



Regional TIR SEMINAR

National Palace of Culture · Sofia (Bulgaria) · 11 - 12 May 2006



PROGRAMME • Day 1

Thursday, 11 May 2006	
09.00 hours	Registration of participants
9.45 hours	Opening of the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address on behalf of the Bulgarian Customs Administration (Mr. Assen Assenov - Director General, Bulgarian Customs Agency and Mr. Georgi Grigorov – Deputy Director General, Bulgarian Customs Agency)• Welcome address on behalf of the Association of the Bulgarian Enterprises for International Road Transport and the Roads (Mr. Plamen Tzalkov – Director General, AEBTRI)• Welcome address on behalf of the United Nations and introduction to the Regional TIR Seminar (Mr. Poul Hansen, TIR Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE))
10.30 hours	Coffee break
11.00 hours	Roles and responsibilities of the actors under the TIR Convention (TIR transport operators, Customs authorities, national associations, TIRExB, etc). Presentation by the TIR secretariat
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	Role and activities of the IRU in the application of the TIR procedure Presentation by the IRU followed by discussion
12.45 hours	Discussion
13.00 hours	Lunch break
14.30 hours	Latest developments in the international TIR system (e-TIR, legal and technical modifications and new interpretations, recommendations and best practices, etc.) Presentation by the TIR secretariat followed by discussion
15.00 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in the Balkan Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and scope for improvements in the short and long term Presentations by representatives of the Government of Bulgaria and from other Governments of the Balkan Region
15.30 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in the Balkan Region: <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 the Balkan Region
16.00 hours	Coffee break
16.30 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in and with the European Community Presentation by the European Commission followed by discussion
17.00 hours	Open discussion among participants and experts
18.00 hours	Close of the session



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PROGRAMME • Day 2

Friday, 12 May 2006	
9.30 hours	Concrete issues and measures to improve the application of the TIR procedure in and with the Balkan Region, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlled access to the TIR procedure for associations and TIR operators, incl. withdrawals, exclusions of operators and application of Article 38• Customs control measures at Customs offices of departure and <u>en route</u>• Cooperation between Customs, national associations and authorized TIR transport operators• Functioning of the international guarantee chain• Non-conformity of vehicles with the technical prescriptions of the TIR Convention• Problems related to the partial application of the TIR system in the Balkan region (Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro)• Miscellaneous Introduction and discussion of concrete issues and measures
10.30 hours	Coffee break
11.00 hours	Concrete issues and measures to improve the application of the TIR procedure in and with the Balkan Region (cont'd) Continuation of discussion and consideration of concrete measures
12.00 hours	Application of the TIR Convention in and with the Balkan Region: Measures for short- and long-term improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and measures considered• Discussion among participants and experts Summary of the issues and proposals. Conclusions
12.30 hours	Distribution of certificates of attendance
13.00 hours	Closure of the Seminar

Afternoon

- Technical visit to Customs premises: Kalotina - Gradina (BG - SCG) Border crossing.