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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**

Number of places for loading and unloading

Submitted by the International Road Transport Union

I. Background

1. The Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30), at its meeting in June 2015, requested the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to analyse TIR Carnets with multiple customs offices of departure and destination, and to assess the possible risks related to the increase of the total number of customs offices of departure and destination from four to eight (Art. 18 of the TIR Convention).

II. Analysis

2. The IRU has for this purpose analysed available electronic data on TIR Carnets for the year 2014:

- SafeTIR termination data transmitted by the Contracting Parties concerning TIR Carnets presented at customs offices of destination in line with Annex 10 of the TIR Convention.
- TIR Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD) data sent by TIR Carnet holders to customs authorities and covering 23 per cent of TIR Carnets issued by associations to holders in 2014.
- The IRU claims statistics for 2014.

3. The following actions were undertaken to perform the analysis in question:
- To establish the number of TIR transports with more than one customs office of destination, TIR Carnets for which more than one SafeTIR termination record (i.e. partial and final) was transmitted by the customs authorities were identified. Also TIR Carnets with more than one place of unloading were identified based on TIR-EPD information sent to customs.
 - To establish the number of TIR transports with more than one customs office of departure, TIR Carnets for which more than one customs office of loading was indicated in TIR-EPD pre-declarations data were also identified.
 - For all the above mentioned TIR Carnets with more than one SafeTIR termination record or multiple places of loading and/or unloading indicated in TIR-EPD, claims statistics were analysed.
4. The results of the analysis are summarised in the table below:

<i>Period: 01 – 12.2014</i>	<i>No. of TIR Carnets</i>	<i>No. of payment requests</i>
More than one place of loading (based on TIR-EPD data)	4,255	–
More than one place of unloading (based on SafeTIR data)	63,737	1 to guarantee chain 5 to holders
More than one place of loading and unloading (based both on TIR-EPD and SafeTIR data)	642	–

III. Conclusions

5. In total, 67,712 TIR Carnets with multiple places of loading and/or unloading were identified for the year 2014. This represents 3.5 per cent of the total number of TIR Carnets issued by IRU.
6. For this total number of TIR Carnets with multiple places of loading and/or unloading, only one claim for the amount of 9.17 CHF was addressed to the TIR guarantee chain. This represents 0.00007 per cent of the total amount of claims for the year 2014.
7. Currently, no major practical problems have been reported to IRU in connection with the use of TIR Carnets with more than one customs office of departure and/or destination, or in connection with transmission of electronic data for such TIR transport operations.
8. IRU supports the amendment proposals to the TIR Convention submitted by the Government of Turkey concerning the increase of the total number of customs offices of departure and destination from four to eight, which would increase the attractiveness of the TIR system for the transport operators, while creating no risks for customs authorities.