

# PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF ROAD VEHICLES

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## LEGAL BASIS

### General provisions

- Chapter III (a), Articles 12 - 14

### Road vehicles

- Technical regulations: Annex 2
- Procedure for approval: Annex 3
- Certificate of approval: Annex 4

### Containers

- Technical regulations: Annex 7, Parts I and III
- Procedure for approval: Annex 7, Part II
- Approval plate: Annex 7, Part II, Appendix 1

**Approval Certificate  
of a road vehicle for the transport of goods  
under Customs seal**

**Certificate No .....**

**APPROVED FOR TRANSPORT  
UNDER CUSTOMS SEAL**

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**TYPE .....**

**MANUFACTURER'S No  
OF THE CONTAINER .....**

## APPROVAL AUTHORITIES

### Defined by national legislation:

- Customs
- Ministry of Transport
- An authorized private company



## TWO PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL

- Individually or
- By design type (series of road vehicles)

## PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL: COMMON POINTS

- Approval certificate is issued for all approved vehicles
- If the owner has changed, the certificate remains valid
- Vehicles are produced every two years for inspection and renewal of approval
- If a vehicle no longer complies with the technical regulations, it should be restored to the original condition
- If the essential features are changed, the vehicle must be re-approved

## APPROVAL BY DESIGN TYPE: FEATURES

- **Granted by the competent authorities of the country of construction at request of the manufacturer**
- **When a vehicle is exported to another country, no additional approval is required**
- **Holder fills in item 1 (registration No.) or, in some cases, item 8 (name and business address) on the approval certificate**

## APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

- Model in Annex 4
- Format A3 folded in two
- Printed in the language of the country of issue and in French or English
- Photo or diagrams may be attached (authenticated by the issuing authority). Their number is indicated under item 6
- Number of seals, if more than one, is indicated under item 5
- Original must be kept on the road vehicle

## MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVAL

- **Contracting Parties recognize the validity of the approval granted in other Contracting Parties**
- **However, they reserve the right to refuse to recognize the approval of road vehicles which do not meet the TIR technical conditions**
- **Contracting Parties shall avoid delaying traffic when the defects found are of minor importance and do not involve any risk of smuggling**

## DEFECTS AND THEIR RECTIFICATION: ENDORSEMENT

- If a major defect is found, the competent authority may either refuse the vehicle to continue or allow to do so under the necessary precautions. In any case, before a new TIR transport the defect should be rectified
- Defects are indicated under item 10 of the approval certificate, while their rectification is endorsed under item 11
- Items 10 and 11 may be filled in by different competent authorities
- Unless the endorsement in item 10 has been cancelled, the vehicle may not be used again for the TIR procedure