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## Regulation for the transport of dangerous substances by rail (RTMDF)

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State



France

**3. Department Responsible**

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**3. Originating Department**

Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports et du Tourisme  
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**4. Notification Number**

93/0372/F

**5. Title**

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**6. Products Concerned**

The text presented herewith is in fact a synoptic document containing the RTMDF and RID. When reading the RTMDF, the method of reading indicated at the top of the document should be used.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The draft RTMDF takes the RID as its basic text.  
The chapters relating to classification, packaging, labelling of parcels and to tank freight containers (see classes and annexes I to X) are almost identical to those of the regulation for the transport of dangerous substances by road (RTMDR), which were notified to the Commission on 14.08.91 (date of receipt by the Commission of the notification).

The French technical requirements additional to the RID relate to the following subjects, given in the order in which they appear in the text:

-substances loaded and transported at high temperature (marginal 1 and class 9, annexes X.10, XI.10) - (measures identical to those of the RTMDR)

-protection of foodstuffs (marginal 32, annexes X and XI - (measures identical to those of the RTMDR)

-labelling of shipping containers (marginal 40),

-construction of gas containers (class 2, annex Va) - (measures identical to those of the RTMDR)



-construction of tank freight containers (annex X) (measures identical to those of the RTMDR)

-construction of tank wagons.

### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

In anticipation of the draft Council Directive on the harmonization of the laws of Member States regarding the transport of dangerous goods by rail, the draft RTMDF aims to harmonize national and international administrative and technical requirements as closely as possible, in order to facilitate the free circulation of goods within Europe. The text of the RID therefore constitutes the basic text of the national regulation. However, in view of the inadequacy of the RID, and the fact that in some cases it refers to the competent national authorities, the RTMDF contains additional provisions, taken in most cases from the national regulation already in effect, in order to breach the gaps existing in the international regulation and to maintain the level of safety deemed necessary. In this regard, the competent French authority will recognise the technical specifications in effect in other Member States where these guarantee a level of safety equivalent to that laid down in the present regulation.

### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

RID edition of 1.1.1993.

RTMD: Regulation for the transport of dangerous goods of 15 April 1945 amended by subsequent orders (edition of 1986 amended by correction no. 1 of 30 September 1987, by correction no. 2 of 30 September 1988 and by the 'dangerous substances' orders published in the Official Journal in 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1993).

### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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