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Revision of the Convention: Amendment proposals to Annex 3

Amendment proposals to Annex 3

Note by the TIR secretariat

Summary

At the request of the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) at its fifty-third session, the secretariat submits below the text of a draft recommendation introducing a code system to report defects in load compartments of vehicles approved for the TIR procedure in the Certificate of Approval, for consideration and, possibly, approval by AC.2.

I. Background

1. At its fifty-third session, the Committee welcomed Informal document WP.30/AC.2 No. 1 (2012), containing amended proposals for introducing a code system to report defects in load compartments of vehicles approved for the TIR procedure. Various delegations regretted not yet having been in a position to consult with national technical experts, due to the late availability of the document and the absence of its translation into Russian and French. For that reason, the Committee requested the secretariat to submit the proposals as an official document for consideration at its next session, with the instruction to draft the text in the form of a recommendation. Delegations were invited to liaise with national technical experts and submit, in writing, proposals for further amendment of the code list, if any (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109, para. 27).

2. In Annex, the secretariat submits the text of a draft recommendation for consideration and, possibly, approval by the Committee. The code list, as contained in part C of the draft recommendation, includes amendments which were submitted in July 2012 by the European Union. Modifications to the original code list (Informal document WP.30/AC.2 No. 1 (2012)) are presented in **bold underlined and** in ~~strike through~~. Any further modifications will be issued as addenda to the present document.

Annex

Introduction of a code system to report defect remarks in the Certificate of Approval

Recommendation adopted by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975, on

The Administrative Committee,

Stressing the need for the harmonized and standardized application of the provisions of the TIR Convention;

Convinced that the introduction of a code system facilitates and standardizes the process of informing carriers, Customs authorities in different Contracting Parties and other bodies involved in the TIR system of defects in the load compartments of vehicles approved for the TIR procedure;

Recognizing the importance of providing a clear and unambiguous description of defects in the load compartments of vehicles approved for the TIR procedure;

Bearing in mind the limited space available in item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval, contained in Annex 3 of the TIR Convention;

Conscious of the fact that, often, a noted defect is illegible, due to the personal handwriting, national language or script used by the Customs authorities endorsing item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval and, thus, of limited use to the authorities in charge of endorsing its rectification upon repair;

(1) *Decides* to recommend competent authorities to replace handwritten defects by a code system indicating the place and type of any defect that has been recorded in the Certificate of Approval;

(2) *Urges* competent authorities to promote the use of this Recommendation and check, where possible, that the codes indicated in item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval tally with the codes of this Recommendation.

The absence of any code in item No. 10 of the Certificate of Approval shall not be an obstacle to the acceptance of a Certificate of Approval, as long as the provisions of Annex 3 are fulfilled.

The practical application of this Recommendation shall be reviewed [two] years following the date of entry with a view to ensuring that it meets its objectives.

The present Recommendation will come into effect on

Code system to report defect remarks in the Certificate of Approval

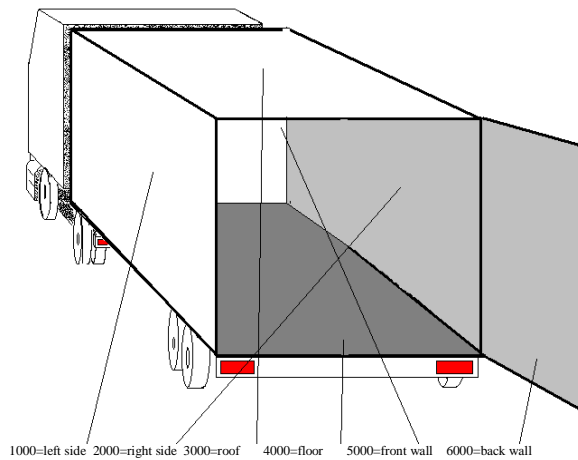
The uniform system consists of four (4) digits code.

The code divides the load compartment into six separate sections: left side, right side, floor, roof, front wall and back wall. In addition, the load compartment is divided into three separate parts longitudinally (direction of motion): front, centre, back. No further subdivision of the front and back wall is given, since the areas to be examined are quite small.

A. First number

The first number indicates the part in question of the load compartment:

1000	Left side
2000	Right side
3000	Roof
4000	Floor
5000	Front wall
6000	Back wall
7000	The defect in question concerns the load compartment as a whole (including issues related to the fastening rope and the Certificate of Approval)



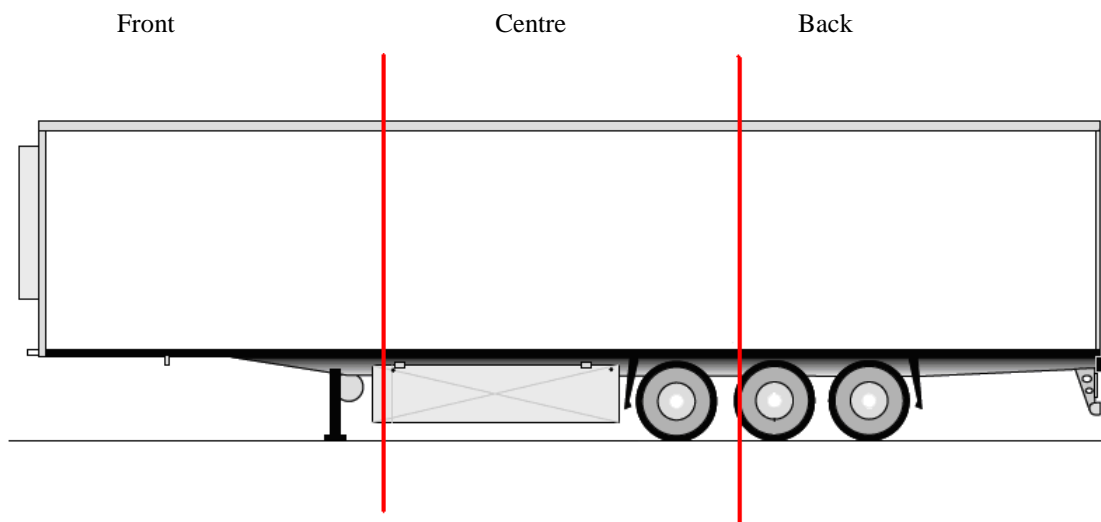
B. Second number

The second number indicates the part in question longitudinally:

0100 Front (e.g. 1100 = left side, front)

0200 Centre

0300 Back



C. Last two numbers

The last two numbers indicate the defect itself. The following are the most common defects detected in practice:

- 01 The (whole) fastening rope defective
- 02 End-piece of the fastening rope defective
- 03 Space between **metal**/securing rings / eyelets too wide
- 04 Reinforcement of the ~~securing ring~~ **eyelets** missing
- 05 ~~Securing ring~~ **Joining devices** not fastened from inside
- 06 Joining devices can be removed and/ or replaced from one side without leaving obvious traces**
- ~~06~~**07 Metal/Securing ring / eyelet missing or defective**
- ~~07~~**08 Incorrect eyelet model [at the upright]**
- ~~08~~**09 Thong missing, too loose or defective**
- ~~09~~**10 Floor fastening not made from inside**
- ~~10~~**11 Hole**
- ~~11~~**12 Sliding sheet, fastening of the guidance bar insufficient**
- ~~12~~**13 Sliding sheet, fastening insufficient**

14 Sliding sheet, 1/4 overlap to the solid part at the top missing

~~1315~~ Strap / ~~hinge~~ fastening insufficient or not secure

16 Hinge fastening insufficient or not secure

~~1417~~ Locking device insufficient or not secure

~~1518~~ Load compartment not suitable for sealing (i.e. defect in design)

~~1619~~ Stopcock / valve / flange / manhole-cover or apertures for ventilation and drainage not secured for sealing

~~1720~~ Certificate of Approval unusable (i.e. certificate is ripped, torn or the text / print is not readable)

~~1821~~ TIR-approval no longer valid

~~1922~~ Vehicle cannot be identified from the Certificate of Approval (i.e. photos, number plate or chassis number are not corresponding the vehicle presented)

~~2023~~ Sheet not repaired from inside

~~2124~~ Overlapping of the sheets insufficient

~~2225~~ Sheet not tightened correctly

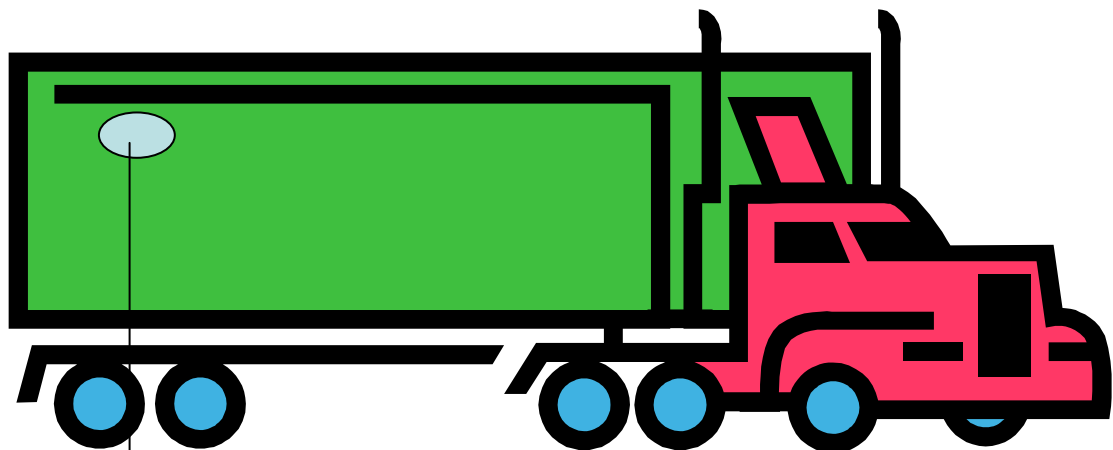
~~23~~ ~~Curve, crease or loss in endurance of the support unit (due to an accident or improper loading of the consignment)~~

~~2426~~ Improper adjustment / threading of the bobbin

~~2527~~ Other defect on the exterior of the load compartment

~~2628~~ Other defect not mentioned in above listing

Example:



2312 = Hole in the back section of right side of semi-trailer