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

Application of the Convention

Re-introduction of the guarantee for sensitive goods and other excluded goods

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

In annex to this document, the secretariat reproduces a letter from the Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to the Director of the UNECE Transport Division on the re-introduction of the guarantee for sensitive goods and other excluded goods.

Annex

**Letter dated 29 October 2007 from the International Road Transport Union
addressed to Ms. Eva Molnar, UNECE Transport Division Director**

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Geneva, 29 October 2007

**Re-introduction of the TIR Guarantee in the EU for some goods considered as “sensitive”
if transported under certain weight limitations**

Following the commitments taken by IRU and in order to align the TIR guarantee on Annex 44c (“Goods involving greater risk of fraud”) of the Implementing Regulation of the Community Customs Code, we hereby inform you that after major negotiations, the Insurers of the TIR System as well as the EU Associations accepted to re-introduce from 1st January 2008, 00h00 GMT:

within the weight limitations stipulated in Annex 44c, the coverage for transports under TIR procedures on EU territory of goods which were until now totally excluded from the TIR Guarantee in the EU.

The enclosed document recapitulates the list of the sensitive goods for which the TIR Guarantee in the EU is restored under certain weight limitations.

Furthermore, please note that TIR coverage will be fully restored for the transport of bananas on the territory of the European Union, without limitation.

It is important to underline that Tobacco products with HS codes 24.02.10, 24.02.20 and 24.03.10, as well as Alcohol and derived products with HS codes 22.07.10 and 22.08 are still excluded from the TIR Guarantee in all the Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, EU included.

This will be duly reported in the certificates of insurance to be issued for the year 2008 to the EU Associations who will then inform their respective Customs Authorities accordingly.

For your information, the TAXUD receives an identical letter.

We thank you to forward this information to the Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention.

Signed

Martin Marmy
Secretary General

**List of sensitive goods for which the TIR Guarantee in the EU is restored as of 01.01.2008,
00h00 GMT, if transported under certain weight limitations**

<u>HS Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>TIR guarantee provided up to:</u>
0202 10 20 30	Meat of bovine animals, frozen	max 3000 kg
0402 10 21 29 91 99	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	max 2500 kg
0405 10 90	Butter and other fats and oil derived from milk	max 3000 kg
1701 11 12 91 99	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form	max 7000 kg

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