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Central database on certificates of approval

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. At its fifty-second session, TIRExB discussed Informal document No. 2 (2013) presenting, inter alia, a project brief about the possible establishment of a central database on certificates of approval. In order to further assess the feasibility of such project, the Board recommended collecting information on national certificates of approval issuance and renewal procedures by mean of a survey. Consequently, the secretariat prepared the draft questionnaire contained in Annex.

2. The questionnaire does not deal with the procedure related to the rectifications of defects as the notification of defects and the certification of the rectification of the defects can take place in countries other than the one issuing the certificate. Nevertheless, the creation an international database would also allow for the computerisation of this aspect in a very efficient way as all certificates' information would be centrally stored. Moreover, the efforts undertaken by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 (AC.2) to codify the list of defects will also facilitate the computerisation of the procedure of rectification of defects (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/113, para.34).

II. Considerations by the Board

3. The board may wish consider the draft survey and, possibly, request the secretariat to distribute to TIR focal points a link to an online version of the survey.

Annex

Survey on national procedure related to the issuance of certificates of approval of road vehicles for the transport of goods under Customs seals

According to Article 12 of the TIR Convention, every road vehicle performing the TIR procedure must have been approved according to the procedure laid down in Annex 3. A certificate of approval that shall conform to the specimen reproduced in the Annex 4 is then delivered to the transport operator.

At the twentieth session of Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1), in the framework of the discussion on the dematerialization of documents attached to the TIR Carnet, the GE.1 recommended the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), within its mandate to coordinate and foster the exchange of intelligence and other information among competent authorities of Contracting Parties (Annex 8, Article 10 (c)), to study the possibility of establishing, at the TIR secretariat, an international database for the registration of certificates of approval, issued in compliance with Annexes 3 and 4 of the TIR Convention. GE.1 was of the view that such a database would provide further facilitation for transport companies and, once an eTIR system would be in place, allow replacing the attachment of scanned versions of certificates of approval to each and every declaration by a simple reference (identification number) to the certificate, which information would be securely centrally stored. (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2013/5, para. 16)

The establishment of a database for the certificates of approval would provide a unique and internationally recognized repository of information about all vehicles approved for TIR. It will be securely updated by the competent authorities in each Contracting Party and made securely available to Customs authorities.

The objective of the present survey is to collect information on the national procedures related to the issuance and the renewal of certificates of approval. This information will then be used by TIRExB to determine the feasibility of the establishment of such database.

Contact information

Name:

Country:

Email:

Question 1

In your country, in the process of issuing a certificate of approval of a road vehicle for the transport of goods under Customs seals, does the responsible Customs office keep a record of the issuance of the certificate (or copy of the certificate)?

Yes No

↳ Q9

Question 2

Are records kept in electronic form?

- Yes No

↳Q6

Question 3

Are those records centralized nationally?

- Yes No

Question 4

Which software is used by the responsible Customs office ?

- National Customs IT System
- Dedicated application (database)
- Spreadsheet
- Text processing
- Image/picture processing (for the scanned certificates)
- Other, please specify

Question 5

Which of the following data elements are recorded (other than in the form of a scanned image)?

- N° of the certificate
- Authority which has issued the certificate
- Registration number
- Type of vehicle
- Trademark or name of manufactures
- Other particulars
- Number of annexes
- Annexes
- Individual or approval by design type

- Place of approval
- Date of approval
- Valid until
- Holder

Question 6

In the process of renewal a certificate of approval of a road vehicle for the transport of goods under Customs seals, does the responsible Customs office keep a record of the renewal of the certificate (or copy of the certificate)?

- Yes
 - No
- ↳ Q9

Question 7

Are information regarding the renewal of certificates handled in the same way (same software) as those on the issuance of the certificates?

- Yes
- No; Please specify what the difference is :

Question 8

Which of the following data elements are recorded (other than in the form of a scanned image)?

- Place of renewal
- Date of renewal
- Valid until

Question 9

Did your administration consider computerizing parts of the procedures related to the certificates of approval?

- Yes, please specify what has been done or what is planned:
- No, please specify the reasons, if any:
