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It's just happened …

The TIR system goes East

Over 60 countries in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, are already members of the UNECE administered TIR system, which every year facilitates around 3 million international transports under TIR Carnets. With a view to enhancing the implementation of the TIR Convention as well as to encourage further countries to join the Convention, a sub-regional seminar on the TIR system was held in Beijing (China) on 22-23 September, organized by UNECE together with UNESCAP and the Chinese Ministry of Communication, for member and observer countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

The TIR system provides important value for Asian countries. It facilitates bilateral Customs transit development between neighbouring countries but the success of the TIR system relies on effective and strict implementation, including adequate Customs control measures to combat fraud and implementation of risk management systems. The meeting agreed that countries in the region would benefit from additional capacity building and training, including partnership building with existing TIR countries.

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