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Controlled access to the TIR procedure

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Actors

Authorization and control by Customs authorities
Supervision by TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)

Regulations

Minimum conditions for national associations
(Annex 9, Part I of the Convention)

Minimum conditions for TIR transport operators
(Annex 9, Part II)

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Minimum conditions for national associations

- Existence for at least one year
- Sound financial standing
- Knowledge of staff in the application of the Convention
- Absence of offences against Customs or tax law
- Establishment of a written agreement or any other legal instrument with the competent authorities (example agreement by TIRExB)
- (Insurance) coverage of all liabilities vis-à-vis Customs

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Minimum conditions for transport operators

- Capability to engage in regular international transport
- Sound financial standing
- Knowledge in the application of the Convention
- Absence of offences against Customs or tax legislation
- Undertaking in a written declaration of commitment to the association to comply with the provisions of the TIR Convention, including possible liabilities

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Other principles

- Additional and more restrictive criteria may be introduced by the competent authorities and by the associations
- Authorization for access to the TIR procedure does not constitute in itself a right to obtain TIR Carnets from the associations
- Authorization must be revoked if the fulfilment of the criteria is no longer ensured
- Authorized persons should regularly be checked, not only when the initial authorization is granted

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Exclusions according to Article 38

- Person guilty of a serious offence against Customs laws or regulations applicable to international transport of goods
- Temporary or permanent exclusion
- Reported to the TIRExB, local guaranteeing association and to the Customs authorities which authorized the excluded person
- Those Customs authorities are to consider whether the authorization should be withdrawn

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Exclusions Article 38 vs withdrawal of authorization

- **Exclusions according to Article 38:**
 - Only in case of Customs infringements
 - Applicable just in one country (EU is an exception)
 - Should apply against foreign operators only
 - Reported to TIRExB within a week
- **Withdrawal (revocation) of authorization:**
 - Not only for Customs infringements, but also for non-observance of other minimum conditions
 - Complete ban for TIR transports in all countries
 - Applies against domestic operators
 - Reported to TIRExB within a week

International Customs control measures based on the International TIR Data Base (ITDB) in Geneva

- Background and objectives
- What is the ITDB?
- Flow charts
- Data structure
- Terminology
- ITDB 2001
- ITDB Online
- ITDBonline+ project

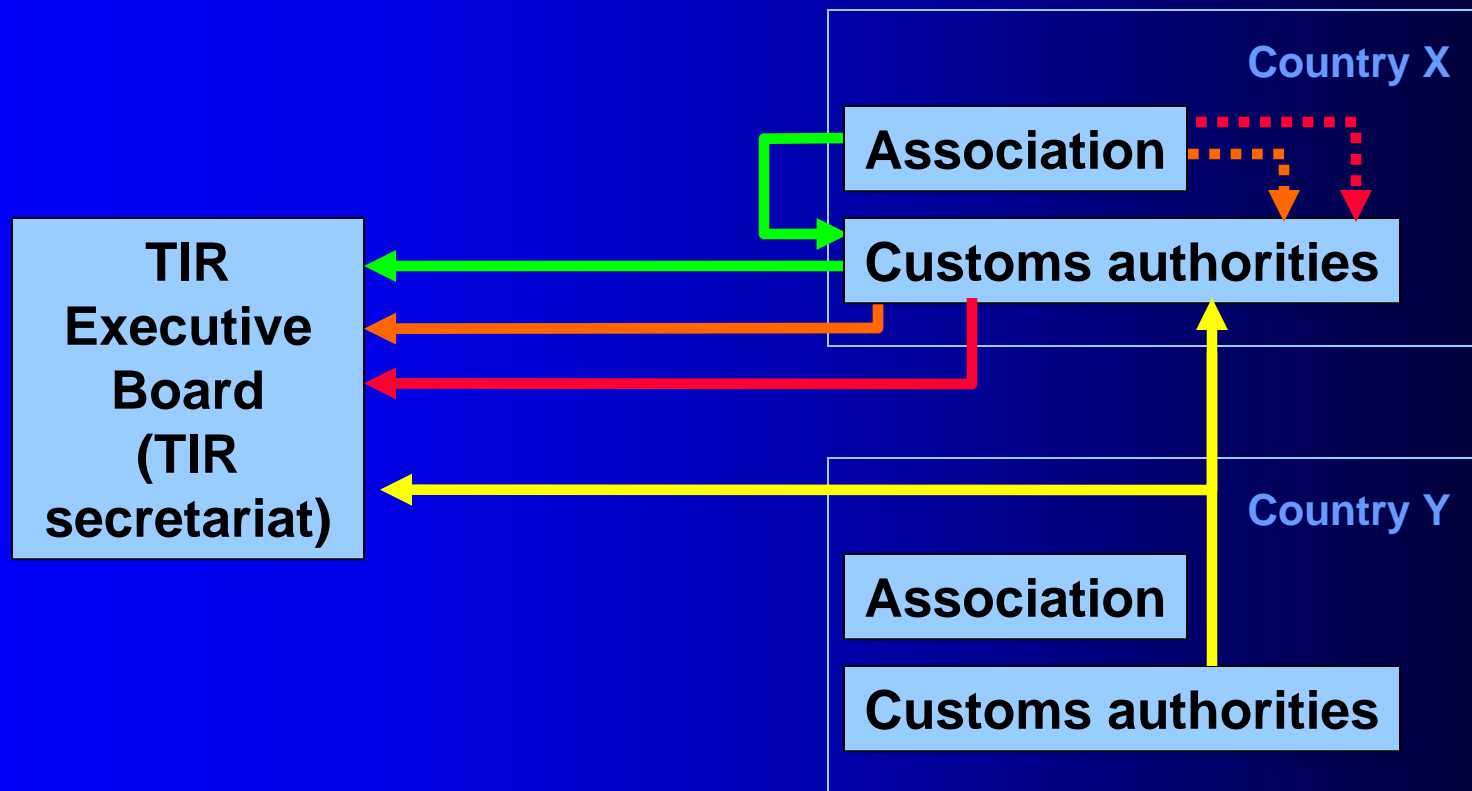
Background and objectives

- Monitor the controlled access of transport operators to the TIR system.
- Collection of data on authorized transport operators from all Customs authorities and associations in a central secured database (ITDB)
- Secured and limited consultation by TIR Customs Focal Points for enquiry procedures only (at present)

What is the ITDB?

- International TIR Database
- Database containing information on all transport operators authorized to use the TIR procedure
- Filled in by Customs authorities in collaboration with transport associations
- Consulted by Customs authorities
- Contains more than 35'000 authorised companies

Flow chart - data collection



Authorization

Exclusion

Withdrawal

Permanent withdrawal

Data structure

- ID Number (CCC / AAA / XXXXXXXXXXXXX)
- Name and address of person or enterprise
- Contact point (Name, tel, fax and e-mail)
- Commercial registration No.
- Authorization information
 - Authorization date
 - Permanent / temporary withdrawal (dates, reason)
 - Exclusion (Article 38) (dates, reason)
 - End of Activity

Terminology

- **Withdrawal:** revocation of authorization of a transport operator in his country of residence during a certain period.
- **Permanent Withdrawal:** permanent revocation of authorization of a transport operator in his country of residence
- **Exclusion (Art. 38):** revocation of authorization of a transport operator in a country X different from his country of residence during a certain period.
- **End of activity:** decision of the transport operator to stop his activity or to use the TIR system.

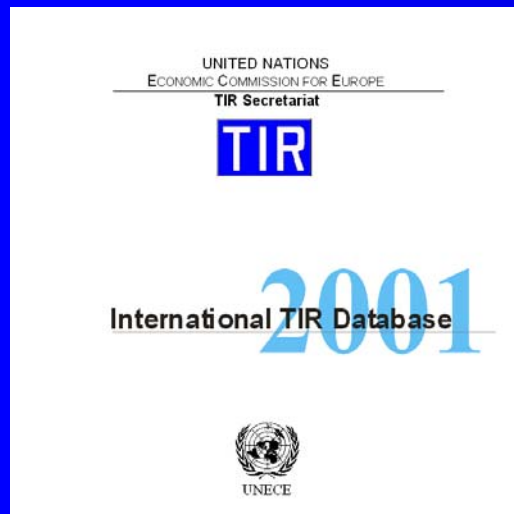
Consequences

- **Withdrawal** ⇒ NO TIR TRANSPORT FROM ... TO...
- **Permanent Withdrawal** ⇒ NO MORE TIR TRANSPORT
- **Exclusion** (Art. 38) ⇒ NO TIR TRANSPORT IN COUNTRY X FROM ... TO...
- **End of activity** ⇒ NO MORE TIR TRANSPORT

Content of the ITDB

- More than **64'000** records
- Updated daily
 - Customs authorities are requested to send weekly updates
- And revised annually
 - Associations are requested to prepare annually a revised list of authorized transport operators (to be checked and forwarded by Customs authorities)

ITDB 2001



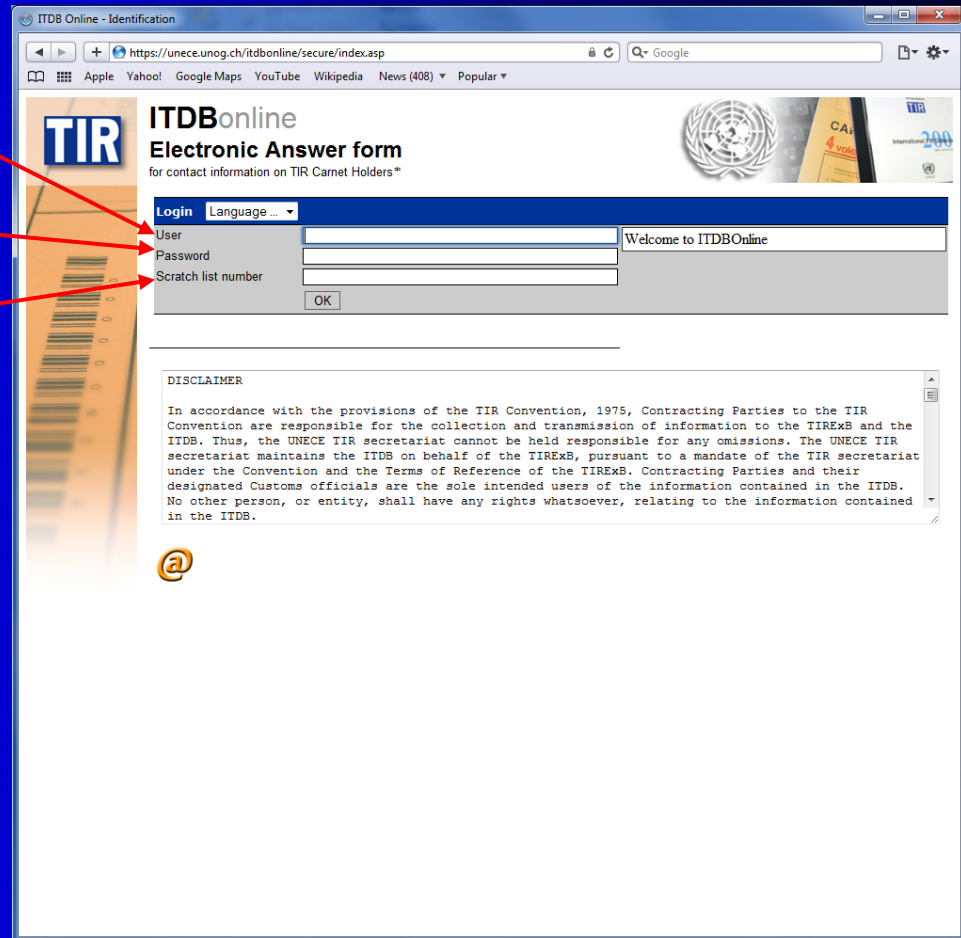
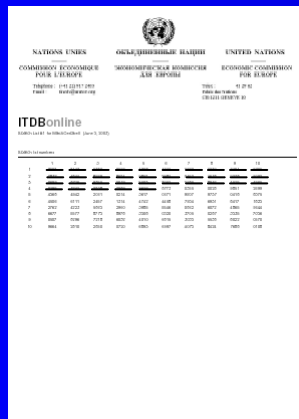
- Motivations
 - Facilitate the national and international management of data on authorized TIR transport operators
 - Accelerate and secure the exchange of data
- Included features
 - National data management (national database)
 - International data management of the central ITDB
 - Electronic and secured data exchange
 - Security

ITDB Online

- The ITDB online provides
 - Restricted access to the ITDB to TIR Customs Focal Points and authorised Customs Officers
 - A secure platform to avoid unauthorized access or possible modification of data

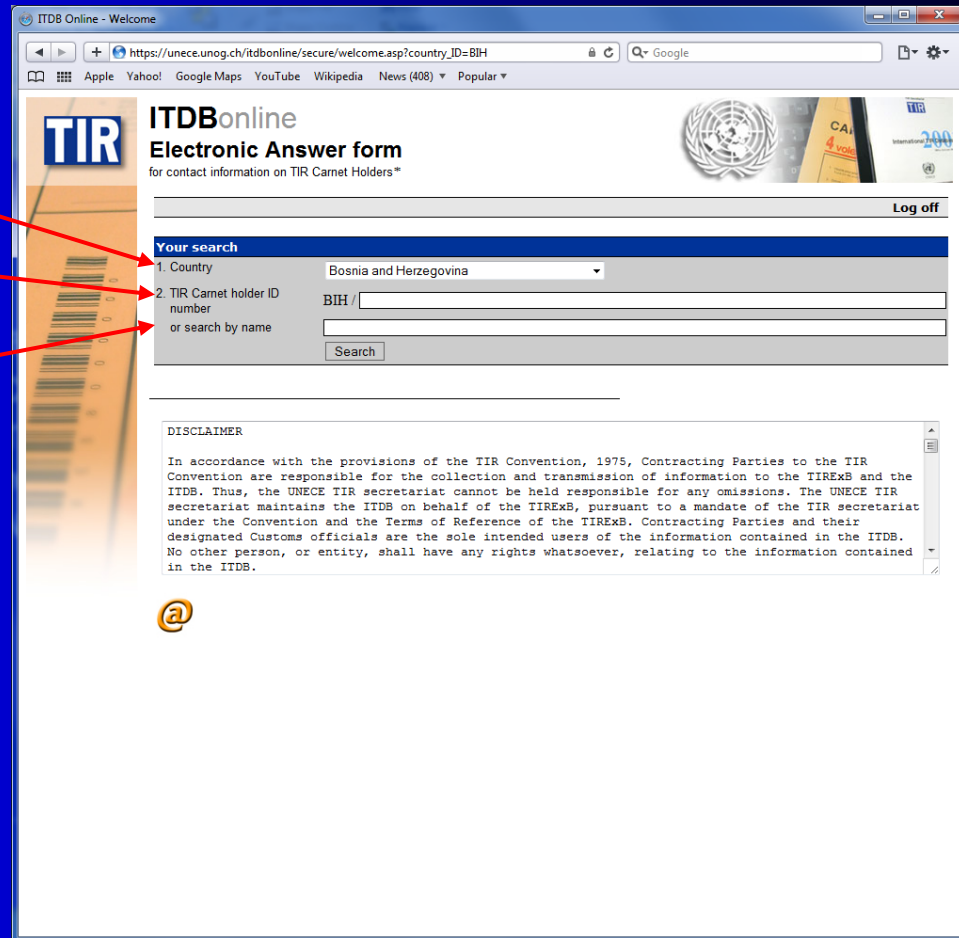
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- User name
- Password
- Scratch list number



Query page

- Search by :
 - Country
 - TIR Carnet holder ID
 - Name



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Electronic Answer form
for contact information on TIR Carnet Holders**

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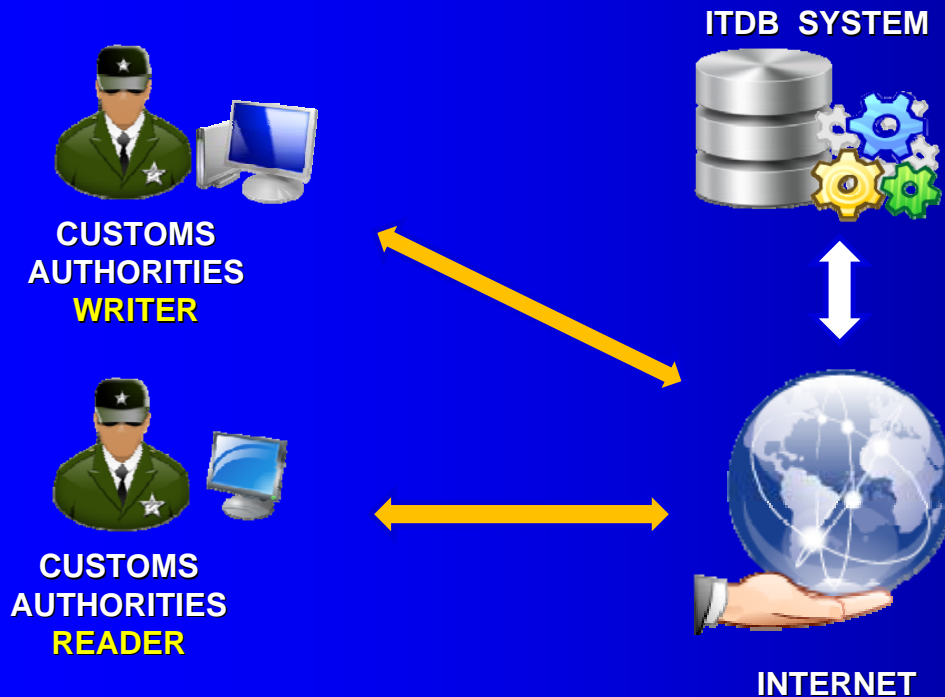
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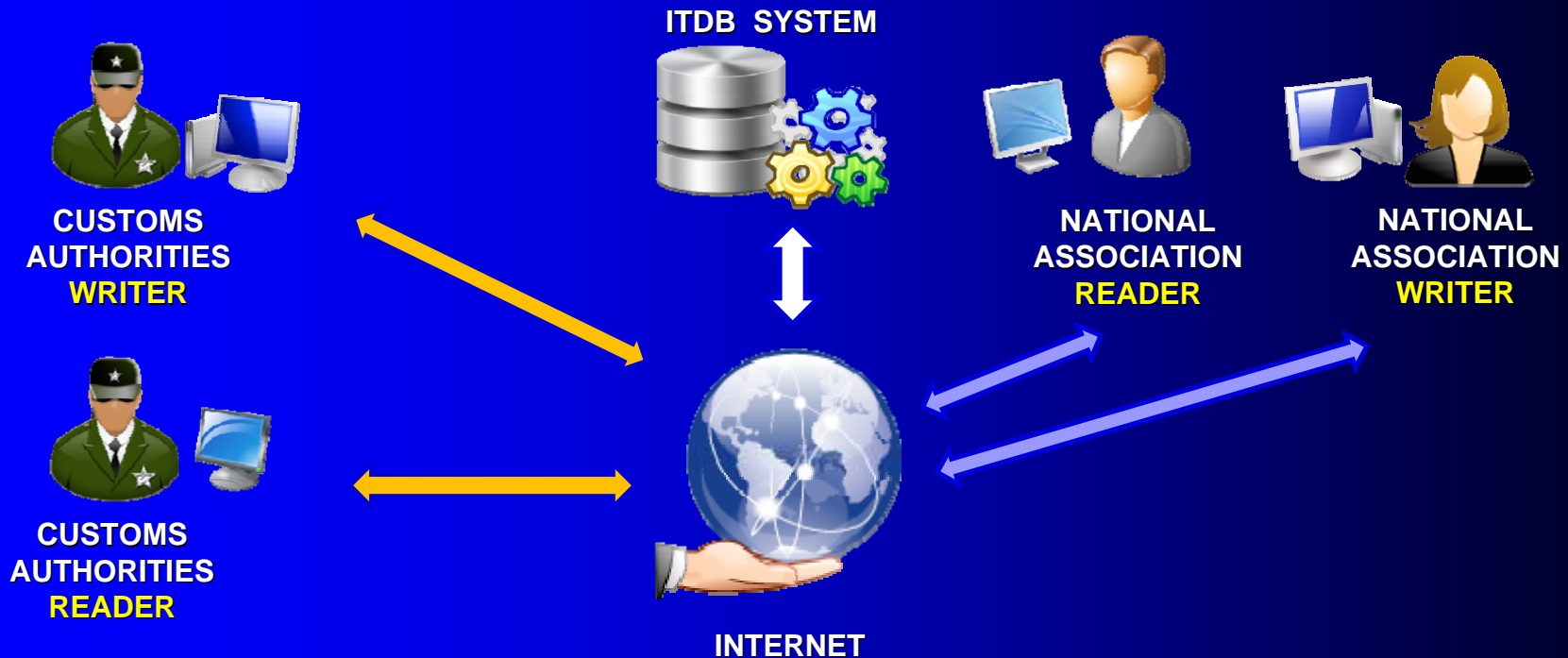
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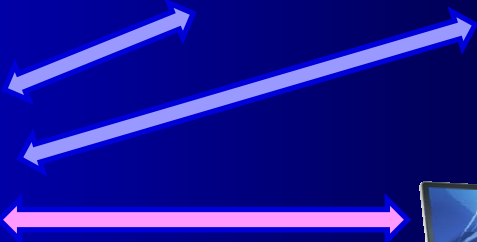
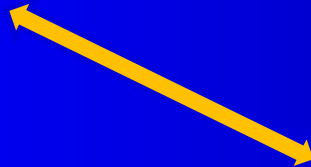
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