

RELATION BETWEEN THE WTO TRADE  
FACILITATION AGREEMENT, THE TIR  
CONVENTION AND OTHER LEGAL  
INSTRUMENTS.

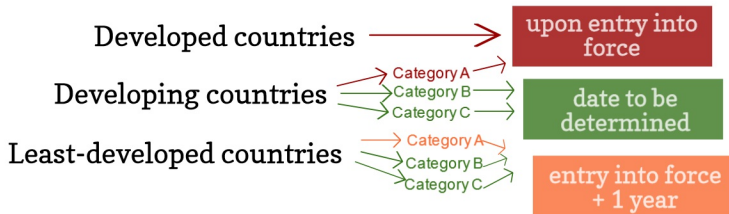
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World Trade Organization  
**TRADE  
FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT**

- Adopted in 2014
- Not yet into force

Sets forth a series of measures for expediting the movement of goods across borders

**implementation starts soon.**



World Trade Organization

TRADE FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT (TFA)

facilitate  
trade

United Nations

**TIR**

Harmonization  
Convention

facilitate  
transit

harmonize  
border  
controls

trade facilitation + border crossing facilitation

AUTHORIZED  
OPERATORS

Art.11

RAPID  
RELEASE TIME

TRANSIT

**TIR**

World Trade Organization  
TRADE FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT (TFA)

ELECTRONIC  
DOCUMENTS

ADVANCED  
INFORMATION

COMMON  
BORDER  
PROCEDURES

Art. 1

NATIONAL  
REGULATIONS

EXPORT  
BORDER HOURS

Art. 7

Harmonization  
Convention

Art.10

ENHANCED  
CONTROLS

RESTRICTIONS

CLEARANCE OF  
GOODS

INFORMATION  
EXCHANGE

TRADE  
STANDARDS

Art. 8

IMPORT  
PROHIBITIONS

Art. 9

PRIORITY  
CONSIGNMENTS

BORDER AGENCY  
COOPERATION  
PERISHABLE  
GOODS

Art.12

CUSTOMS  
COOPERATION

Art. 5

BORDER  
CROSSING  
FACILITATION

CUSTOMS  
CHARGES  
CUSTOMS  
ESCORTS

INFORMATION  
EXCHANGE  
REDUCED  
FORMALITIES  
RISK  
MANAGEMENT  
GUARANTEES



COMPARATIVE  
TABLE

World Trade Organization  
TRADE FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT (TFA)

**Art. 11.9 Members shall allow and provide for advance filling and processing of transit documentation and data prior to the arrival of goods.**



**example 1**  
**example 2**

COMPARATIVE  
TABLE

World Trade Organization  
TRADE FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT (TFA)

**Art. 7 (4.3) Each Member shall concentrate customs control and, to the extent possible other relevant border controls, on high-risk consignments and expedite the release of low-risk consignments...**

United Nations

**TIR**

Harmonization  
Convention

**Art. 19 The goods and the road vehicle, the combination of vehicles or the container shall be produced with the TIR Carnet at the Customs office of departure.**

**Annex 9 (rail), art. 8 The contracting Parties shall endeavour to provide the customs authorities in advance with information on goods arriving at border (interchange) station...**

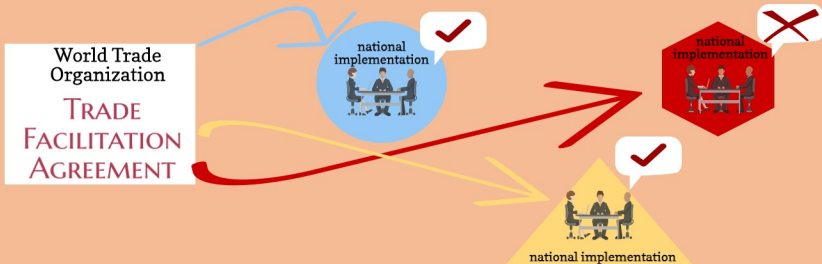
United Nations

**TIR**

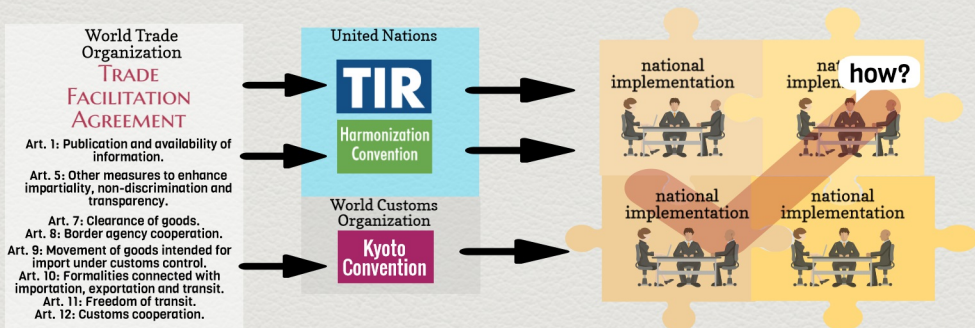
Harmonization  
Convention

**Art. 5 Goods carried under the TIR procedure in sealed road vehicles, combinations of vehicles or containers shall not as a general rule be subject to examination at Customs offices en route...**

**Art. 2 In order to facilitate the international movement of goods, this Convention aims at reducing the requirements for completing formalities as well as the number and duration of controls...**



**UN agreements provide for a practical and coordinated implementation of the TEA.**



## **challenges**

**lack of  
awareness**

**limited  
geographic  
scope**

**insufficient  
coordination**

## **opportunities**

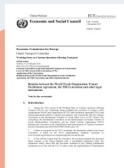
**training**

**geographic  
expansion**

**coordinated  
strategies**

**border  
crossing  
facilitation**

# new leaflet



## COMPARATIVE TABLE

*The* **UNITED NATIONS**  
**Transport Conventions**  
*on* **Border Crossing Facilitation**  
*Benefits for governments*

**TWO UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS**

**TIR** *1975* **Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets**  
Simplifies the movement of goods across international borders.

**+**

**Harmonization Convention** *1987* **Convention on the Harmonization of Customs Procedures**  
Simplifies the movement of goods across international borders.

**ADVANTAGES**

More Trade

- Third countries and guarantees are harmonized internationally.
- Border controls are faster and more efficient.
- Changes management across borders in a faster and more reliable manner.

Intelligent borders

- Planned cooperation for border crossing facilities.
- Increased revenues.
- Markets are more secure and controls are more efficient.



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