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Preface

Rail transport operations in developed nations are considered to be a HN-provided service. In contingency areas, US rail units may have to be employed to support the theater of operations. This FM sets forth transportation rail doctrine and organizational structure. It is written to explain the functions of rail transport operations service in a theater of operations. It provides basic information for commanders and staffs of supporting units and for staff officers of higher HQ. It is also intended to serve as a text for student instruction and training of rail unit personnel.

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- AMovP2 (Procedures for Surface Movements Across National Frontier).
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