

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2006/90/EC**of 3 November 2006****adapting for the seventh time to technical progress Council Directive 96/49/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

dangerous goods by rail (RID), as applicable from 1 January 2005.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(2) The RID is updated every two years. Consequently, the next amended version shall be applicable as from 1 January 2007, with a transitional period up to 30 June 2007.

Having regard to Council Directive 96/49/EC of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

(3) It is therefore necessary to amend the Annex to Directive 96/49/EC.

Whereas:

(4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in conformity with the opinion of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods referred to in Article 9 of Directive 96/49/EC,

(1) The Annex to Directive 96/49/EC refers to the Regulation concerning the international carriage of

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 96/49/EC is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX

Annex to the Regulation concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail (RID) — Appendix C to the Convention concerning international carriage by rail (COTIF), as applicable with effect from 1 January 2007.

The text of the amendments of the 2007 version of the RID will be published as soon as it is available in all official languages of the Community.'

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 July 2007 at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a

*Article 3*This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 235, 17.9.1996, p. 25. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2004/110/EC (OJ L 365, 10.12.2004, p. 24).

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 2006.

For the Commission

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