Appendix G (ATMF)

Modifications to the provisions

The Uniform Rules concerning the Technical Admission of Railway Material used in International Traffic, Appendix G to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 in the version of the Protocol of 3 June 1999 (Vilnius Protocol) are modified as follows:

Article 3a is modified as follows:

Amend § 5 to read as follows:

"§ 5 An entity in charge of maintenance2 (ECM) complying with the provisions of Article 15 § 2 shall be deemed to comply with the corresponding European Union legislation and vice versa in the case of full equivalence between the rules applicable in the European Union and the COTIF rules according to Article 15 § 2.

The Committee of Technical Experts shall be competent to declare equivalence between the rules applicable in the European Union and the COTIF rules according to Article 15 § 2."

Article 15 is modified as follows:

Amend § 2 to read as follows:

"§ 2 Each vehicle, before it is admitted to operation or used on the network, shall have an ECM assigned to it and this entity shall be registered in the data bank referred to in Article 13. The ECM shall ensure that the vehicles for which it is in charge of maintenance are in a safe state of running by means of a system of maintenance. The ECM may make use of contractors, including maintenance workshops.

The Committee of Technical Experts shall be competent to adopt rules for certification and auditing of ECMs and maintenance functions, including requirements incumbent on the parties involved. These rules shall be set out in Annex A to these Uniform Rules.

All ECMs shall comply with the requirements and assessment criteria laid down in Annex A to these Uniform Rules.

The ECMs for freight wagons shall be certified.

The ECMs for vehicles other than freight wagons shall be certified, unless Annex A to these Uniform Rules permits exceptions.

ECM certificates shall be issued only by an ECM Certification Body accredited or recognised in one of the Contracting States in accordance with Annex A to these Uniform Rules."