# CMR Convention | International Road Transport

Overview of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (Geneva, 19 May 1956). This is not the full treaty text.

## When CMR applies

The CMR generally applies to a contract for carriage of goods by road for reward when the place of taking over and the designated delivery place are in different countries, at least one of which is a contracting state, subject to the Convention's specific scope provisions and exceptions.

## Consignment note and cargo details

The Convention addresses the CMR consignment note, contractual evidence, particulars to be provided by the sender, and checks and reservations made by the carrier when goods are taken over.

## Rights, responsibilities, and claims

The Convention regulates carrier responsibility for loss, damage and delay, potential defenses, compensation, delivery and reservation procedures, periods for claims and proceedings, and certain issues where successive carriers are involved. The specific articles and any applicable protocols should be consulted for legal limits and deadlines.

## Mandatory application

Where the Convention applies, its mandatory provisions cannot simply be replaced by general conditions in an email footer. Domestic Italian road transport may be governed by different rules.

## Full official convention - PDF

Open the official United Nations Treaty Series PDF (English). The full convention text and Protocol of Signature appear in this official publication.

Treaty reference: United Nations Treaty Series, Volume 399, No. 5742. Italy is a contracting party.

## Convention text and applicability

The authoritative terms of the Convention and any applicable protocols govern international road carriage within their scope.

For the complete Convention, consult the official United Nations Treaty Series publication linked above.