



ATTI Special Group

Agreement on freight Train Transfer Inspections

What is ATTI?

ATTI is a way of ensuring interoperability in the rail freight sector.

The ATTI agreement lays down rules for the transfer of freight trains between participating RUs; these are based on the GCU (General Contract of Use for Wagons). In order to facilitate international freight transport, the participating RUs undertake to comply with the agreement, including its appendices.

The purpose of ATTI is to accelerate international freight traffic between ATTI RUs, and to harmonise and continuously improve the associated rules in order to enable better forward planning and increase the quality and safety of ATTI trains.

Any RU can become a signatory to ATTI (UIC membership is not a prerequisite). ATTI is managed by UIC and has its own Extranet workspace.

ATTI's core tasks include:

- enhancing the Agreement on freight Train Transfer Inspections,
- running the shared quality management system
- ensuring traceability in the ATTI quality database.

The work items determined by the ATTI General Assembly are carried out by an elected Executive Committee.

Advantages of participating in ATTI:

- Agreement is a single, harmonised text
- Single quality management system
- All quality indicators are documented in the ATTI quality database
- ATTI quality database can be used for RUs' own quality documentation
- Improved forward-planning for new trains between ATTI RUs
- Simplified procedure for the inclusion of trains in the agreement using ATTI quality database indicators (where quality indicators from partners RUs are known and good enough)
- Acceptance sampling and transfer inspection at the handover location replaced by quality spot-checks

Some 100 RUs are currently ATTI signatories.

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