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MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT DATA EXCHANGE, DIGITAL TRANSPORT CORRIDORS AND TRADE FACILITATION

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Dear Ms. Tuerk,
Dear Mr. Platonov,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The topic of the Seminar “Multimodal Transport Data Exchange, Digital Transport Corridors and Trade Facilitation” , organised by UNECE and our member Ukrzovneshttrans is fully in line with the current FIATA priorities.

It is for us not only an honour to participate and open the Seminar, but also FIATA considers the outcome of it as a best practice example.

FIATA is the largest non-governmental organisation, represents the international logistics and freight forwarding industry, covering more that 40 000 companies in 162 countries globally.

FIATA main objectives are:

- To unite the industry and represent, promote and protect its interests and
- To familiarise trade and the public in large with the services rendered by freight forwarders

Main factor of interest is to promote the digital FIATA Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading as an important tool within the Digital Transport Corridors as a part of Multimodal Transport Data Exchange.

For these purposes FIATA disposes of its own Digital Strategy from 2019 and also took a decision to move its Headquarters from Zurich to Geneva being closer to many of the stakeholders interested in the cooperation in this field like UNECE and many others invited to the Seminar.

Wishing all the best and success to the work, please, do allow us to give a summary of the usage of eFBL as the negotiable multimodal transport bill of lading which is needed by our industries today.



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Dual document system---FBL + Rail Consignment Note

FBL (negotiable FIATA Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading)

- FBL is a carrier-type transport document designed by FIATA for the use of freight forwarders acting as **Multimodal Transport Operators**.
- FBL is deemed by ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) to be **in conformity with UNCTAD/ICC Rules for Multimodal Transport Documents** and therefore bears ICC logo alongside the symbol of relevant freight forwarders association by country or territory
- It can be used for multimodal transport or unimodal transport. Many forwarders use it in **door-to-door transport**.
- As a **document of title**, FBL can be presented to take delivery of the goods.
- FBL is **widely accepted by banks around the world** for Letter of Credit transactions as it **conforms to UCP 600 of ICC** (Guide for the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits).
- **Over 1 million copies** of FBL are issued every year around the globe

Consignor

Consigned to order of

Notify address

Place of receipt

Ocean vessel

Port of loading

Port of discharge

Place of delivery

Marks and numbers

Number and kind of packages

Description of goods

Gross weight

Measurement

according to the declaration of the consignor

Declaration of interest of the consignor in free delivery (Clause 6.2)

Declared value for ad valorem insurance according to the declaration of the consignor (Clauses 7 and 8)

The goods and instructions are accepted and dealt with subject to the Standard Conditions printed overleaf.

Taken in charge in apparent good order and condition, unless otherwise noted herein, at the place of receipt for transport and delivery as mentioned above.

One of these Multimodal Transport Bills of Lading must be surrendered duly endorsed in exchange for the goods, in witness whereof the original Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading of this tenor and date have been signed in the number stated below, one of which being accomplished the others to be void.

Freight amount

Freight payable at

Place and date of issue

Cargo insurance through the undersigned

Number of Original Bills

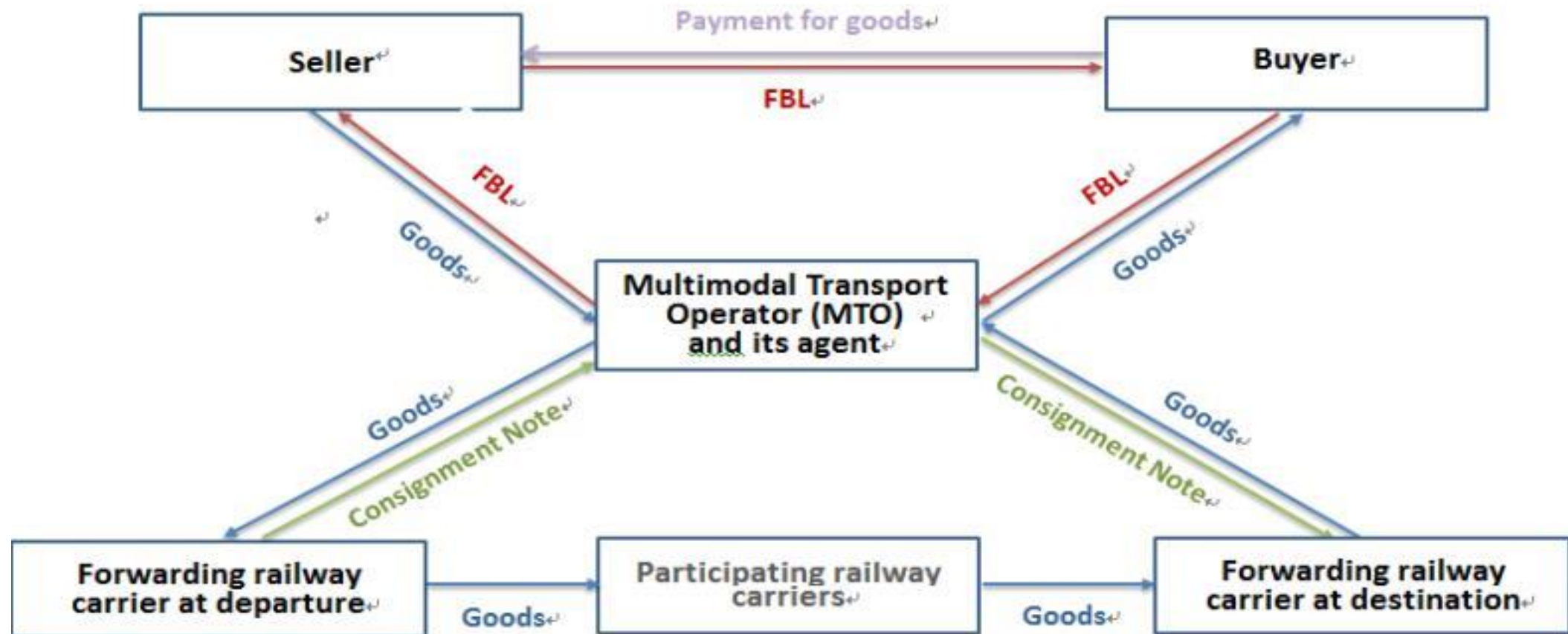
Stamps and signature

For delivery of goods please apply to:



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➤ Dual document system---FBL + Rail Consignment Note:

➤ Advantages:

1. Easier and faster to achieve: current law and rules need minor amendment with much less work and time.
2. The FBL can easily cover door-to-door transport, including first and last mile pre-carriage, delivery and sea transport.
3. More streamlined operation for all stakeholders:
 - Consignor and consignee: only need to face one counterpart (the forwarder), use one transport document (the FBL) and pay one charge (lump sum to forwarder) for the entire transport
 - Railway carriers: face one counterpart (forwarder), benefit from the forwarder's strengths in collecting cargo
 - Forwarder: provide tailor-made services for customers, design and organize the transport, may become the platform for cargo collecting and handling

➤ Obstacles to overcome:

1. How to make FBL well connected with the rail consignment note in the processes of cargo acceptance, possession, control and delivery
2. How to protect the rights of the FBL holder
3. How should the forwarder control its risks as issuing FBL means that the forwarder needs to assume liability as contractual carrier



Thank you!



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