

International Rail Transport Committee Comité international des transports ferroviaires Internationales Eisenbahntransportkomitee

# Global Rail Freight Conference Integrity of the logistic chain

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### The CIT

- → 126 railway undertakings and maritime companies as full members
- $\rightarrow$  7 associated members
- → Association under Swiss law with legal personality

### **Objectives:**



- 1. Implementation of the COTIF and European law that has an impact upon transport law
- 2. Standardisation of the contractual relationship between carriers and between carriers and their customers for passenger and freight traffic
- 3. Representation of its members' interests with the authorities and other organisations

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## What our custumers dream of





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## Legal reality



Hague, Visby, **CMR** Rotterdam Rules CMNI





CIM SMGS

Montréal



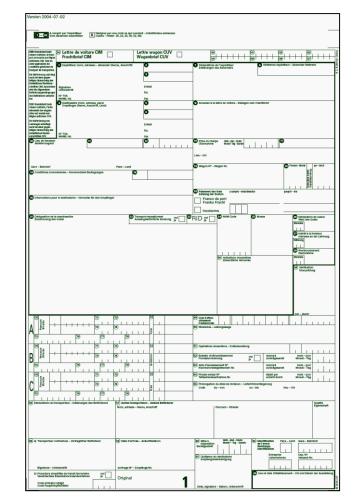
Geneva Convention 1980 on multimodality





### **CIM consignment note**

- Consignment note = only a proof of the contract of carriage (Art. 6 § 2 CIM)
- However, consignment note is mandatory for customs (Art. 6 § 7 CIM)
- International associations of carriers (like CIT) have the task to establish uniform model consignment notes (Art. 6 § 8 CIM)
- Electronic consignment note is de lege lata equivalent to the paper one (Art. 6 § 9 CIM)
- Scope of application of CIM: possible extension to States outside of OTIF





### **Obstacles**

- Need for paper documents in B to A
- Investments and new procedures
- Paper Consignment Note as customs document

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Legal recognition



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