

Introduction of a code system to report defect remarks in the Certificate of Approval

Recommendation adopted by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975, on 11 June 2015.

The Administrative Committee,

Stressing the need for the harmonized and standardized application of the provisions of the TIR Convention;

Convinced that the introduction of a code system facilitates and standardizes the process of informing carriers, Customs authorities in different Contracting Parties and other bodies involved in the TIR system of defects in the load compartments of vehicles approved for the TIR procedure;

Recognizing the importance of providing a clear and unambiguous description of defects in the load compartments of vehicles approved for the TIR procedure;

Conscious of the fact that, often, a noted defect is illegible, due to the personal handwriting, national language or script used by the Customs authorities endorsing item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval and, thus, of limited use to the authorities in charge of endorsing its rectification upon repair;

(1) *Decides* to recommend competent authorities to supplement handwritten defects with a code system indicating the place and type of any defect that has been recorded in the Certificate of Approval;

(2) *Urges* competent authorities to promote the use of this Recommendation and check, where possible, that the codes indicated in item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval tally with the codes of this Recommendation.

The absence of any code in item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval shall not be an obstacle to the acceptance of a Certificate of Approval, as long as the provisions of Annex 3 are fulfilled.

The practical application of this Recommendation shall be reviewed [two] years following the date of entry with a view to ensuring that it meets its objectives.

The present Recommendation will come into effect on 1 October 2015.