Legal and Technical Interoperability in International Rail Transport: Obstacles and Chances

G. Kafka
OTIF (formerly OCTI): founded 1893, 45 MS, HQ Berne
Languages En, Fr, Ge, Main Instruments COTIF + 7 Appendices

OCR (OSJD): founded 1956, 27 MS, HQ Warszaw
Languages Ru, Ch, Main Instruments Statutes + SMGS/SMPS

EU: founded 1957, 27 MS, HQ Brussels / Luxembourg
Languages 23, COM En, Fr, Ge, Main Instrument Lisbon Treaty, Regulations, Directives, Commission Decisions
OTIF - OSJD Member States

Other OSJD States:
- Mongolia
- North Korea
- Vietnam
- Cuba
OTIF, OSJD and EU Membership

OTIF (45)
- AL
- UA
- RUS
- IR
- EU bilateral agreement

OSJD (27)
- BY
- AZ
- MD
- GE
- KS
- KZ
- UZ
- TJ
- TM

EEA
- BIH
- HR
- IRQ
- RL
- MK
- MC
- MA
- SYR
- TN
- ME
- SRB
- TR

EU (27/25)
- A
- B
- DK
- FIN
- F
- I
- L
- NL
- P
- SLO
- E
- S
- GB

Other Euroasian States
- IND
- J
- MAL
- ROK
- PK
- T

OTIF
1. only between non-EU OTIF MS
2. from EU MS → non-EU OTIF MS
3. from non-EU OTIF MS → non-EU OSJD MS
4. only between OSJD MS
5. from OTIF MS → State outside of OTIF/OSJD
6. only between states outside of OTIF/OSJD
7. from EU MS → non EU OSJD MS
8. from OSJD MS → State outside of OTIF/OSJD
ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHANCES

23 – 25 June 2009: 24th session of OTIF’s Revision Committee

- revision of COTIF Appendices E (CUI), F (APTU) and G (ATMF)
- full compatibility with EU law is regained
- entry into force: 1st December 2010
- chance for withdrawal of declarations by 26 OTIF MS concerning non-application of CUI, APTU, ATMF
- legal and technical interoperability between EU and non-EU MS of OTIF
- securing interests of Non-EU MS by
  - participation in development of TSI
  - dedicated meetings of non-EU MS
OTHER IGO INITIATIVES

UNECE

• Annex 9 to “Harmonization Convention” 1982 “Facilitation of border crossing procedures for international rail freight” adopted in Geneva on 27.05.2010
  – 1st session of OTIF’s Rail Facilitation Committee [15.] November 2010

• Inf. Group of Experts on Unified Railway Law
  1st session Geneva 26.03.2010,
  2nd session St. Petersburg 08.07.2010
OTHER IGO INITIATIVES

OSCE

- OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, Border Crossing Facilitation, Security, Dangerous Goods

ECO

- Railway Committee of the Transit Transport Coordination Council (TTCC)
- Container Trains: Istanbul-Almaty, Bandar Abbas-Almaty, Istanbul-Teheran-Islamabad
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Gustav Kafka

Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

Gryphenhübeliweg 30
CH - 3006 Berne/Bern

Tel. : (+ 41) 31 359 10 13
Fax : (+ 41) 31 359 10 11
E-mail : gustav.kafka@otif.org
Internet : www.otif.org