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Summary

The development of computerised charging for international consignments has created the need to establish principles governing tariff codes and numbering.

The objectives set are:

- accurate identification of international tariffs by means of a number to denote each tariff and used as its code,
- indication of international tariffs within the code system used for tariffs generally.

References in this leaflet to "tariffs" also include special agreements under the terms of *Article 6 of the CIM*, which provide for the granting of reductions in carriage charges or ancillary charges in conjunction with the despatch procedure (e.g. via centralised charging systems). The word "tariffs" does not cover special agreements providing for reductions in carriage charges after forwarding has taken place, i.e. through rebates.

1 - Code structure

Code structure: 6 digits.

Number series are divided up as follows:

| from | to | |
|---------|---------|--|
| 0001.00 | 4999.99 | reserved for domestic tariffs |
| 5000.00 | 7999.99 | international tariffs applied between 2 Railways |
| 8000.00 | 8199.99 | reserved for the OSJD (see Glossary - page 7) for numbering multilateral tariffs |
| 8200.00 | 9999.99 | reserved for the UIC for numbering multilateral tariffs |

2 - Procedures for number allocation

2.1 - Number series 5000.00 to 7999.99

Railways participating bilaterally in an international tariff shall choose their number by joint agreement.

Each of the Railways concerned shall ensure that there is no duplication of numbers previously used in bilateral arrangements in which it was involved.

2.2 - Number series 8200.00 to 9999.99

Numbers are assigned by the SNCB department referred to below, which is responsible for regular allocation:

B-Cargo
Rue du Trône, 60
1050 Brussels (Belgium)
Fax : 32-2-525.8885

2.3 - Number series 8000.00 to 8199.99

These numbers shall be assigned by the UZ. Applications should be sent to the following address:

State Administration of Ukrainian Railway Transport
"Ukrzaliznytsya"
03680, Tverskaya str. 5
Kyiv, Ukraine
Fax : 380.44 223 35-60, 380.44 227 03-23
Tél. : 380.44 223 04-20, 380.44 223 06-15

e-mail: kutejnicyn@uz.gov.ua
ci@uz.gov.ua

2.4 - Special tariffs

Special tariffs created as part of general tariffs shall be coded by adding two digits on the right, from 01 to 99. The Railway responsible for the basic tariff shall be responsible for allocation of these code numbers under all circumstances.

This coding method may be used also for numbering special contracts (see Summary - page 1) if these contracts are based on multi-lateral tariffs.

2.5 - Information to be transmitted by the managing Railway

The managing Railway of the relevant international tariff mentioned under points 2.2 or 2.3 is responsible for contacting the SNCB or the UZ by letter, e-mail or fax:

- either to obtain a number when a tariff is brought into force,
- or to report that a number has been released as a result of the abolition of a tariff.

It shall supply the following information:

- date of introduction (or abolition) of a tariff,
- initials of the Railways party to the tariff,
- address of the department making the application.

The reply to a request for allocation of the tariff number shall always be confirmed in writing by the SNCB or the UZ.

3 - Use of standard codes

The use of standard numerical tariff codes is mandatory for all exchanges of information.

If a tariff is withdrawn, the code released shall not be used again during the year of withdrawal or the following year.

Conditions for the use of these codes are set by the relevant Committees for each application.

4 - Code management

Standard numerical tariff codes shall be managed in accordance with the provisions of *UIC Leaflet 920-A* (see [Bibliography - page 8](#)).

Glossary

CIM

International convention concerning the carriage of goods by rail

OSJD

Organisation for collaboration between Railways

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