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Internationales Eisenbahntransportkomitee

The Eurasian Railway Bridge for Global Trade

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The CIT

- 130 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

Summary



- Context



- GLV-CIM/SMGS



- Paper Consignment Note



- Electronic Consignment Note

Legal reality



Hague,
Visby,
Rotterdam
Rules
CMNI

CMR



**CIM
SMGS**

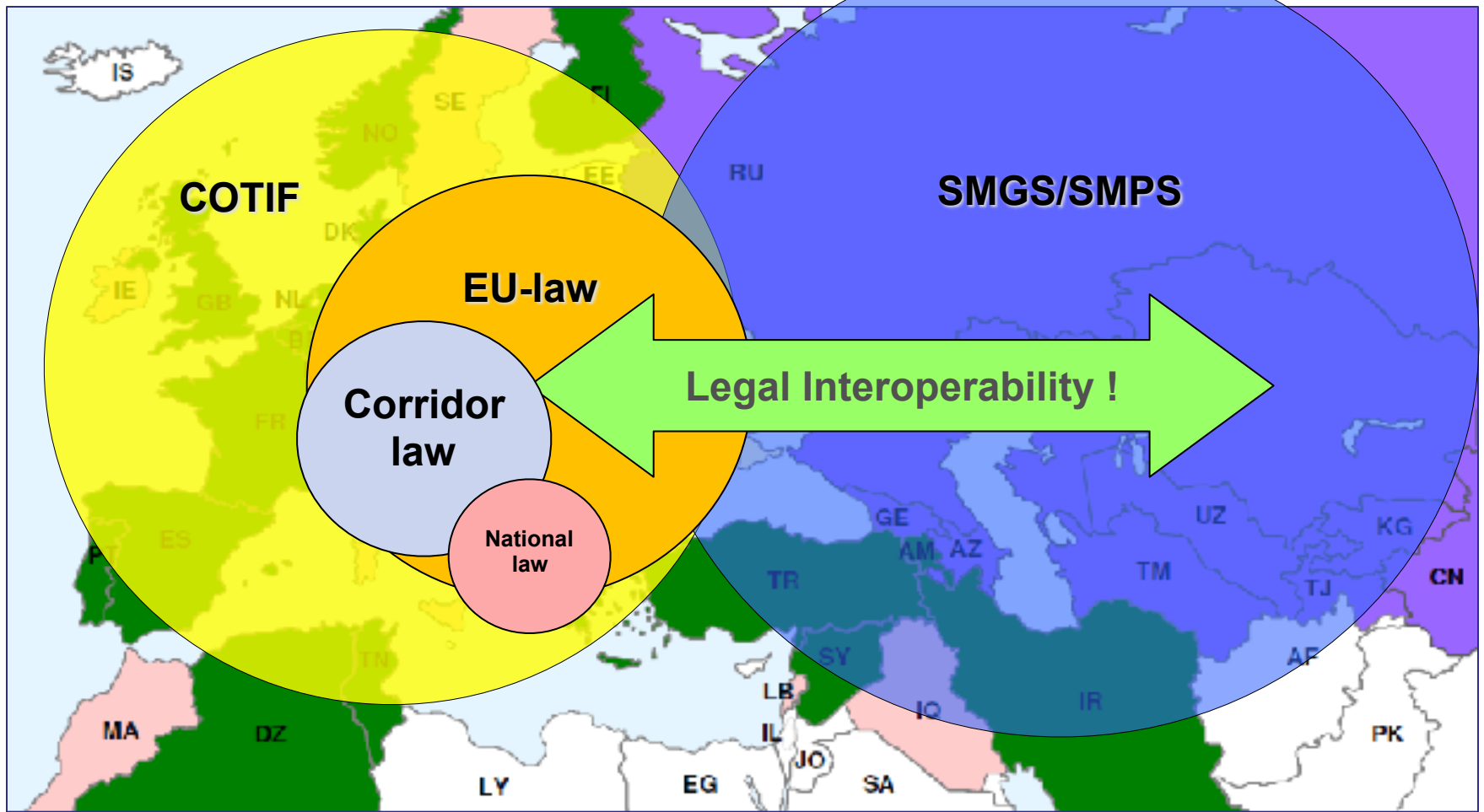
Montréal



Geneva Convention 1980 on multimodality



Legal Interoperability is the goal of the CIT



Why is the legal interoperability so important for the business?

Country A

- Contract of carriage
- Liability
- Transport documents / consignment note
- Tickets
- Claims

Country B

- Contract of carriage
- Liability
- Transport documents / consignment note
- Tickets
- Claims

A



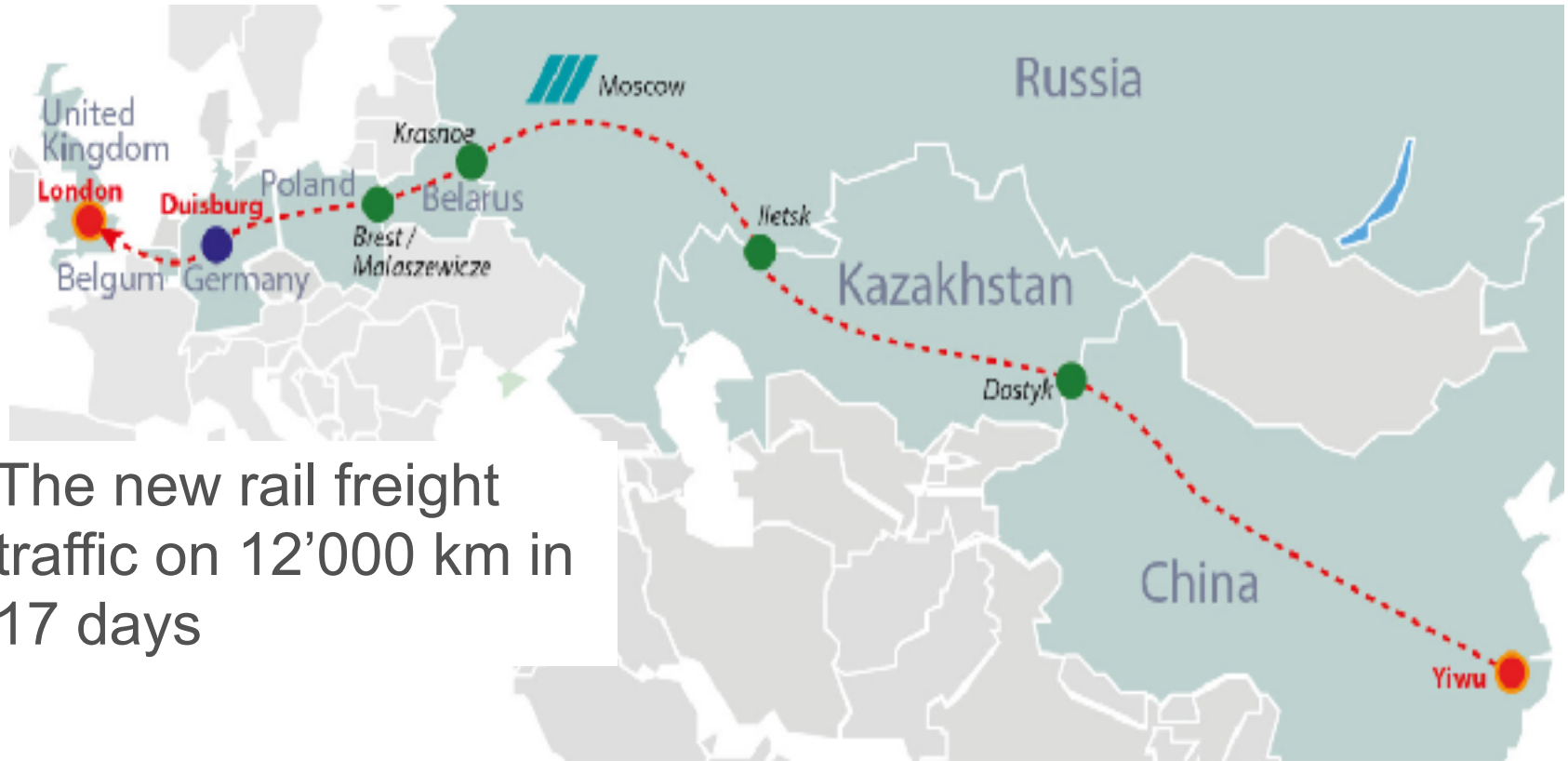
B



- 10% administration costs

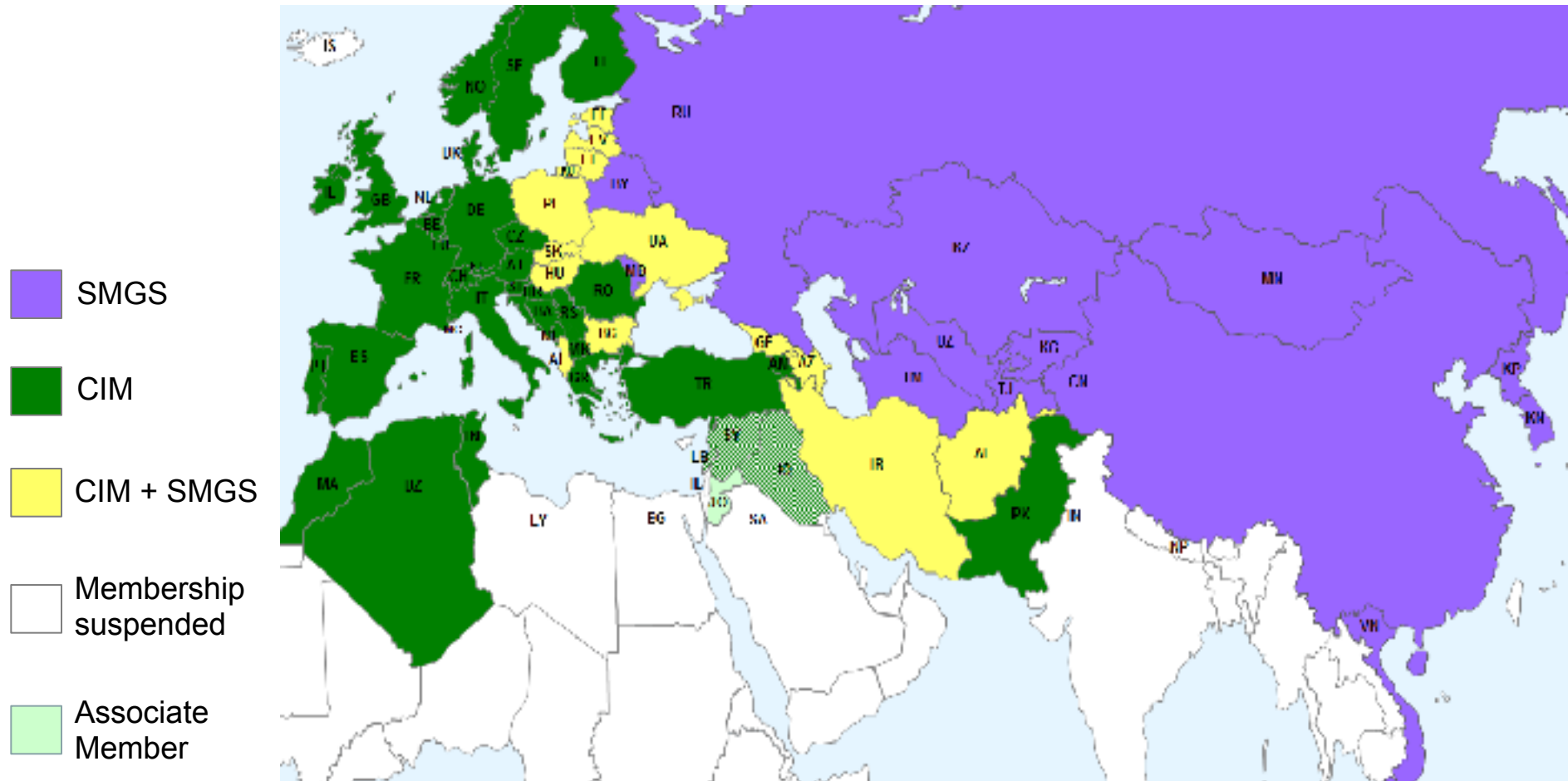
Legal certainty, reduction of legal costs

New EurAsian Land Bridge: Opportunities and challenges for railway companies



Scope of application of CIM and SMGS: Legal Duality

Situation 1st of May 2019



CIT Solutions: Common consignment note CIM/ SMGS: a common project of the CIT and OSJD

Implements both contracts of carriage

Recognised as a customs and bank document

Does not undermine the CIM/SMGS liability conditions

The “sum” of the CIM and SMGS consignment notes

Based on:

- Article 6 § 8 CIM + Article 13 and Annex 6 SMGS
- Layout based on the United Nations Layout
- Key for trade documents

The image shows a complex, multi-sectioned form for a Common Consignment Note (CIM/SMGS). The form is divided into several horizontal and vertical sections, each containing specific fields for data entry. Key sections include:

- Header Section:** Contains fields for the document type (CIM or SMGS), date, and time.
- Parties Section:** Fields for the names and addresses of the consignor, consignee, and carrier.
- Goods Section:** A large area for describing the goods, including quantity, weight, and a detailed description.
- Transport Section:** Fields for the origin, destination, and mode of transport.
- Signatures and Stamps:** Areas for the signatures of the consignor, consignee, and carrier, along with official stamps and seals.
- Footer Section:** Contains administrative information and a key for trade documents.

Common CIM/SMGS consignment note: Practical Use

- for east west rail freight traffic
- on the Eurasian land bridge
- **85%** Container transportation
- **18%** Single wagon load
- **.30 Min** pro Wagon
- further facilitations (wagon and container list, formal report and formal procedure, etc.)
- further legal harmonisation

The image shows a detailed, multi-sectioned form, likely a consignment note (CIM/SMGS). The form is divided into several horizontal and vertical sections, each containing various fields, checkboxes, and tables. The top section includes a header with a logo and some basic information. Below this, there are several sections with numbered items and checkboxes, possibly representing different stages of the consignment process. The bottom section features a large table with multiple columns and rows, likely used for recording detailed information about the consignment, such as wagon numbers, container types, and weights. The form is densely packed with text and lines, indicating a high level of detail and complexity.

GLV-CIM/SMGS - Content

- A. General provisions
- B. Common Provisions for paper and electronic consignment notes
- C. Paper consignment note
- D. Electronic consignment note
- E. Final provisions

Appendices

- 1. List of members applying the manual
- 2. Explanatory notes on the content of the CIM/SMGS consignment note
- 3. List of reconsignment points
- 4. List of the addresses of departments to which applications for authorisation are to be sent
- 5. Specimen of the CIM/SMGS consignment note
- 6. Packaging requirements
- 7. CIM/SMGS wagon/container list
- 8. CIM/SMGS formal report
- 9. List of addresses of the departments competent for the handling of claims



GLV-CIM/SMGS – C. Paper consignment note

CIM/SMGS consignment note (appendix 5 GLV-CIM/SMGS)

- 👉 Materialises both contracts of carriage
- 👉 Recognised as customs transit document and as bank document
- 👉 Does not affect the CIM/SMGS liability rules
- 👉 Combines the CIM and the SMGS consignment note
- Basis: United Nations layout key for trade documents
- Front page: common boxes CIM/SMGS + boxes CIM
- Back page: boxes SMGS
- IT-software for its issuing

The image displays a complex, multi-sectioned form for a GLV-CIM/SMGS consignment note. The form is organized into several distinct areas, each with specific fields for data entry. At the top, there are sections for 'Sender' and 'Receiver' information, including names, addresses, and contact details. Below these are sections for 'Goods' and 'Transportation' details, such as 'Description of Goods', 'Quantity', 'Weight', and 'Mode of Transport'. The form also includes sections for 'Incoterms', 'Insurance', and 'Special Instructions'. The layout is dense with text and lines, typical of a standardized international trade document. The form is presented in a black and white, high-contrast format, making the various fields and sections clearly visible.

GLV-CIM/SMGS –

D. Electronic consignment note

CIM – Principle of functional equivalence (point 21)

SMGS – Principle of agreement between the railways, consignor and consignee (point 22)

EDI agreement (point 23)

Recommendations

- Functional and legal specifications for the electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note
- Technical specifications for the electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note

Electronic Consignment Note CIM/SMGS

Functional specifications:
updated based on the revision
of SMGS



Legal specifications:



Technical specifications:
finalised on expert
level



Coming into force:
1 July 2019



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