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Annex D.1 to the Set of Rules attached to the General Agreement on Economic Regulations for International Road Transport, concerning the consignment note, does not specify that the latter must mention the date of taking over of the goods by the carrier.

However, in certain cases where tariffs are changed or differential charges, surcharges or retaliatory measures prohibited or introduced, if that date is known it may be possible to determine whether the new measures apply to the goods in question, whereas if it is unknown the goods may be denied the benefit of a transitional clause.

It is, therefore, in the consignor's interest that this particular be given in the consignment note. In addition, item (17) of article 2 of Annex D.1 shows, as one of the particulars the consignment note may also contain, the agreed time-limit for the transport operation which can clearly only be calculated from the date on which the carrier takes over the goods; this is also true, incidentally, of those time-limits which run from the date of formation of the transport contract.

The Government of France takes the view that, if the preliminary draft Convention concerning the Contract for International Transport of Goods By Road resulting from the above-mentioned General Agreement were to come up for consideration in the near future, the opportunity should be taken to add this particular to the list in Annex D.1.

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