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Implementation of the intermodal aspects of the TIR procedure

Note by the secretariat, in cooperation with IRU

A. Background and mandate

1. At its previous session, TIRExB discussed at length Informal document No. 5 (2012)/Rev.1, containing a revised draft of a short survey among concerned stakeholders in the transport industry (logistic companies and intermodal transporters) in order to determine if there is a specific demand from the transport industry for a single intermodal Customs document and accompanying guarantee. In view of the fact that the focus of the survey is to trigger information from the transport industry, TIRExB decided not to include national competent authorities in the list of addressees. In addition, TIRExB felt that some of the questions or answers could be considered as biased and, thus, required reformulation. TIRExB also requested the secretariat to closely liaise with IRU when preparing the final text of the survey and when deciding on its dissemination, in order to ensure maximum response from the concerned branched of the transport industry. TIRExB agreed that the final purpose would be the publication of a web-based survey at the TIRExB website (TIRExB/REP/2012/50draft with comments, paragraph 19).

2. Further to the request by TIRExB, the secretariat consulted with IRU in order to improve the wording of the survey. The final draft is contained in Informal document No. 23 (2012), together with comments by IRU. The secretariat will inform TIRExB of the dissemination aspects of the survey, including its publication at the TIRExB website.

Survey on intermodal aspects of the TIR procedure

At the request of the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), the intergovernmental body supervising the application of the TIR Convention, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) TIR secretariat is seeking to obtain more information on the familiarity of the main stakeholders with the intermodal aspects of the TIR procedure. For the sake of clarity when responding the survey the term intermodal should be understood as meaning "the transport of goods under cover of a TIR Carnet in one and the same loading unit or road vehicle by means of using two or more modes of transport without handling the goods themselves in changing modes."

Do you represent:

- Public Railways**
- Private Railways**
- Sea / Inland water ways transport industry**
- Airline industry**
- Road transport company or association**
- Logistics service provider**
- Customs authorities¹**
- Port and inland waterways authorities**
- Other (please specify).....**

Question No. 1: Do you currently conduct (or accept) intermodal transports, viz transports involving more than one mode of transport?

YES / NO

Question No. 2: If yes, can you elaborate in a few words on:

a) the type of intermodal transports that you conduct (or accept) and which combinations of the following modes of transport do you usually use - air transport, maritime transport, inland waterways, rail transport, road transport)?

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¹ IRU comment: we have taken due note of the comment made by TIRExB at its fiftieth session. However, IRU is of the view that, in order to get comprehensive representativeness and a full overview of all TIR stakeholders and persons who can potentially benefit from the intermodal use of the TIR system, it seems appropriate to include Customs authorities in this survey.

b) which documents, other than the TIR Carnet, do you use in order to process the Customs formalities for such transports²:

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Question 3: If reply to the question 1 is NO, what is/are the reason(s) why you do not use (or accept) the TIR Carnet for intermodal transports:

- I was not aware about such possibility
- I only conduct road transports
- Reluctance, because Customs and/or Customs brokers do not seem to know how to treat a TIR Carnet in case of intermodal transports³
- Reluctance, because the difference in contractual regimes and consignment notes between the various modes of transport might impede the use of the TIR Carnet for intermodal transports⁴
- The fact that TIR transit system still makes use of the paper TIR Carnet
- Other (please specify).....

Question 4: Do you see a practical need to develop a truly intermodal Customs transit system?⁵

YES / NO

Question 5: In your opinion do the intermodal possibilities of TIR system require further clarification?

YES / NO

Question 6: If yes, what is in your opinion the best approach:

- The preparation of an example of best practice to the TIR Convention with regard to the use of the TIR Carnet for intermodal TIR transports

² IRU Comment: It would be interesting to assess the issue from the Customs perspective and, in order to avoid receiving vague general replies such as ‘CMR note’, we, again, consider it appropriate to include Customs authorities in the survey.

³ IRU Comment: The word “reluctance” is unclear and should be deleted as it is, in fact, an assumption.

⁴ IRU Comment: The contractual regimes have no connection with Customs formalities. TIR is a simplification of Customs formalities. Moreover, in line with its article 2, the CMR Convention may apply to intermodal/combined transport of goods including sea, air, rail and waterways transport. Therefore, a statement that differentiates between contractual regimes and consignment notes will be perceived by the persons surveyed as inaccurate and unrelated to the subject of the survey (and may, thus, negatively impact the results).

⁵ IRU Comment: This question should, in our view, be deleted as it goes beyond the scope of the practical focus of the survey, which aims at investigating the current use of TIR Carnets for intermodal operations and ways to improve, extend and, in fact, promote such usage.

- Dissemination of appropriate information to Customs, port and inland waterways authorities**
- Other**

Question 7: In case you have any additional comment or consideration which you would like to share with TIRExB with regard to the intermodal aspects of the TIR procedure, please feel free to do so!

Addition comment:

Thank you for your kind collaboration!
