



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
- 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

# What our customers dream of



# Legal reality



Hague,  
Visby,  
Rotterdam  
Rules  
CMNI

**CMR**



**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
- Legal recognition

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