Establishing seamless parcel delivery by rail between China and Europe

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COTIF – uniform railway law to connect Europe, Asia and Africa

- 1893 - first international Convention regarding international freight traffic by rail
- Currently - base Convention with seven Appendices covering various aspects of international traffic by rail
- Is international law
- Member States can make declarations not to apply selected parts of COTIF

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Technical interoperability
Extended partnership:
- UPU
- CCTT / OSJD
- World custom organisation
Interface approach for postal–rail transport: use of CIM

Individual Parcels expedition

INTERNATIONAL PARCELS DELIVERY

Originating Postal Operator

INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE BY RAIL

Contractual carrier: To EU border

Carrier 2: From EU border to Chinese border

Destination Postal Operator

Carrier 3: From Chinese border to destination
Conceptual model for seamless international parcel delivery by train

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1. Contract for buying and selling goods
2. Postal regulation including transit agreement with Customs
3. Transport regulation CIM/SMGS transport contract
4. Transit under postal regulation
5. Transport regulation including transit agreement with Customs
Seamless postal–rail transport service Guidelines : open questions

- Define the information to be exchanged at interfaces (arrows 1 and 2) ;

- Contract of transport as custom document (ie : how to build good practices with custom for this particular traffic ?) ;

- Are there specific information to be carried within the CIM/SMGS consignment note in order to :
  ✓ Set up a performance level ;
  ✓ Provide proof of delivery ;
  ✓ Have specific liability/security features
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