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Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975):

Revision of the Convention:

Amendment proposals to the Convention

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Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. At its 142nd session, the Working Party decided to adopt proposals:
 - to align Article 6, paragraph 1, Explanatory Note 0.6.2. and Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 1 with the already adopted wording of Article 1 (q): for customs authorities read customs authorities or other competent authorities (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/127, para. 32);
 - To replace “approved” by “authorized” throughout the text of the Convention, where it concerns the status of national associations.

and requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated document with the adopted amendments for final review at the current session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/284, paras. 12–13).

2. The consolidated proposals are in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2016/7, for final review by the Working Party.

II. Considerations by the Working Party

3. The Working Party is invited to approve the amendment proposals, as contained in Annex 1 and forward them to the TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2). For easy of



understanding, the secretariat also reproduces the full amended text of the same proposals in ***underlined bold italics*** and ~~striketrough~~ in Annex 2 of the document.

Annex I

Consolidated list of proposals adopted by the Working Party

Article 3 (b), line 1

For approved read authorized

Article 6, paragraph 1, line 1

For Each Contracting Party read The customs authorities or other competent authorities of a Contracting Party

Article 6, paragraph 2, line 1

For approved read authorized

Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.6.2, line 1

After customs authorities insert or other competent authorities

[Alternatively:

For the customs authorities of a country read customs authorities or other competent authorities of a Contracting Party]

Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.6.2, line 2

For approved read authorized

Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 1, line 2

For Contracting Parties read customs authorities or other competent authorities of a Contracting Party

Annex 9, Part II, Procedure, Model Authorization Form, paragraph 1, line 2

For approved read authorized

Annex II

Full text of amended provisions of the TIR Convention

Article 3 (b)

“the transport operations must be guaranteed by associations ~~authorized~~ approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 and must be performed under cover of a TIR Carnet, which shall conform to the model reproduced in Annex 1 to this Convention.”

Article 6, paragraph 1

“~~The customs authorities or other competent authorities of a~~ Each Contracting Party may authorize associations to issue TIR Carnets, either directly or through corresponding associations, and to act as guarantors, as long as the [minimum¹] conditions and requirements, as laid down in Annex 9, Part 1, are complied with. The authorization shall be revoked if the [minimum] conditions and requirements contained in Annex 9, Part I are no longer fulfilled.”

Article 6, paragraph 2

An association shall not be ~~authorized~~ approved in any country unless its guarantee also covers the liabilities incurred in that country in connection with operations under cover of TIR Carnets issued by foreign associations affiliated to the same international organization as that to which it is itself affiliated.”

Annex 6, Explanatory Note to Article 6, paragraph 2

“0.6.2 Under the provisions of this paragraph, the customs authorities or other competent authorities of a country may ~~authorize~~ approve more than one association, each of which may incur liability arising from the operations undertaken under cover of the Carnets issued by it or by its corresponding associations.”

[Alternatively:

“0.6.2 Under the provisions of this paragraph, the customs authorities or other competent authorities of a ~~Contracting Party~~ country may ~~authorize~~ approve more than one association, each of which may incur liability arising from the operations undertaken under cover of the Carnets issued by it or by its corresponding associations.”]

Annex 9, Part I, paragraph 1

“The conditions and requirements to be complied with by associations in order to be authorized by customs authorities or other competent authorities of a Contracting Parties to issue TIR Carnets and act as guarantor in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention are:...”

¹ See also document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2016/9, para. 26.

Annex 9, Part II, Procedure, Model Authorization Form, paragraph 1

“For each person for which a request for authorization is transmitted by the authorized ~~approved~~ association, the following information shall, at least be provided to the competent authorities:...”
