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Informal ad hoc Expert Group on the
Computerization of the TIR procedure

Updates of the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Follow up to decision ExG/7 (1.1.2. Objectives)

Transmitted by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. At its third session on 1 and 2 September 2003 in Budapest, the Informal ad hoc Expert Group (hereafter called the Expert Group) was requested to submit concrete proposals to the secretariat in order to amend Chapter 1.1.2. containing the objectives of the computerization of the TIR procedure. In continuation, the secretariat was mandated to present a revised version of Chapter 1.1.2. to the group at its fourth session (ExG/COMP/2004/1, Decision 7).

2. At its one-hundred-and-sixth session, the Working Party confirmed that the final objective of the computerization of the TIR procedure encompasses the computerization of the whole TIR Carnet life cycle from issuance and distribution via the TIR transport to return and repository and that it should, ultimately, be aimed at replacing the current paper TIR Carnet (TRANS/WP.30/212/ para. 26 (draft)).

3. Underlying document contains the revised version of Chapter 1.1.2, taking account of the contribution received from the IRU to the issue and the latest instructions, given by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-sixth session.

B. CONSIDERATIONS BY THE EXPERT GROUP

4. Chapter 1.1.2. of the Reference Model: replace the existing chapter by the following text:

“1.1.2. Objectives

This chapter gives a brief description of the purpose of the project.

The objectives of the eTIR Project are:

- *Integrating the computerized TIR procedure in the overall process of technological development in international transport, trade and Customs procedures:*
 - *Simple and cost effective data capture and data transmission;*
 - *Facilitation of global intermodal application;*
 - *Transmission of termination data in real time to the international control system.*

- *Improving the efficiency and quality of the TIR procedure:*
 - *Reduction of processing times at border crossings and final destination;*
 - *Increased efficiency of internal administrative and control procedures;*
 - *Increased accuracy and reduction of errors;*
 - *Reduction of costs;*
 - *Elimination of paper TIR Carnet;*
 - *Multi-lingual tool eliminating language barriers;*
 - *Delivery of advance cargo information.*

- *Reducing the risk of fraud and improving security:*
 - *Automatic generation of data for risk assesment;*
 - *Tool to implement early-warning system;*
 - *Easy acces to information for control and risk management purposes.”*

C. REQUEST TO THE EXPERT GROUP

5. The Expert Group is requested to discuss, finalize and, possibly, validate the list of objectives of the eTIR Project.
