Legal Interoperability
CIM/SMGS

Eurasian corridors stakeholders group
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Eurasian corridors: Necessity to overcome the differing statutory regimes
Scope of application of CIM and SMGS

Situation 1 August 2017

- SMGS
- CIM
- CIM + SMGS
- Membership suspended
- Associate Member
Practical use of the CIM/SMGS
Consignment note

MoU CIT and OSJD to promote CIM/SMGS

Increased use CIM/SMGS in 2016:
- RZD by 41%
- UZ by 12%

Accession of China to the GLV-CIM/SMGS
1 May 2017

Central Asia: Accession
Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan?

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Accession of China to the GLV-CIM/SMGS

China’s border points with Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia are open for import and export traffic using CIM/SMGS Consignment Note from 1 May 2017.
New Eurasian railway routes: Opportunities and challenges for railway companies

New container train
Yiwu – London:
12’000 km in 17 days
Legal interoperability: Common CIM/SMGS consignment note

✎ 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
Adaption of the CIM/SMGS Consignment Note

CIT/OSJD Experts Group:
Adaptation of CIM/SMGS Template

Final approval:
CIM Committee - March 2018
OSJD Commission on Transport Law – October 2017

Coming into force:
1 of January or 1 of July 2019
Electronic Consignment Note
CIM/SMGS

Functional specifications: updated based on the revision of SMGS (1 January 2016)

Legal specifications: updated in 2016

Technical specifications: finalised on expert level November 2017

Coming into force: 1 of January or 1 of July 2019
Common CIM/SMGS consignment note: Practical Use

- on the Eurasian corridors
- 85% Container transportation
- 18% Single wagon load
- .30 Min pro Wagon
- 30€ pro Wagon
- further facilitations - wagon and container list, formal report and formal procedure
- further legal harmonisation
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