



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975**

TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)

Thirty-seventh session, 6 October 2008

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIRExB)
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 hours on Monday, 6 October
2008**

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The TIRExB may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda of its session (TIRExB/AGE/2008/37).

**2. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF
THE TIRExB**

The Board may wish to adopt the report of its thirty-sixth session (Geneva, 14 and 15 May 2008) on the basis of document TIRExB/REP/2007/36draft as well as comments transmitted by TIRExB members.

**3. POSSIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING A TIR TRANSPORT WHEN A TRACTOR
UNIT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE TIR CARNET HOLDER**

The secretariat will inform the Board about the preliminary results of the questionnaire regarding the use of the so-called subcontractors at the national level, which was sent to Customs administrations and national associations. The deadline for response to the questionnaire is set at 15 September 2008.

4. BEST PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF THE TIR CARNET

At its previous session, the TIRExB considered a revised example of best practices (Informal document No.5 (2007)/Rev.4) and decided to submit the document to the October

2008 session of the TIR Administrative Committee for consideration so that all the Contracting Parties will have an opportunity to comment on the example of best practices before it is published in the next edition of the TIR Handbook (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2008/8). The Board also recalled that pending publication, it would tackle two additional issues identified at the previous session:

- use of the TIR Carnet in the course of multimodal transport operations;
- use of the TIR Carnet in case a Customs office of entry (en route) refuses the TIR transport to enter its country if the goods are prohibited for importation and, therefore, should be returned to the previous country (TIRExB/REP/2008/36draft, para. 8).

The Board may wish to hold first discussions on the above issues on the basis of Informal document No. 5 (2208), prepared by the secretariat.

5. MONITORING THE PRICE OF TIR CARNETS

The secretariat will inform the Board about the preliminary results of the questionnaire regarding the price of TIR Carnets at the national level, which was sent to national associations. The deadline for response to the questionnaire is set at 1 October 2008.

6. APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD VEHICLES

At its previous session, the TIRExB was informed that the Belarusian authorities were considering the preliminary conclusions by the Board (TIRExB/REP/2007/35/ paras. 19-21). The TIRExB may wish to consider further comments, if any, from Belarus on the issue.

7. CURRENT STATUS OF THE eTIR PROJECT

In line with its standing request, the Board will be informed about current status of the eTIR Project.

8. APPLICATION OF ARTICLES 39 AND 40 OF THE CONVENTION

At its previous session, the Board held a first exchange of views concerning Informal document No. 4 (2008)/Rev.1 by the European Community, proposing modifications to the examples of best practice. In particular, the Board felt that situation No. 4 should be replaced by an alternative example rather than be simply deleted from the text. The members of the Board were invited to transmit their comments and/or proposals before 15 July 2008 and, on that basis, the secretariat was requested to prepare a revised example of best practice for consideration at the next session (TIRExB/REP/2008/36draft, para. 17).

Based on comments/proposals from its members, the Board may wish to discuss Informal document No. 6 (2008), prepared by the secretariat.

9. BUDGET PROPOSAL AND COST PLAN OF THE TIREXB AND THE TIR SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR 2009

The TIRExB may wish to consider and, possibly, endorse the budget proposal and cost plan for the operation of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat for the year 2009, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2008/7. Any modification by the TIRExB to the this document will be submitted as corrigendum to the Administrative Committee.

Within the context of its discussions, the TIRExB may wish to take account of documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2008/5, containing the report on the complete and final accounts for 2007 of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2008/6, containing the interim financial statements for 2008.

10. MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF THE EDI CONTROL SYSTEM FOR TIR CARNETS

The TIRExB may wish to recollect that, at its thirty-second session, it had decided, as part of its programme of work for the year 2007-2008, to monitor the application of the EDI system for TIR Carnets. The TIRExB had identified the following activities:

- continue activities, in cooperation with IRU, towards the full implementation of an international EDI control system for TIR Carnets, as foreseen by Annex 10 to the TIR Convention;
- Monitor performance and give feedback to the Contracting Parties;
- Study how the EDI control system for TIR Carnets is being used by the national issuing associations for the purpose of fraud prevention (TIRExB/REP.2007/32, Annex 1, under 8).

The TIRExB may wish to consider Informal document No. 7 (2008), prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the IRU, containing a summary of the actual performance by Contracting Parties and providing some preliminary considerations on the use of the EDI control system for TIR Carnets by national issuing associations for the purpose of fraud prevention. Within the context of this issue, the TIRExB may also wish to consult with the WP.30, which has included a review of Annex 10 of the Convention into its work programme for 2008 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/236, Annex).

The TIRExB may wish to give guidance to the secretariat how to pursue the monitoring of the EDI control system.

11. REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TIRExB

In view of the fact that the term of office of the present composition of the TIRExB expires at the beginning of 2009, the Board may wish to initiate a review of its programme of work for 2007 and 2008 (TIRExB/REP/2007/31, Annex 1).

12. NATIONAL CONTROL MEASURES

The TIRExB may wish to take note of Informal document No. 7 (2008), submitted by the secretariat and reproducing an exchange of letters between the UNECE secretariat and the European Commission on the application of Article 42bis of the TIR Convention.

13. ACTIVITIES OF THE TIR SECRETARIAT

The Board will be informed about the activities of the TIR secretariat that have been carried out in accordance with its mandate, in particular:

- follow-up actions to the previous decisions by the TIRExB;
- maintenance of the ITDB and the current status of data transmission by the Contracting Parties;
- IT-projects managed by the secretariat, such as the ITDBonline+ and on-line UNECE Register of Customs Sealing Devices and Customs Stamps;
- TIR training seminars.

14. OTHER MATTERS

The TIRExB may wish to consider any other matter falling within its competence.

15. RESTRICTION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The TIRExB may wish to decide whether there should be any restrictions with respect to the distribution of documents related to the current session.

16. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSIONS

The Board may wish to decide on the date and venue for its next session.
