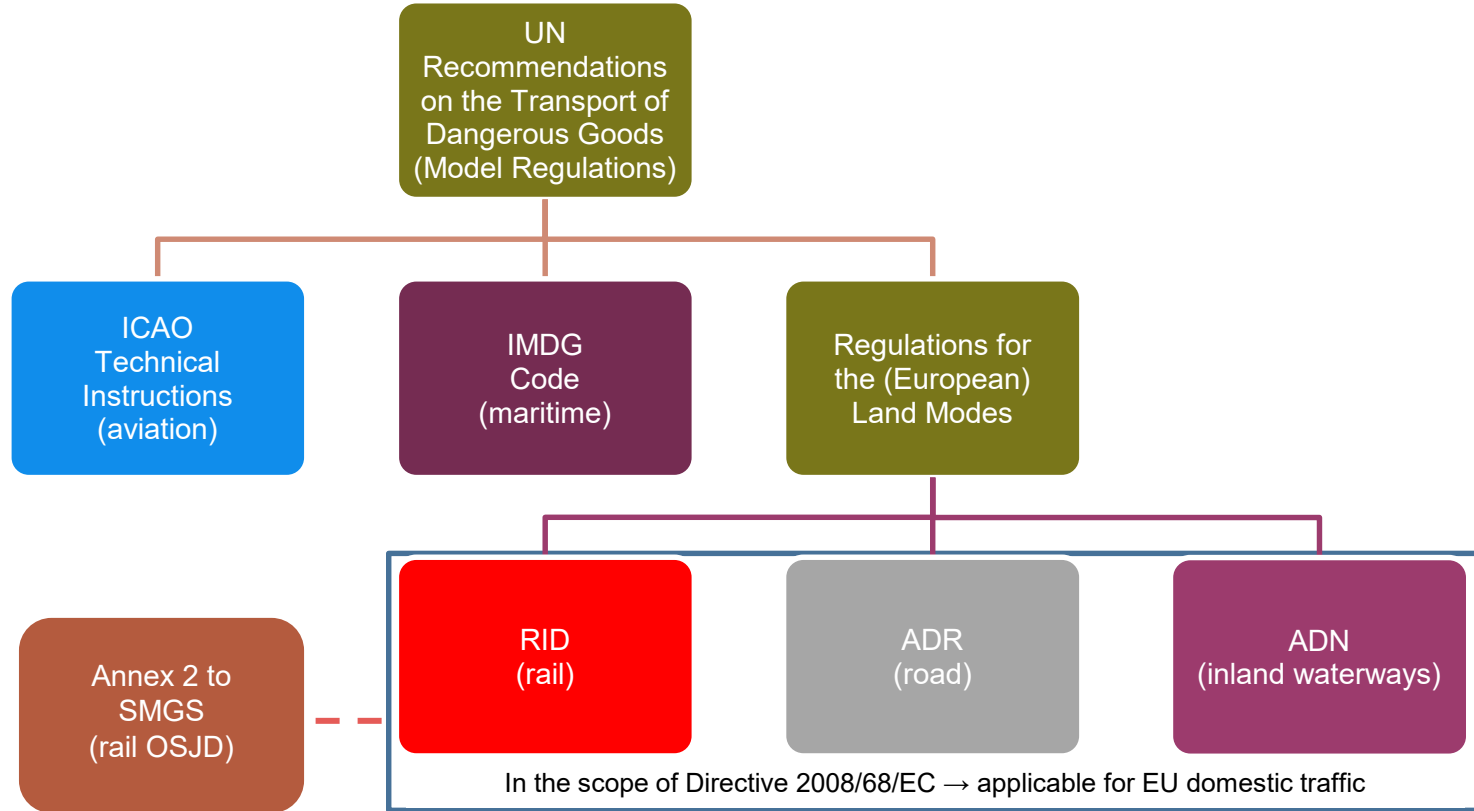
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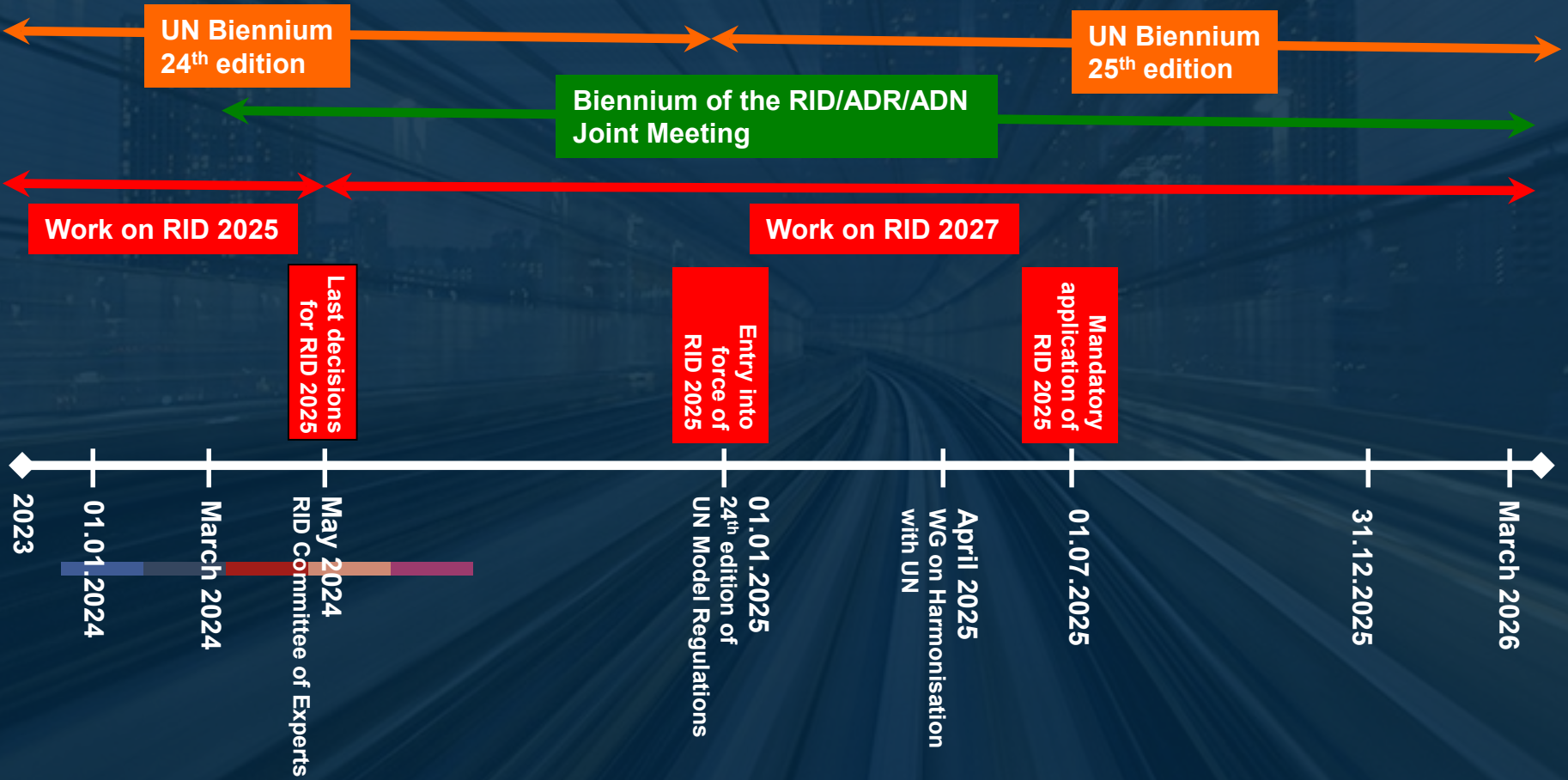
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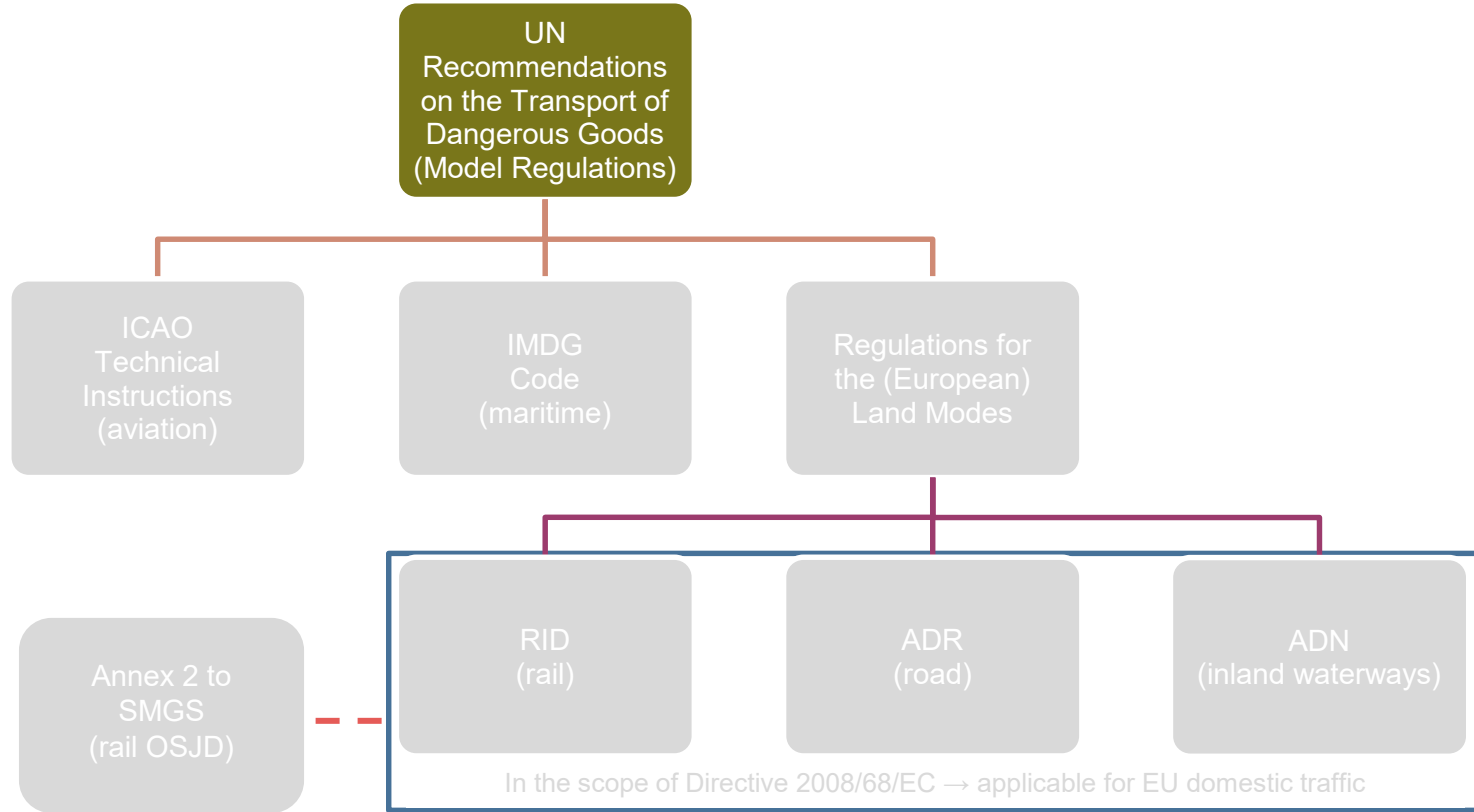
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# Time schedule for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN



# Regulations for the Transport of Dangerous Goods





## UN Model Regulations

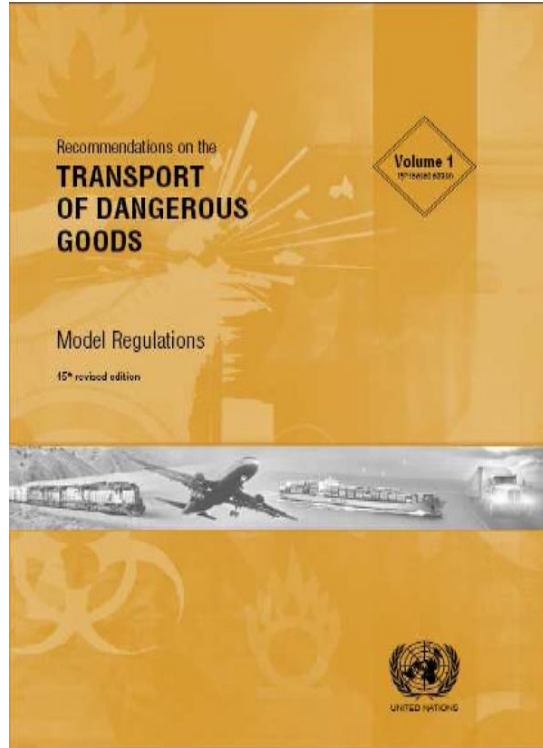
- UN Sub-Committee of experts on the transport of dangerous goods
- Tasks: Common provisions for all modes, in particular classification, packing provisions





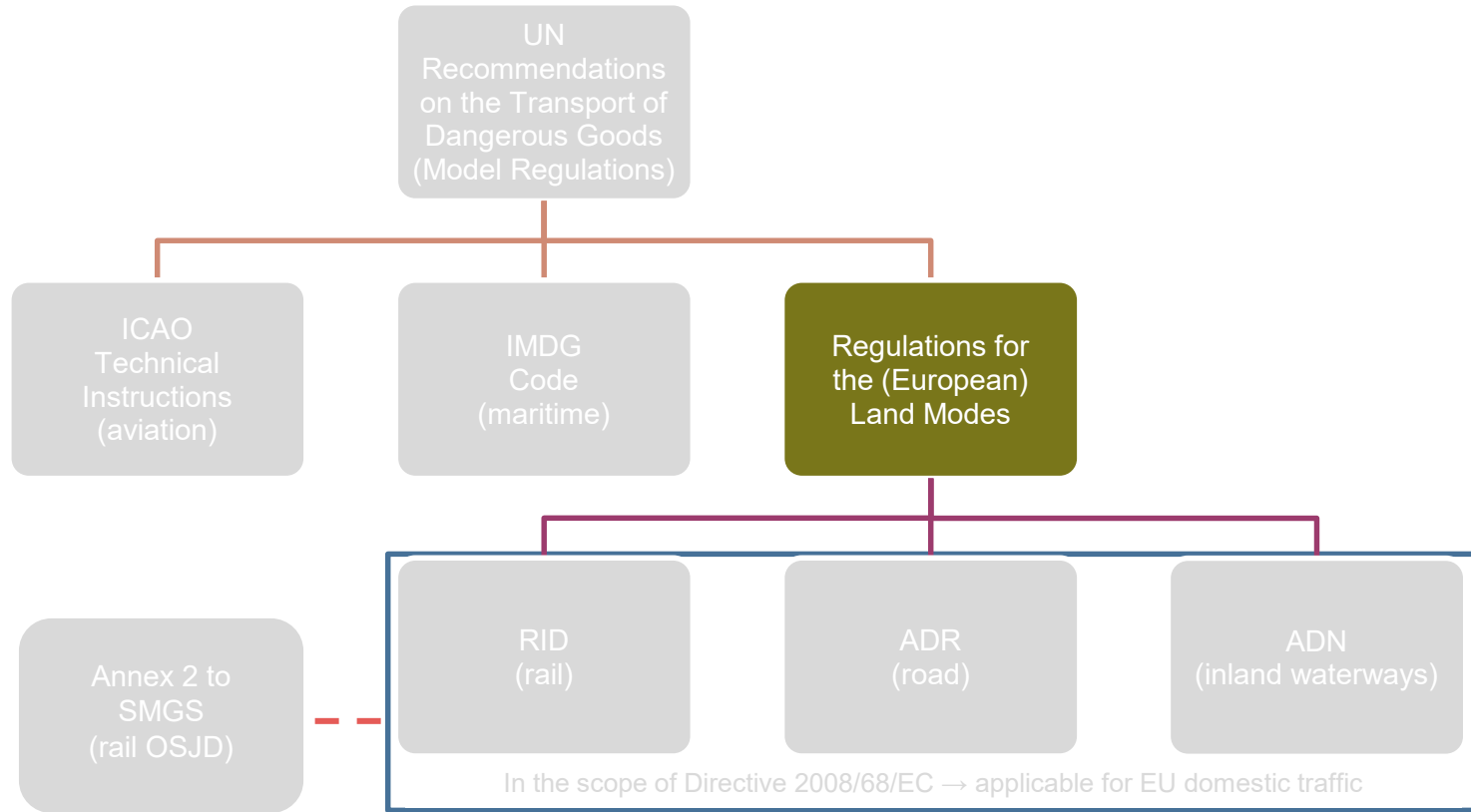
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## UN Model Regulations



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# Organisation of RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

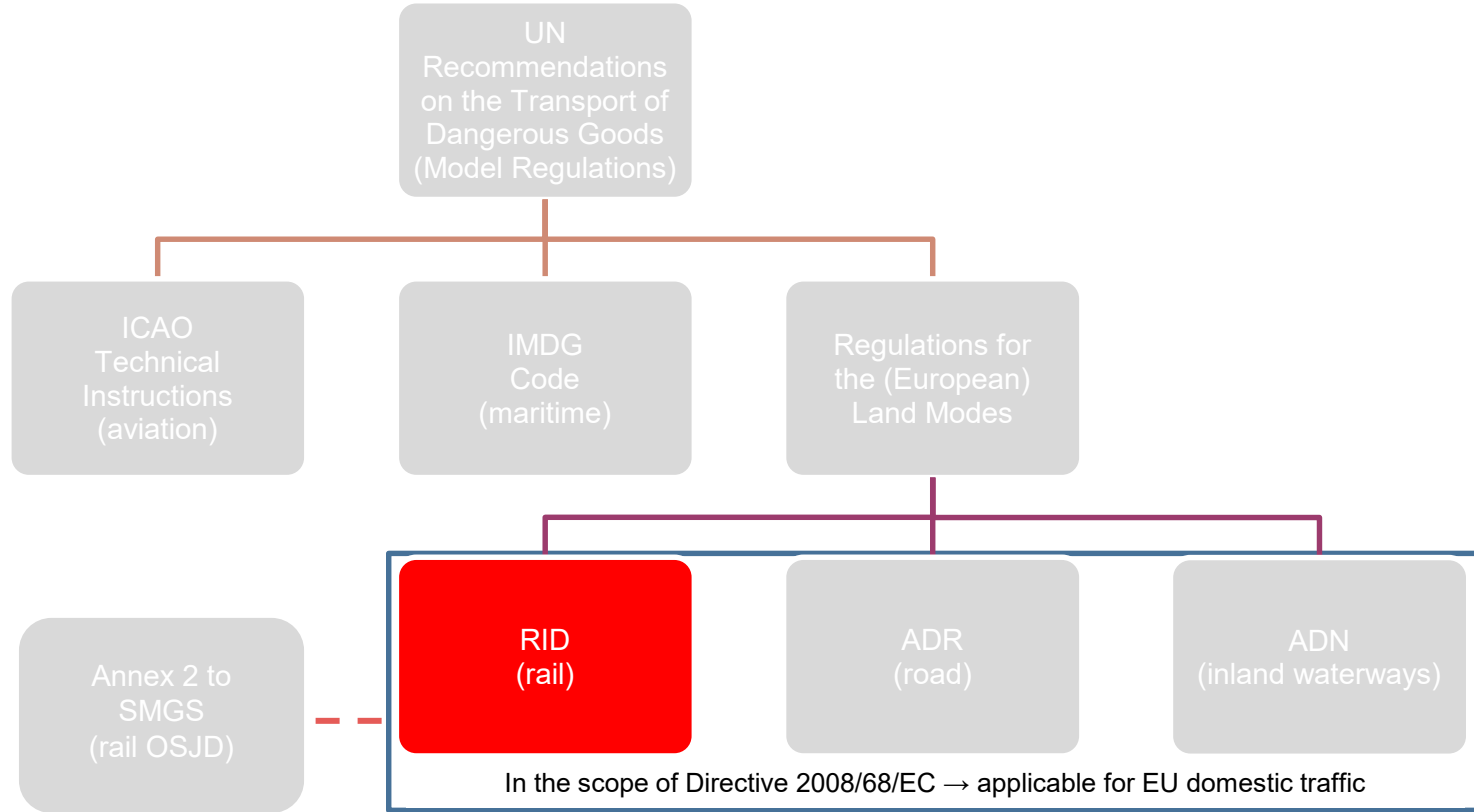
- Working group of UNECE and OTIF for common provisions in RID, ADR and ADN
- No final decision-making power
- Sessions twice a year (March and September)



# Tasks of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

- Harmonisation with UN Model Regulations
- Common provisions for RID, ADR and ADN
  - RID/ADR tanks
  - References to European standards
  - Integration of European Union Directives
  - Transport conditions for inland transport
- Permanent working groups of the Joint Meeting
  - on tanks
  - on standards
- Other current working groups of the Joint Meeting
  - on the transport of wastes containing dangerous goods
  - on the improvement of transport of dangerous goods occurrence reporting
  - on references to the competent authority

# Regulations for the Transport of Dangerous Goods





# Organisation RID Committee of Experts

- Once a year (November) standing working group of the RID Committee of Experts (preparatory working group)
- Every two years just before the notification of the new amendments RID Committee of Experts meeting
- Every two years, notification of the new amendments to RID at least 5 months before entry into force



# Tasks of the RID Committee of Experts

- Prepared by the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (one one-week meeting per year (November))
- Endorsement of the decision of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting
- Interpretation of RID
- Consideration of the general European Union railway law
- Limited provisions on the construction of wagons
- Training provisions
- Operational provisions
- Provisions for hand luggage and registered luggage
- Accident analysis
- Working group on tank and vehicle technology

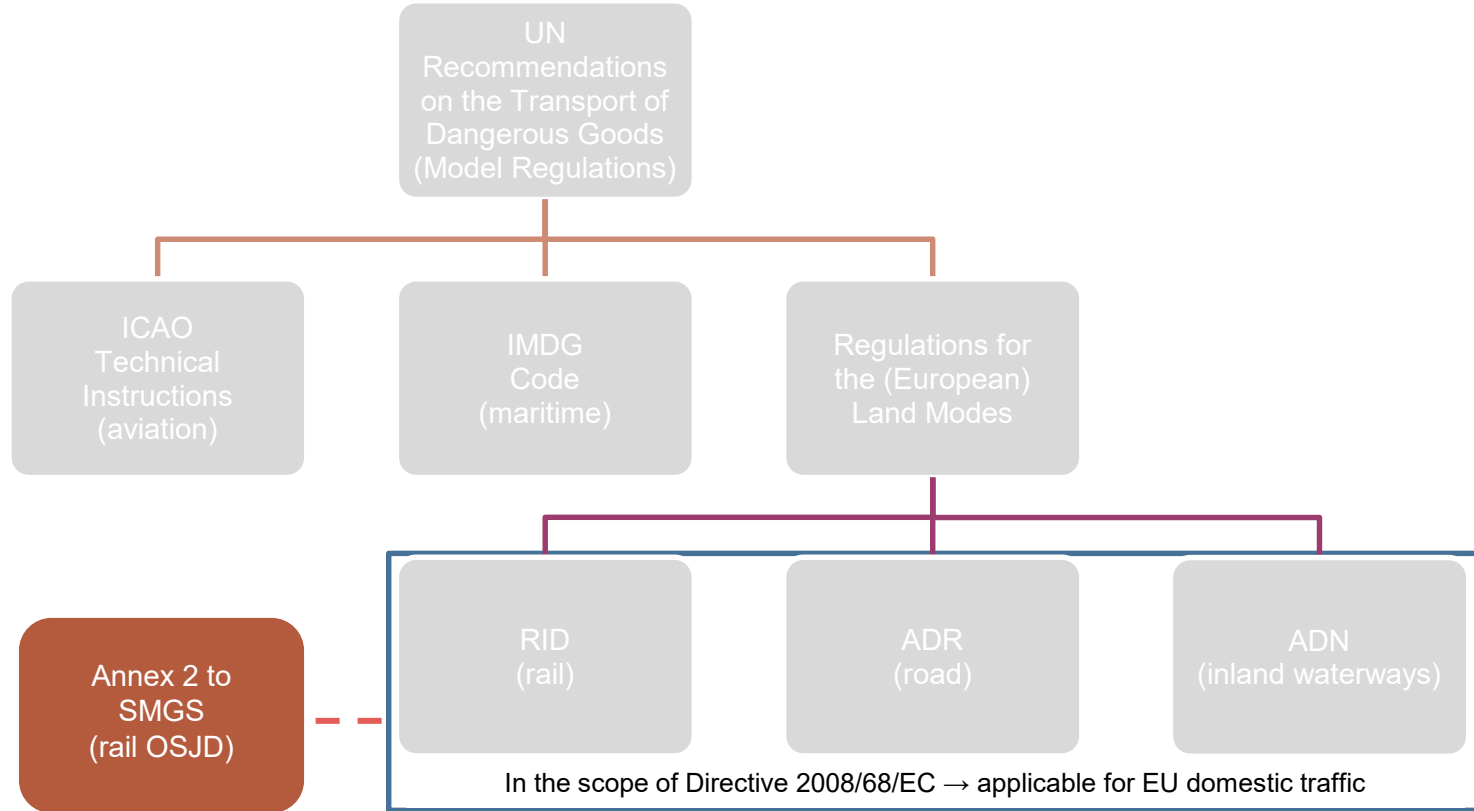


# Languages

- UN Model Regulations:
  - English, French, Russian, Spanish, **Arabic**, Chinese
- ADR, ADN:
  - English, French, Russian (in addition available in all official languages of the EU Member States)
- RID:
  - English, French, German, (Russian), (in addition available in all official languages of the EU Member States)



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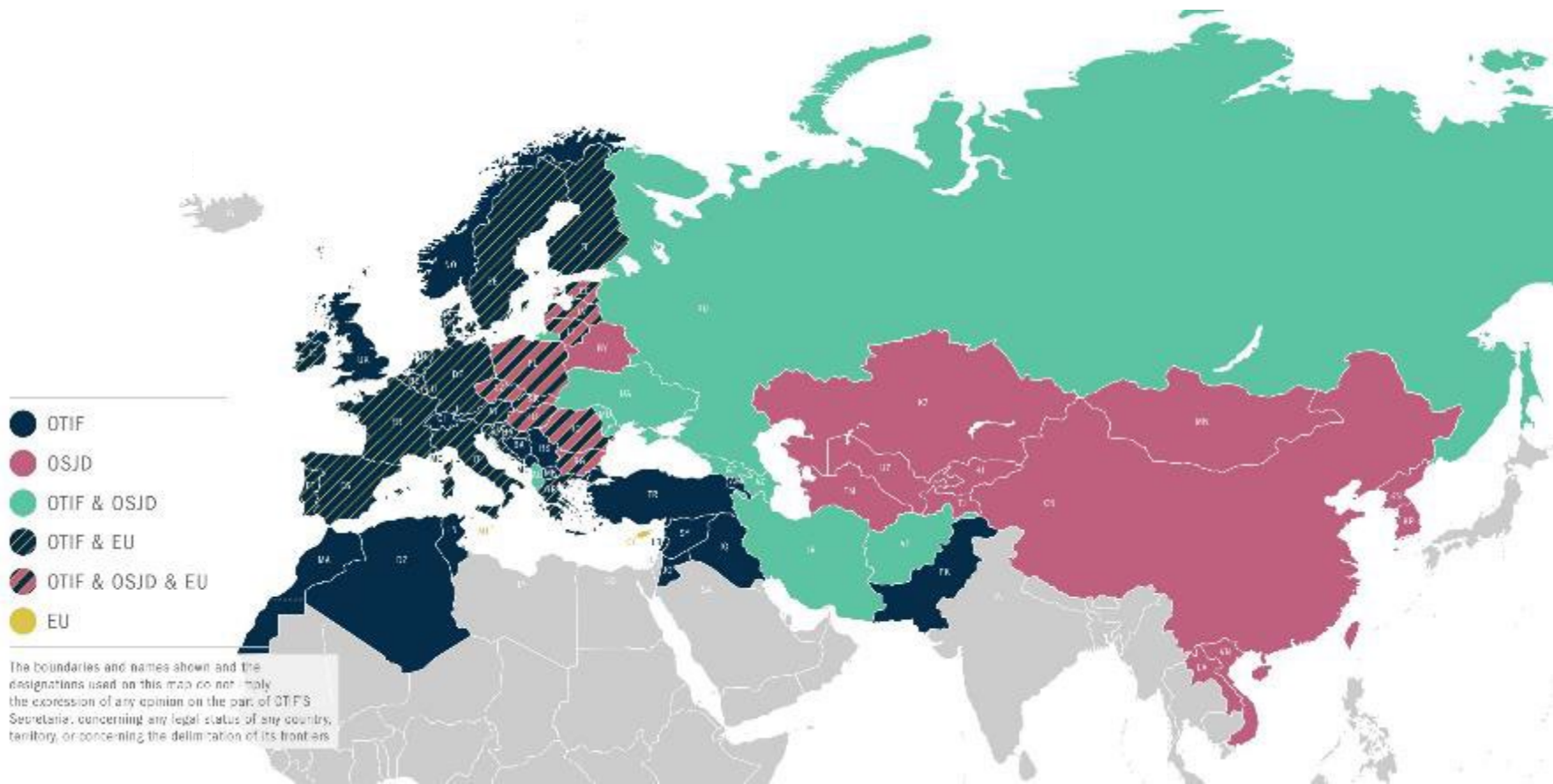
## RID – Annex 2 to SMGS

- Annex 2 to SMGS contains Regulations concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail in OSJD Member States
- Alignment of Annex 2 to SMGS with the structure of RID 2001
- Quicker incorporation of amended RID provisions into SMGS
- Harmonisation of RID and Annex 2 to SMGS to simplify the traffic between COTIF and SMGS Member States



# OTIF – OSJD – EU Member States

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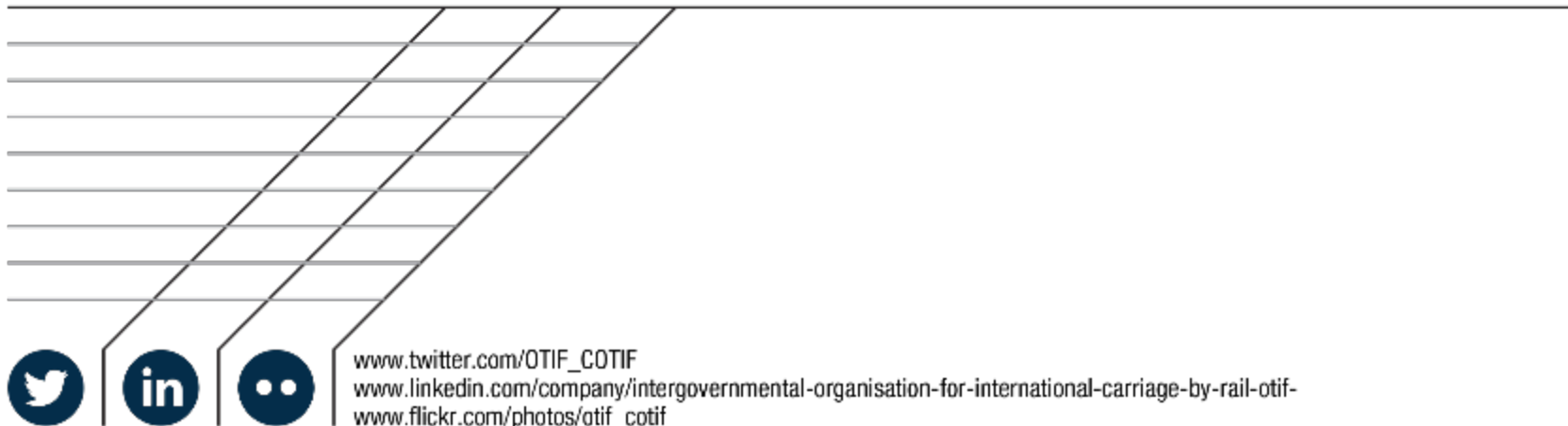


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