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

Application of the Convention

Issues relating to technical provisions

Note by the secretariat

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 1 October 2005, Amendment 25 to the TIR Convention, 1975 entered into force. This amendment, inter alia, stipulates the conversion of the text of Explanatory Note 2.3.9 (textile cored steel fastening ropes) to Annex 2, Article 3, paragraph 9 into a new subparagraph (d) of this article.

II. PROPOSAL BY THE SECRETARIAT

2. In order to reflect this amendment, the text of the comment “Nylon ropes” to Explanatory Note 2.3.9. as well as the comment “Fastening rope” to Annex 7, Article 4,

paragraph 9, both of which contain a reference to the conversed Explanatory Note 2.3.9, need to be amended accordingly. Thus, the secretariat proposes to slightly change the text of the two comments, to read as follows:

“Comment to Annex 2, Article 3, paragraph 9.

Nylon ropes

Nylon ropes in plastic sheathing are not permitted, since they do not meet the requirements of Annex 2, Article 3 paragraph 9.”

and

“Comment to Annex 7, Article 4, paragraph 9

Fastening rope

In the latter system of construction instead of a thong a rope could be used, which could consist of two pieces (see also comment “Nylon ropes” to Annex 2, Article 3, paragraph 9).”

3. The secretariat proposes that the Working Party adopts and the Administrative Committee endorses the amendments to the text of the comment to Annex 2, Article 3, paragraph 9 and to Annex 7, Article 4, paragraph 9. Within the context of their discussion, the Working Party and the Administrative Committee may wish to be reminded that comments contained in the TIR Handbook reflect the opinion of both bodies, but are not legally binding for Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention.
