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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

Application of the Convention

Heavy or bulky goods

Draft comment to Article 17

Note by the secretariat

1. The Working Party, at its one-hundred-and-second session, requested the secretariat to prepare a comment for inclusion into the TIR Handbook that whenever several TIR Carnets were used, either consecutively (e.g., for journeys with more than four Customs offices of departure and destination) or in parallel (e.g., for mixed cargoes consisting of normal goods as well as heavy or bulky goods), cross references to the TIR Carnet numbers shall be inserted into all Carnets used.
2. With regard to the consecutive use of two TIR Carnets, such insertions are already foreseen by the following comment to Article 28 of the TIR Convention:

"Possibility of using two TIR Carnets for a single TIR transport

*Occasionally, the number of vouchers in the TIR Carnet are not sufficient to carry out a total TIR transport. In these cases the first part of a TIR transport has to be ended in accordance with Articles 27 and 28 of the Convention and a new Carnet has to be accepted by the same Customs office having certified the termination of the previous TIR operation and used for the remainder of the TIR transport. **Proper inscription shall be made in both TIR Carnets to reflect this fact.**"*

3. Concerning the simultaneous use of several TIR Carnets, the secretariat proposes to add a new draft comment to Article 17 of the TIR Convention:

"Simultaneous use of several TIR Carnets

Where the Customs office of departure has accepted several TIR Carnets for one TIR transport, this office should indicate all reference numbers of these TIR Carnets in box "For official use" on all vouchers of each TIR Carnet accepted. "
