

Special Conditions for International Carriage (SCIC)

- for journeys using Non-integrated Reservation Tickets (NRT)
- for journeys using Integrated Reservation Tickets (IRT)
- for journeys using Rail Pass Tickets (RPT)
- for journeys using motorail trains (AT for Auto Trains)
- for journeys using East-West traffic Tickets (EWT)

Conditions particulières de transport internationales (SCIC)

- applicables aux voyages avec des billets sans réservation intégrée (NRT)
- applicables aux voyages avec des billets avec réservation intégrée (IRT)
- applicables aux voyages avec Rail Pass Tickets (RPT)
- applicables aux voyages avec les Trains Autos Accompagnée (AT)
- applicables aux voyages avec les billets dans le trafic est/ouest (EWT)

Besondere Internationale Beförderungsbedingungen (SCIC)

- für Reisen mit Fahrkarten ohne (integrierte) Reservierung (NRT)
- für Reisen mit Fahrkarten mit integrierter Reservierung (IRT)
- für Reisen mit Rail Pass Tickets (RPT)
- für Reisen in Autoreisezügen (AT)
- für Reisen mit Fahrkarten im Ost-West-Verkehr (EWT)



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Summary

This leaflet covers the following points:

- the general principles of the Special Conditions of International Carriage (SCIC),
- sectioning and structure of the SCIC,
- management, decision making bodies and participation,
- certain principles for the relationships between railway undertakings.

Application of this leaflet allows the participating transport undertakings and carriers to apply a common standardised structure for special conditions of carriage to international traffic and, insofar as it is appropriate, to domestic traffic, for:

- journeys using Non-integrated Reservation Tickets (NRT),
- journeys using Integrated Reservation Tickets (IRT),
- journeys using Rail Pass Tickets (only GIE Eurail offers) (RPT),
- journeys in motorail trains (Auto Trains) (AT),
- journeys using East-West traffic Tickets (EWT).

1 - General principles

1.1 - Object

The objective of the leaflet is to standardise the structure of conditions of carriage and of sale for international passenger traffic and thus to allow carriers to respond to the evolving competitive situation in the transport market.

It provides for the application of:

- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using Non-integrated Reservation Tickets (SCIC-NRT) together with the Special Conditions of International Carriage in Night Trains (SCIC-NT),
- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using Integrated Reservation Tickets (SCIC-IRT),
- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using Rail Pass Tickets (SCIC-RPT),
- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using motorail trains (SCIC-AT),
- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using East-West traffic Tickets (EWT) [\(see List of abbreviations - page 27\)](#).

The leaflet lays down responsibility for the SCIC and certain principles for the relationships between railway undertakings.

Carriers affiliated to the UIC (and CIT - see List of abbreviations - [page 27](#)) and their trade associations together with their members who contribute to international carriage of passengers by rail, bus and water, are to apply the leaflet. Carriers may declare that they will not apply the leaflet.

1.2 - Competent bodies

1.2.1 - Forum Personenverkehr

The Passenger Forum is to take note of the decisions of the Commercial Group (CG) in relation to the leaflet and the SCIC.

1.2.2 - Commercial Group (CG)

The Commercial Group (CG) is remitted by the Passenger Forum to lay down the principles of the SCIC and ensure their further market oriented and customer driven development. It is the decision making body for the common part of the SCIC and takes note of decisions made by the working groups.

It is responsible for the development of this leaflet and is to make the final decisions on it.

1.2.3 - Working bodies

The working groups set up for the purpose by the UIC are responsible for maintenance and further development of the SCIC-NRT, SCIC-NT, SCIC-IRT and SCIC-AT. For the SCIC-RPT, these tasks fall to the GIE Eurail and for SCIC-EWT (see [List of abbreviations - page 27](#)) to its Steering Committee.

Details of the remit of the SCIC-NRT, the SCIC-IRT and the SCIC-AT working groups as well as of the SCIC-EWT Steering Committee, their composition and other organisational issues are covered in their internal regulations below.

For the SCIC-RPT, this task is to be undertaken by the GIE Eurail.

In the interests of the greatest possible harmonisation between the various conditions of carriage, the SCIC-NRT, SCIC-IRT and SCIC-AT working groups, the GIE Eurail body responsible for the SCIC-RPT as well as the SCIC-EWT Steering Committee are to coordinate their activities.

Participation in the individual SCICs is subject to the criteria laid down by the competent bodies. Members are listed in the corresponding appendices of this leaflet.

Apart from the above, no special requirements are placed on participating in the SCIC.

1.3 - Management of the SCIC

The Commercial Group (CG) is responsible for managing this leaflet and the common part of the SCIC as laid down in point [2 - page 4](#). If required, the Commercial Group is to create a mixed ad-hoc working group composed of representatives of the bodies or organisations identified in points [3 - page 13](#) to [7 - page 20](#) to draw up proposals.

Management of each of the IRT and NRT working groups and the EWT Steering Committee is to be entrusted to one of the undertakings participating in the appropriate SCIC.

Management of the SCIC-RPT is to be undertaken by the GIE Eurail.

The internal regulations in points [3](#) to [7](#) below cover details of the management of the groups.

1.4 - Publication of the SCIC

Publication of each SCIC is covered in the internal regulations of the working bodies below.

2 - Special Conditions of International Carriage

2.1 - General issues

The following special conditions of international carriage are available for international carriage by rail:

- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using Non-integrated Reservation Tickets (NRT) together with the Special Conditions of International Carriage in Night Trains (SCIC-NT),
- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using Integrated Reservation Tickets (IRT),
- Special Conditions of International Carriage for journeys using Rail Pass Tickets (RPT),
- Special Conditions of carriage for journeys using motorail trains (SCIC-AT),
- Special Conditions for International Carriage for journeys using East-West traffic Tickets (EWT).

The basic structure is to follow the layout below. The structure and the text included apply to all the SCIC unless shown otherwise in the titles.

Any special requirements of particular carriers and/or business units are to be added to the SCIC structure in an appropriate location.

SCIC conditions which supplement those of the *GCC-CIV/PRR* (see [Bibliography - page 28](#)) or derogate from them are to make reference to the *GCC-CIV/PRR* points in question. When derogating, it should be noted that derogation from the conditions listed in *point 1.2 GCC-CIV/PRR* may only be in favour of the passenger, unless the Passengers' Rights Regulation (Rail-PRR) is not applicable (in non-Member States of the European Union (EU) or on exempted rail transport services (PRR) within the EU).

2.2 - Structure of the Special Conditions of International Carriage

2.2.1 - Statutory basis for carriage (supplements *Point 2 GCC-CIV/PRR*)

2.2.1.1 - Carriage is subject:

- to the "*Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF)*" of 1999 and its Appendix A (see [Bibliography - page 28](#)),
- in so far as it is applicable in the various countries and to the services in question, to *Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007* (see [Bibliography - page 28](#)) on rail passengers' rights and obligations (PRR) including the CIV Uniform Rules in the version of Appendix A to the PRR, provided no exemptions have been allowed,
- to the *General Conditions of Carriage for Rail Passengers (GCC-CIV/PRR)* (see [Bibliography - page 28](#)) in so far as the Special Conditions of International Carriage (SCIC) declare that they are applicable,

- to the Special Conditions of International Carriage (SCIC),
- together with the various carriers special conditions of carriage (these include common conditions of carriage for several modes [local transport operators' consortium]),
- to the law to which a carrier by sea is subject and to the special conditions he lays down for maritime sections in mixed rail/sea carriage.

2.2.1.2 - Carriage using tickets for journeys between points within a single country (national coupons) which are issued outside that country and which do not form part of an international journey, are subject:

- in so far as it is applicable in the various countries and to the services in question, to *Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on rail passengers' rights and obligations (PRR)* including the CIV Uniform Rules in the version of Appendix A to the PRR (see Bibliography - page 28),
- to the national law applicable,
- to the *General Conditions of Carriage for rail passengers (GCC-CIV/PRR)* (see Bibliography - page 28) in so far as the Special Conditions of International Carriage (SCIC) declare that they are applicable,
- to the Special Conditions of International Carriage (SCIC) and, supplemented as appropriate, the conditions of carriage of the carrier(s) taking part in providing carriage for his/their domestic traffic. In respect of national coupons, the SCIC-NRT take precedence over the regulations for domestic traffic except where the participating carriers have agreed special conditions of carriage derogating from them.

2.2.1.3 - The provisions in points 2.2.1.1 - page 4 and 2.2.1.2 may be applied by analogy to carriage using tickets which have been issued by a non-participating carrier for journeys between places in the same country.

2.2.1.4 - Introduction of these Special Conditions of International Carriage and their amendment or withdrawal is to be publicised in accordance with the national law to which the participating carriers are subject.

2.2.2 - Composition of the Special Conditions of International Carriage (supplements Point 1.2 GCC-CIV/PRR)

The Special Conditions of International Carriage consist of the SCIC together with those special conditions of carriage of the participating carriers which depend on trains or offers.

2.2.3 - Participating carriers

Appendix A - page 25 to each of the SCIC-NRT/IRT/RPT/AT/EWT shows the list of the carriers which participate in it together with their carrier codes and the addresses of their customer service departments.

2.2.4 - Tickets (coupons) (supplements *Point 4.1 GCC-CIV/PRR*)

Tickets are issued for:

- individual passengers,
- groups of passengers,
- dogs, and
- accompanied bicycles handled by the passenger.

As a function of the offer and/or sales channel, tickets are issued for named individuals or as impersonal tickets.

Pass tickets are always personal.

2.2.5 - Purchase of tickets (supplements *Point 4.2 GCC-CIV/PRR*)

2.2.5.1 - Advance purchase

Tickets are not issued more than two months before their first day of validity. This limit may be extended to six months (for example, to allow seat reservation).

In exceptional cases, the advance purchase period may be reduced (for example, change of timetable or for special offers).

Minimum periods or advance purchase limits may apply to special offers and/or particular services.

2.2.5.2 - Offers which may only be sold via particular sales channels (supplements *Point 4.2.1 GCC-CIV/PRR*)

[On this point, the SCIC are to be complemented as appropriate by the business units NRT, IRT, RPT, AT and EWT.]

2.2.5.3 - On-line sales (supplements *Point 4.1.2 GCC-CIV/PRR*)

If carriers sell tickets on-line, the conditions below are to apply.

On-line sales are made via the internet and, as appropriate, via the carriers' or travel agencies' sales points.

Tickets sold on-line which are issued on paper are to contain a security certificate.

E-tickets which only consist of an electronic record may be:

- electronic data held on chips or other electronic data media held by the passenger, or
- held as a passenger name record (PNR) on paper or electronically (manifest on list).

Payment is to be made on-line for bookings which passengers make via the internet (for example, using a debit card, EC card, stored value card, or credit card such as Visa, Mastercard, Amexco, etc. [payment cards]).