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LOST AND INVALIDATED TIR CARNETS

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LOST TIR CARNETS, ITEM 3 OF TIREX9'S PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Dear Poul,

In reply to your fax dated 6 November on the above matter, please find enclosed some clarifications to facilitate the discussions of the Board in connection with Item 3 of the provisional agenda of the forthcoming session.

Best regards,

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Head of TIR System

Enc. mentioned
1. State of play in 2006

In 2006, the total number of TIR Carnets invalidated before having been issued by a national Association amounts to 1025.

This total concerns actually only three national Associations:

- 1 TIR Carnet concerns the Iranian national Association ICCIM;
- 1 TIR Carnet concerns the Syrian national Association SNC-ICC;
- 1023 TIR Carnets concerns the Italian national Association UICCIAA.

This last number of 1023 TIR Carnets is composed of 450 TIR Carnets which were invalidated because they had been lost between the central office of the national Association and its remote office, 573 TIR Carnets which, as they had not been issued by the national Association within the deadlines foreseen by the IRU Internal rules, had been sent back to the IRU, but lost during the shipment.

It must be noted that 500 out of these 573 TIR Carnets have been recently recovered by UICCIAA and sent safely to the IRU. Cute-Wise will be updated accordingly as soon as the usual physical controls have been accomplished for the concerned TIR Carnets.

2. Historical records

It must be pointed out that TIR Carnets which have not been issued by national Associations are not valid according to the TIR Convention and as such do not at any moment represent an effective risk for the Customs authorities (which are moreover in a position to verify whether the presenting the TIR Carnet to them is duly authorized, control the status of these un-issued TIR Carnets through Cute-Wise before taking them into charge, etc.).

In comparison to 2005, where the total number of invalidated unissued TIR Carnets amounted to 526, and taking into account the above mentioned forthcoming correction, it can be concluded that the figures are remaining stable and extremely low, thanks to the risk management carried out by the IRU and its national Associations.

Indeed the following figures demonstrate that the Risk Management procedures implemented by the TIR Guarantee Chain have contributed to keep such a situation to a very low percentage of all the TIR Carnets issued:

- 2005: on a total of 3.2 million TIR Carnets issued to national Associations, 526 TIR Carnets represent an amount of 0.018%
- 2006: on a total of 3.8 million TIR Carnets issued to national Associations, 523 TIR Carnets represent an amount of 0.014%

However, the Associations and the IRU will continue their work to reduce as much as possible this kind of situation.

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