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Monitoring of the finalization of necessary documents

Documents related to contract of carriage relevant to the provisions of Unified Railway Law

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I. Background

1. At its nineteenth session, the Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law (Group of Experts) continued its discussion on documents related to the contract of carriage that are in use under CIM and SMGS systems in addition to the consignment note and which may require modifications to their current formats if they are to be used under the provisions of Unified Railway Law (URL). The Group of Experts sought information on the relevance of those other documents to the URL provisions, and given the relevance of a document, on changes that may be required.
2. PKP CARGO S.A. with support of the secretariat prepared ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2019/9, which lists specific documents related to the contract of carriage, indicates the document's relevance to URL and highlights sections of the documents for which modifications are required.
3. PKP CARGO S.A. identified one more document for consideration by the Group. This current document contains a proposal to add to the list of documents contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2019/9 one additional document as item 10.
4. The Group of Experts is requested to consider this current document together with ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2019/9.

II. Documents

5. Item 10 is proposed to be added to the table contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2019/9, as follows:

<i>Title of the document</i>	<i>Relevance to URL provisions</i>	<i>Modifications required</i>
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10. Accompanying document	Its use can be helpful to the railway undertakings for subsequent processing of goods en route in case when the consignment of which the goods are part cannot be identified (goods without documents)	The accompanying document is to take the same form as a consignment note with the following changes: - Box 37: The description of the document is to read “Accompanying document” and the reference clause is not required. - The box situated next to box 37 of the consignment note and intended to identify the individual sheets of the consignment note is to be blank. See annex
