

Legal and Technical Interoperability in International Rail Transport Obstacles and Chances

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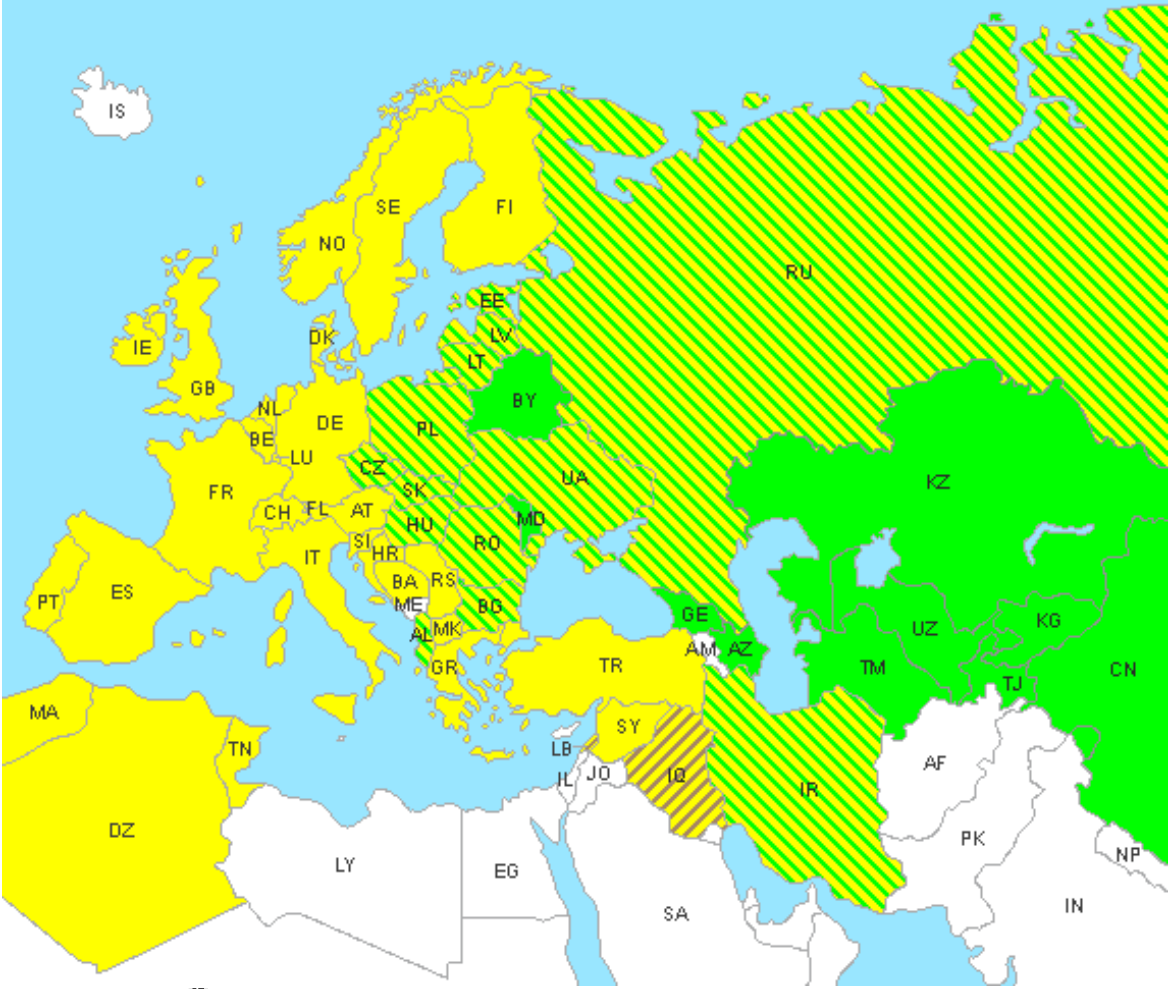
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Languages En, Fr, Ge, Main Instruments COTIF +
7 Appendices





OCR (OSJD): founded 1956, 27 MS, HQ Warsaw
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



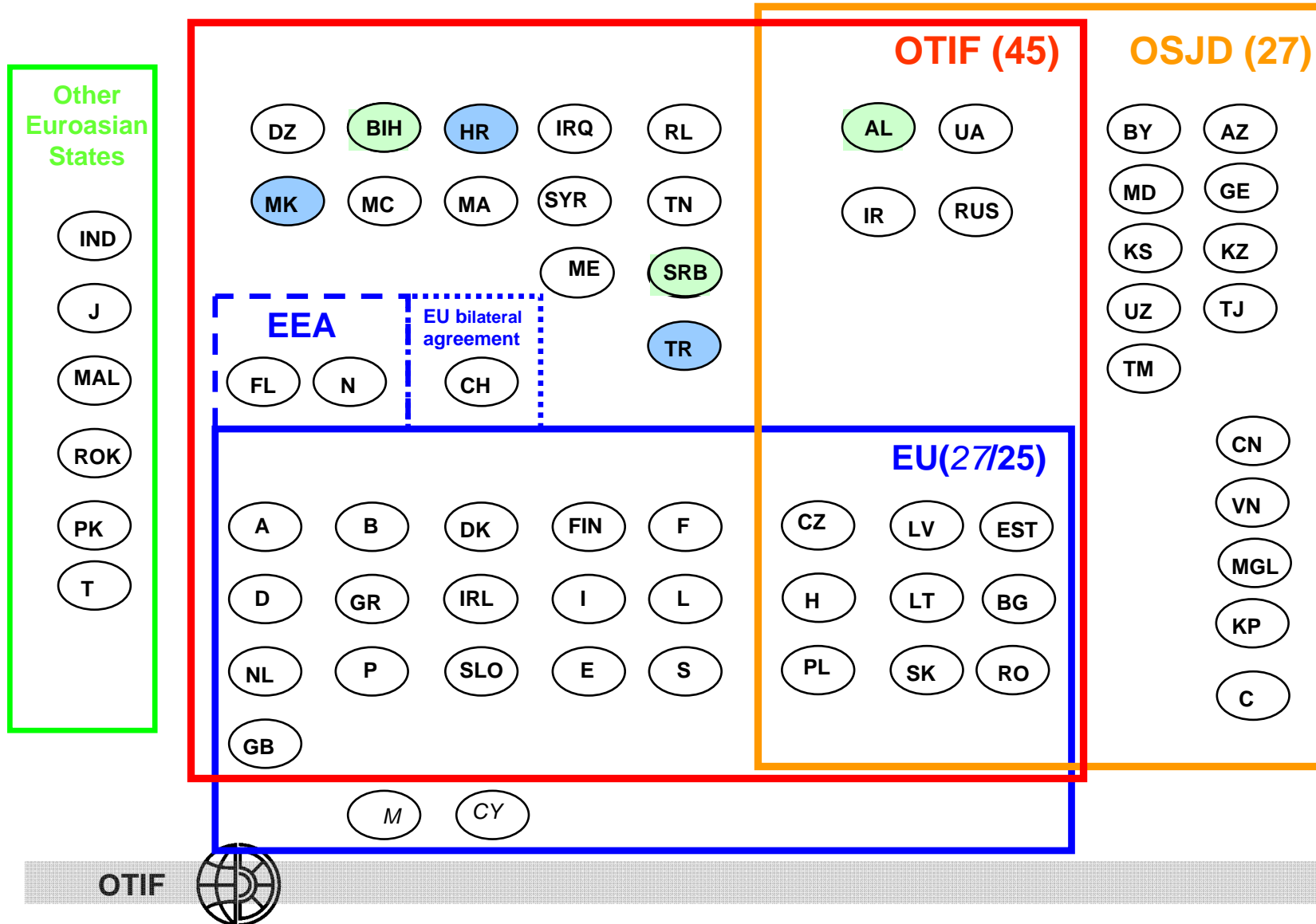
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-  OTIF membership suspended

Other OSJD States:

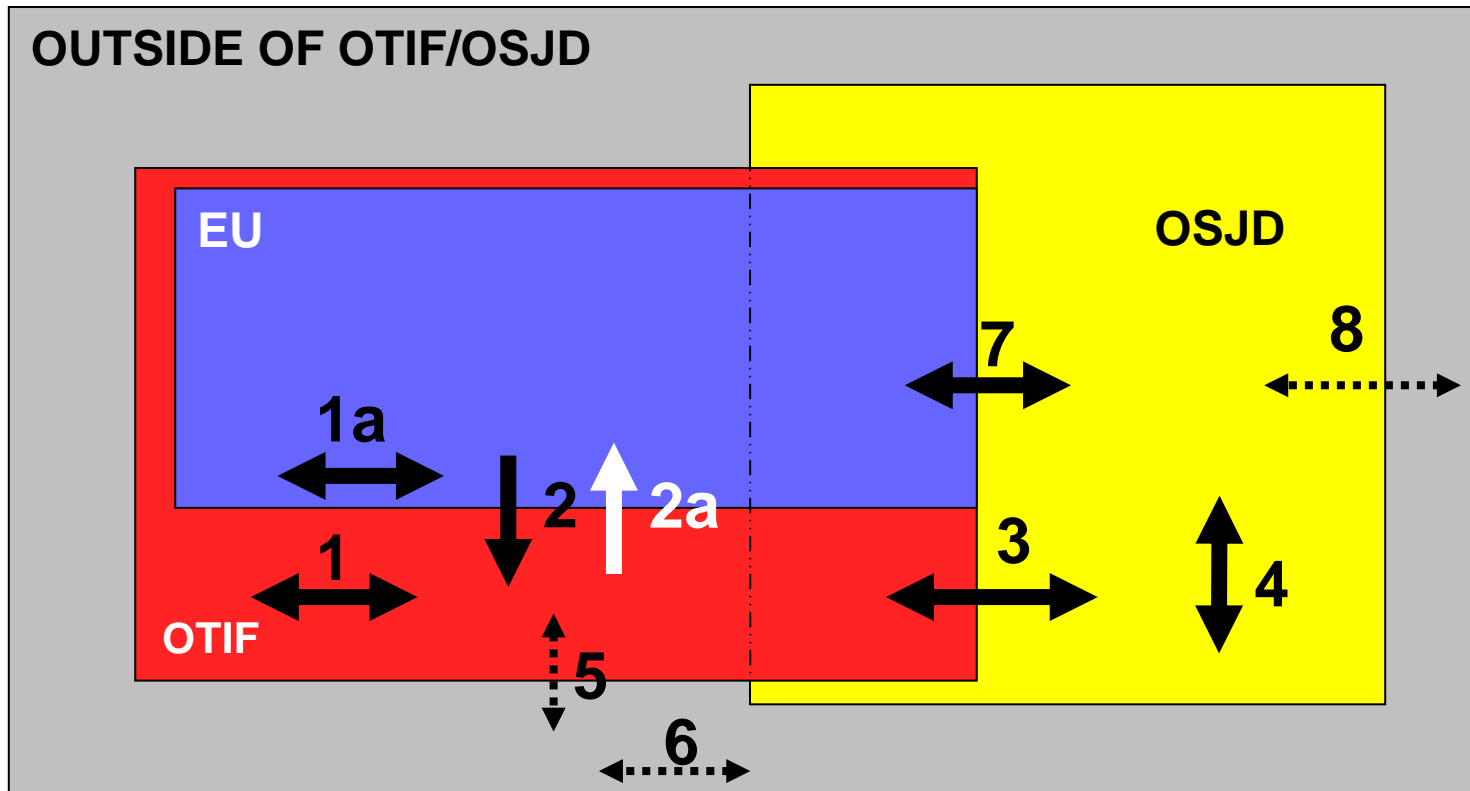
- Mongolia
- North Korea
- Vietnam
- Cuba



OTIF, OSJD and EU Membership



International Rail Transport



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| 1. only between non - EU OTIF MS | 1a only between EU MS |
| 2 from EU MS → non - EU OTIF MS | 2a from non - EU OTIF MS → EU 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 |

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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!

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