



Regional TIR SEMINAR

Hotel Konventa Seta • Riga (Latvia) • 3 - 4 October 2002



PROGRAMME • Day 1

Thursday, 3 October 2002	
09.00 hours	Registration of participants
10.00 hours	Opening of the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address on behalf of the Latvian Customs Administration (Mr. K. VITOLINŠ, Director, National Customs Board)• Welcome address on behalf of the United Nations Organization (Ms. Gabriele KÖHLER, UN Resident Coordinator, Latvia)• Welcome address on behalf of the Latvian Association of International Road Carriers (Mr. V. TREZINŠ, President)• Welcome address on behalf of the European Commission (Mr. Joaquim MARQUES, Head TIR Section, DG TAXUD, European Commission)• Introduction to the Regional TIR Seminar (Mr. Martin MAGOLD, TIR Secretary, Chief, Border Crossing Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE))
10.45 hours	Coffee break
11.15 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and scope for improvements in the short and long term Presentations by representatives of the Governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
11.45 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and scope for improvements in the short - and long -term Presentations by representatives of the national road transport associations of Estonia (ERAA), Latvia (Latvijas Auto) and Lithuania (LINAVAL)
12.15 hours	Open discussion among participants and experts
13.00 hours	Lunch break
14.30 hours	Concrete issues and measures to improve the application of the TIR procedure in and with the Baltic States, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlled access to the TIR procedure for associations and TIR operators, incl. withdrawals and exclusions of operators• Customs control measures at Customs offices of departure and <u>en route</u>• Control measures by authorized TIR transport operators• Cooperation between Customs, national associations and authorized TIR transport operators• Functioning of the international guarantee chain• Improvements in the operation of the SafeTIR system• Miscellaneous Introduction and discussion of concrete issues and measures
16.00 hours	Coffee break
16.30 hours	Concrete issues and measures to improve the application of the TIR procedure in and with the Baltic States (cont'd) Continuation of discussion and consideration of concrete measures
17.00 hours	Role and activities of the IRU in the application of the TIR procedure Presentation by the IRU followed by discussion
17.30 hours	Overview of the activities of the international Governmental TIR organs (UNECE, WP.30, TIR Administrative Committee, TIR Executive Board (TIRExB) and TIR secretariat) Presentation by the TIR secretariat followed by discussion
18.00 hours	Close of the session



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PROGRAMME • Day 2

Friday, 4 October 2002	
10.00 hours	Roles and responsibilities of the actors under the TIR Convention (TIR transport operators, Customs authorities, national associations, IRU, TIRExB, etc). Presentation by the TIR secretariat followed by discussion
10.45 hours	Coffee break
11.15 hours	Latest developments in the international TIR system (TIR revision process, e-TIR, legal and technical modifications and new interpretations, recommendations and best practices, etc.) Presentation by the TIR secretariat followed by discussion
11.45 hours	International Customs control measures based on the International TIR Data Base (ITDB) in Geneva Presentation by the TIR secretariat followed by discussion
12.15 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in and with the European Community Presentation by the European Commission followed by discussion
12.45 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in and with the Baltic States: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and measures considered First summary of the issues and proposals
13.00 hours	Lunch break
14.30 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in and with the Baltic States: Measures for short- and long-term improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conclusions drawn by the competent Government authorities of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania• Conclusions drawn by the national road transport associations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the IRU Discussion among participants and experts Adoption of conclusions
15.45 hours	Coffee break
16.15 hours	Distribution of certificates of attendance
16.30 hours	Closure of the Seminar