

**Amendments and additions to the GCU  
 GCU Art. 14.2**

<p><b>1. Present the problem (with examples and, if possible, figures giving a measure of the scope of the problem):</b></p> <p>Art. 14.2 of the GCU specifies which documents are used for conveying empty wagons. Appendix 3 to the GCU includes paper templates of these documents. No mention is made of using these documents in electronic format other than in the Wagon Note Manual (GLW-CUV).</p>	<p><b>2. Show why and where the GCU is lacking in this respect:</b></p> <p>In order to accelerate and improve information flows concerning empty wagons, the documents should also be communicable in electronic format.</p>
<p><b>3. Explain why the described problem can only be solved through the GCU:</b></p> <p>A legal basis for using the empty wagon conveyance documents in electronic format should be created in the GCU.</p>	<p><b>4. Outline why the problem should be solved as it is envisaged in the proposed amendment / addition:</b></p> <p>With a view to legal process it would be judicious for the GCU to include a legal basis for documents concerning empty wagons, with the CUV Wagon Note Manual (GLW-CUV) setting out their conditions of use.</p>
<p><b>5. Describe how the proposed amendment or addition will help to solve the problem:</b></p> <p>Clarify the situation</p>	<p><b>6. Evaluate the possible positive and negative impacts (operational, costs, administrative, interoperability, safety, competitiveness, etc.), using a scale from 1 (very low) to 5 (very high):</b></p> <p>Improved legal certainty.</p>



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## 7. Proposed text

### GCU Article 14.2

The documents listed below, included in Appendix 3, shall be used when forwarding empty wagons:

- wagon note,
- charges note,
- subsequent orders,
- notification of circumstances preventing carriage,
- notification of circumstances preventing delivery,

These documents may be issued in paper format or recorded electronically.

The procedure agreed on among parties to the contract of use for issuing these documents in electronic format must ensure the integrity and reliability of the information they contain as of the moment they are issued. The procedure agreed on among parties to the contract of use for completing or amending the electronic wagon note must ensure amendments are identifiable. It must also ensure that the original information contained in the electronic wagon note is preserved. The electronic wagon note must be authenticated. Authentication must take the form of an electronic signature or other suitable procedure.

The arrangements for handling these documents in paper or electronic format are set out in the Wagon Note Guide of the CUV (GLW-CUV), published by the International Railway Transport Committee (CIT).

### Remarks:

- *The proposed amendments are based on the draft of a new article 6a in the CIM suggested by CIT as part of the revision of the CIM Uniform Rules.*
- *The content of the 3rd indent could be included in the CUV Wagon Note Manual (GLW-CUV) to avoid adding too much text to the GCU.*
- *At a later stage this provision could be amended to prioritise electronic documents; paper documents will have to be used on an exceptional basis.*