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

Revision of the Convention

Draft amendments on the introduction of a control system for TIR Carnets

Information available in the IRU database – CUTE-Wise

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Note: The secretariat reproduces below a communication transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU).

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^{*/} The present documentation has been submitted after the official documentation deadline by the Transport Division due to resource constraints.

1. The Working Party, at its one-hundred-and-third session, requested the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to prepare a document containing an overview of information available in the International Road Transport Union (IRU) TIR Carnet databases relevant for customs authorities.

2. The Recommendation of 20 October 1995 adopted by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 requested the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to allow Customs Authorities access to the database of TIR Carnets.

3. The Recommendation has been amended three times since the adoption, namely on:

- 26 February 1999 introducing additional information, the page number, that Customs Authorities should transmit;
- 25 February 2000 introducing the Reconciliation Procedure;
- 25 October 2002 amending the terminology according to Phase II of the Revision of the TIR Convention.

4. In response to the Recommendation, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) immediately developed an application named CUTE-Wise that allows Customs Authorities to query a TIR Carnet. The International Road Transport Union (IRU) did not limit itself to providing the sole information requested by the Recommendation, namely information on termination of TIR operations at the customs office of destination.

5. In fact, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) provided access to additional information allowing Customs Authorities to determine the status of each TIR Carnet and in particular to download the lists of TIR Carnets recorded as invalid by the International Road Transport Union (IRU), in order to transmit this information to all customs offices concerned. The annex contains a table showing, in the left column, the list of information available currently in CUTE-Wise, which represents the first element of a risk management tool for customs authorities and associations. Today this tool is already used by 596 customs offices and associations.

6. Furthermore, to meet the Customs Authorities' request to easily access the application without being hindered by firewalls, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) has developed and implemented a new version of CUTE-Wise that facilitates access by means of an Internet user-friendly application.

7. The International Road Transport Union (IRU)'s objective is to provide accurate information in real time, that is to say regular updated information accessible through CUTE-Wise that would be a benefit for all parties. To achieve this objective, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) will have to improve its existing technical tools and at the same time upgrade the existing CUTE-Wise application by adapting its architecture to meet possible new requirements defined by WP.30. The real time issue and the implementation of a new version of the CUTE-Wise application could be effective within 18 month.

8. Additional information exists in the International Road Transport Union (IRU) database which is for the moment not available through CUTE-Wise. This information is shown in the right column of the table in annex.

9. During the same period of time, access to additional information could be envisaged.

10. Finally, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) has some ideas with regard to further information that might be given by the Customs Authorities, which could be a benefit for all.

ANNEX

LIST OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN CUTE-WISE	LIST OF FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE IRU DATABASES, WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
TIR Carnet Number	Date of issuance of the TIR Carnet by the IRU to the association
ISO Alpha 3 code of the Issuing Country	Date of issuance of the TIR Carnet by the association to the holder
Name of the Issuing Country	Number of the holder who received the TIR Carnet (not a unique number like the UNECE list)
Name of the Issuing Association (abbreviation)	Date of validity of the TIR Carnet
Number of Pages of the TIR Carnet	Language of the manifest (27 languages)
Status of the TIR Carnet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the IRU has not yet issued the TIR carnet - the TIR Carnet is in circulation - the TIR Carnet was returned to the IRU - invalid TIR Carnet - no information available 	
Number of Customs termination records and its details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country - Name or number of Customs Office - Date in the Customs Ledger - Record number in the Customs Ledger - Reference number as per the certificate of termination - Date as per the certificate of termination - Partial or Final termination - Page Number - Termination certified with or without reservation - Number of Packages - Customs Comment - Date of the record available at IRU 	

Details on Invalid TIR Carnets

- Used or unused TIR Carnet
 - TIR Carnet expired or not expired
 - Expiry Date
 - Name of the Holder
 - IRU Comments
- Download lists of invalid TIR Carnets:
- Global list of invalid TIR Carnets
 - Invalid TIR Carnets unused within their expiry date before being issued to a TIR Carnet Holder
 - Invalid TIR Carnets unused within their expiry date after being issued to a TIR Carnet Holder
- Download lists available in different:
- formats (Text, Unicode, Excel, HTML)
 - language (French, English, German)
- The download lists with the following information:
- TIR Carnet number
 - TIR Carnet used or unused
 - Number of pages
 - Expiry date
 - Issuing country
 - Code of issuing association
 - Name of the issuing association
 - Name of the TIR Carnet holder
