CMR and e-CMR
Consignment notes

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The CMR Convention (full title Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road) is a United Nations Convention which relates to various legal issues concerning transportation of cargo by road.

- **1956** – CMR Convention adopted
- **1976** – Model CMR consignment note developed by IRU, in cooperation with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- **2007** – Model CMR consignment note updated by IRU and is now used by most, if not all parties to contracts of carriage in CMR contracting countries
- **2008** – Additional Protocol to the CMR, considering electronic consignment note (e-CMR)
CMR Convention: widespread use

Source: UNECE
### Additional Protocol on electronic CMR (e-CMR)

**Entered into force on 5 June 2011**

- **Latest countries to accede to e-CMR:**
  - France - October 2016
  - Estonia - November 2016
  - Slovenia - August 2017
  - Iran - November 2017
  - Luxembourg - December 2017
  - Turkey - January 2018
  - Russian Fed. - March 2018
  - Moldova - March 2018

**Source:** UNECE
IRU support to digitalising road transport

Greece pushes forward with digital transport
22 Jan 2019
The Hellenic Ministry of Development and Competitiveness is now using digital consignment notes to ease supply chain processes.

Turkey’s accession to e-CMR opens major digital corridor
6 Feb 2019
Turkey has officially joined the European Convention on Road Transport (e-CMR). This move will facilitate the exchange of information and data between Turkey and other countries in Europe.

Iran to use electronic consignment note: e-CMR
13 Nov 2019
The introduction of e-CMR in Iran will improve the efficiency and accuracy of transportation processes.

Benelux e-CMR trial highlights 300 million Euro annual savings
9 May 2019
The Benelux countries have reported significant savings through the use of electronic consignment notes.

Bold move to streamline Russian transport with e-CMR
2 Feb 2019
Russia is adopting e-CMR to streamline transport operations and reduce administrative burdens.

IRU Chief Operating Officer, Boris Belanov, said: “We are enthusiastic about the adoption of digitalised transport tools by countries in the region. This will lead to increased efficiency and cost savings for businesses.”

The additional protocol to the IRU Convention concerning the digital consignment note will enter into force in Iran on 6 February 2019, paving the way for easier and more efficient shipment of goods, facilitating trade and preparing for fully digital logistics operations.

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Russia’s plans to switch to e-CMR is a clear sign of its focus on enhancing trade and transport capabilities as it gears up for the upcoming Belt and Road initiative. The Ministry of Transport has expressed interest in working together with IRU on the practical implementation of e-CMR in Russia to support international transport operations.

While e-CMR has been operational between France and Spain for some time, as well as nationally within the Netherlands and Luxembourg, this latest trial will run between Amsterdam and Copenhagen to deliver fully operational e-CMR from Copenhagen to Sweden.
UN High Level Political Forum - featuring e-CMR
Pilot projects are becoming permanent projects

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