

CIM/SMGS Consignment Note

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experience and practical usage at ČD Cargo

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Two Legal Regimes for Carriage of Goods

- COTIF and its amendments connected with carriage of goods:
 - CIM (International Carriage of Goods)
 - CUV (use of vehicles in international railway traffic)
 - CUI (use of infrastructure)

- SMGS

Main differences between CIM and SMGS

CIM (Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Goods by Rail - Appendix B to COTIF)	SMGS (Agreement on International Goods Transport by Rail)
Consensual contract	Formal contract
Contractual freedom	Obligation to set and publish tariffs and to carry
Consignment note design within the competence of railway undertakings	Consignment note defined in SMGS itself
Consignment note design within the competence of RUs	Individual liability

Scope of International Transport Law Regimes CIM and SMGS



Freight Traffic CIM/SMGS
Situation 1 October 2014



CIT/OSJD Project of Legal Interoperability CIM/SMGS

Phase 1 of Project: Common CIM/SMGS consignment note

Benefits:

1. Reduction of customer's costs for re-consign
2. Acceleration of transport (time shortening at places of touch of CIM and SMGS legal systems)
3. Improvement of the transport process quality by preventing of errors within the transcription of CN data (with large data volumes, those errors in CN transcription cannot be objectively avoided).

Practical use of CIM/SMGS consignment

ČD Cargo basic facts

Number of transported tons	68,6 mil.
Number of employees	7 394
Number of locomotives	825
- Electric locomotives	44%
- Diesel locomotives	56%
Number of wagons	25 965
Number of tariff points	964
Number of sidings	1 048



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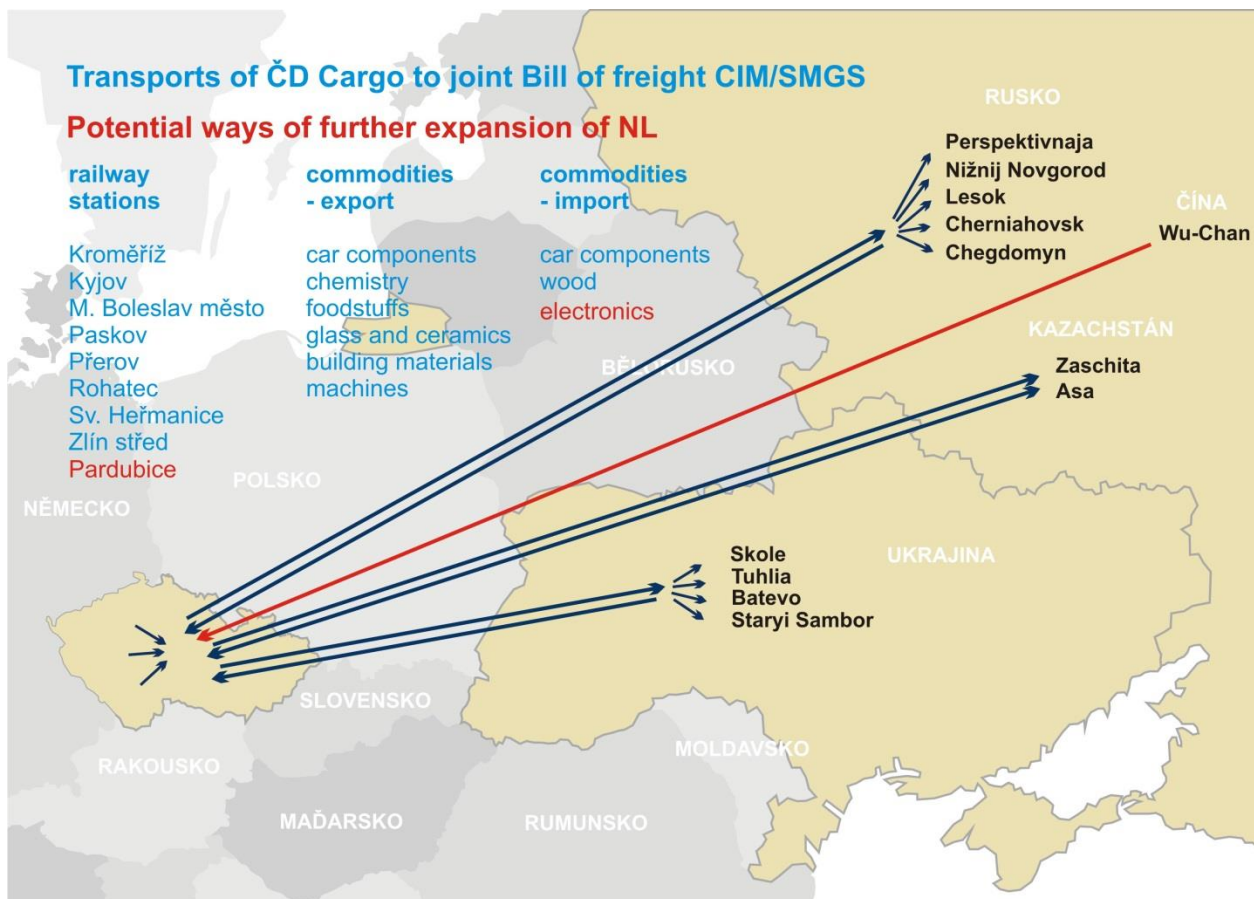
The general procedure when considering the use of CIM/SMGS in practice

- To check in the CIM/SMGS consignment note manual whether railways and states participating in the carriage allow using of this consignment note and also that all routes envisaged are opened for the CN.
- When shipping goods from countries where CIM is used, it is possible to accept the shipment with CIM/SMGS consignment note without prior negotiation and authorization of involved carriers if intended transport routes are stated in the Appendix 1, point 3.3 of the CIM/SMGS consignment note manual.
- When shipping goods from countries where SMGS is used it is still necessary to approve transportation among participating railways.

Practical use of CIM/SMGS consignment

- The aim of ČD Cargo is to extend the use of the unified CIM/SMGS consignment note as much as possible.
- The information about CIM/SMGS CN is available on the internet <https://www.cdcargo.cz/cim/smgs>
- CIM/SMGS consignment note Manual in the Czech language is regularly updated twice per year (last time 1.1.2015). The number of countries that use the new CN is constantly increasing!
- In the beginning of the implementation of new CN it was necessary to authorize every transport with CIM/SMGS CN by involved parties i.e. by customers and participating railways. At present there is no need to negotiate all shipments in advance – the exact rules are described in GLV – CIM/SMGS.

Transports with CIM/SMGS consignment note in CZ



Container train from Mladá Boleslav



Transports with CIM/SMGS consignment note

- In 2014, 25101 consignments were transported with the unified CIM/SMGS consignment note (export 12637, import 12464).
- The most important transport routes are Mladá Boleslav – Perspektivnaja and Mladá Boleslav – Nizhny Novgorod.
- Export to Kazakhstan was launched in January 2013 – thanks to all the participants, including OSJD and CIT.
- In transports, with the Russian Federation, the CIM/SMGS CN was subsequently used (86% export, 89% import) with the Republic of Belarus (87% import), with the Ukraine (1% export, 2% import), and with Kazakhstan (96% export).
- The new CN is very popular in container transports.

Practical use of CIM/SMGS consignment

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Thank you for your attention