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# CMR and e-CMR Consignment notes

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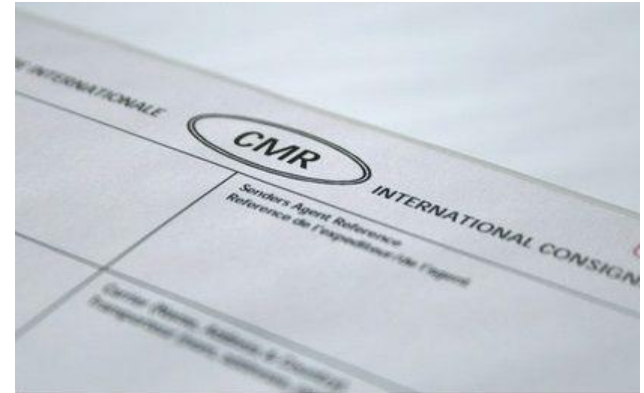
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# CMR Convention: widespread use



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)





# 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

### UN Transport Agreements and Conventions



Additional Protocol to the CMR concerning the electronic consignment note (e-CMR)

#### 17 Contracting Parties:

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey.

# IRU support to digitalising road transport



**IRU**  
INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT UNION  
12 April 2018  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**THE EVENT**  
IRU, in collaboration with its members is bringing together the international road transport community to share digital of cross-border services that will help optimize the sector.

This event will enable transport operators to learn about the most recent requirements on European operations from road transport and customs authorities. This will allow operators and transport and/or business SMEs, as well as network with key international transport organisations across the continent.



Press release

## Greece pushes forward with digital transport

22 Jun 2017 📍 Thessaloniki

Backing for digital logistics is ever growing, with Greece's first national transport operation to use the digital consignment note taking place today.

Putting the spotlight on next steps for cross border e-CMR in the region, the pilot project highlights the benefits of increased supply chain efficiency and greater transparency.

With France and Estonia the latest of 11 countries to accede to the UN protocol on digital consignment notes, this new development for the Balkan region boosts momentum for paperless supply chain data exchange in the near future, rendering transport systems more transparent, accurate and efficient.



Press release

## Turkey's accession to e-CMR opens major digital corridor

6 Feb 2018 📍 Istanbul

Starting with e-CMR and digital TIR, Turkey joins neighbouring countries to establish a corridor for the digitalisation of road transport between Asia and Europe.

Strategically located for global trade as a key transit hub between East and West, Turkey is the newest country to opt for digital consignment notes, with its accession to the e-CMR protocol.

The decision follows last year's successful pilot project on digital TIR operations between Turkey and Iran, and marks a significant step forward for the wider global adoption of digital transport and logistics systems - including for customs transit.



News

## Iran to use electronic consignment note: e-CMR

13 Nov 2017 📍 Tehran

The additional protocol to the UN Convention concerning the digital consignment note will enter into force in Iran on 6 February 2018, paving the way for easier and more efficient shipment of goods, facilitating trade and preparing for fully digital logistics operations.

IRU's Chief Operating Officer, Boris Blanche, said: "We are enthusiastic that the momentum for the adoption of digitalised transport tools is growing fast and this latest development will encourage other countries to follow suit. The more countries using e-CMR, the more appealing the system becomes and the greater the common benefit."



Press release

## Bold move to streamline Russian transport with e-CMR

2 Feb 2018 📍 Moscow

Russia goes for e-CMR Convention, stepping closer to fully digital transport operations with the use of electronic consignment notes.

Russia's plan to switch to e-CMR is a clear sign of its focus on streamlining its trade and transport capabilities as it gears up for neighbouring China's One Belt One Road initiative to boost trade across the region.

The decision highlights the advantages of digital consignment notes with reductions in costs via faster and more transparent data input and exchange. The Ministry of Transport has expressed interest in working together with IRU on the practical implementation of the system with possible upcoming trials.



Press release

## Benelux e-CMR trial highlights 300 million Euro annual savings

9 Mar 2018 📍 Amsterdam

Digital transport is now possible between the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, as transporters in the three countries switch to paperless consignment notes. Announcing the milestone, the Benelux countries launched a trial of the system today.

This is the first time that an international transport has taken place from the Netherlands with a digital consignment note. 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 presage - in three years' time - fully operational e-CMR from Copenhagen to Seville.

# UN High Level Political Forum - featuring e-CMR





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# e-CMR awareness raising







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