Preparation of an example of best practices on the application of Article 11 of the Convention

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. At its previous session, the Board took note of the fact that the existing text of Chapter 5.7. of the TIR Handbook, containing an example of best practices on the application of Article 11 of the Convention, was still valid. However, recalling previous discussions in 2003–2004 when such attempt had failed, the Board reconfirmed that it was of the opinion that the example would greatly benefit from the inclusion of a specimen letter covering pre-notification, considering that this communication was not a legal requirement and, thus, not subject to strict provisions of national law as regards form and content (See TIRExB/REP/2011/48draft, paragraph 19).

2. With reference to the specimen letter used by the countries of the European Union, the secretariat prepared Informal document No. 4 (2012) for consideration by the Board.
II. Specimen pre-notification letter

*Information letter to be sent to the TIR guaranteeing association and the TIR Carnet holder*

…………………………………………………………….. ……………………………

(Full name of the Customs office/administration concerned) (Place and date)

**Subject:** Information concerning TIR Carnet No…………………..

addressed to……………………………………………………………..

(full name and address of the TIR Carnet holder)

………………………………………………………………………..

(full name of the guaranteeing association)

*Dear Madam/Sir*

We kindly inform you that our Customs administration has not received confirmation of the proper termination in the territory of our country/Contracting Party of the TIR operation carried out under cover of TIR Carnet No……………..

In addition, we have checked the status of this TIR Carnet in the control system for TIR Carnets and:

(1) there is no information confirming the termination of this TIR operation in the territory of our country/Contracting Party,

(2) there is a record concerning this TIR operation. We have already contacted the office of destination in…………………..(place, country) in order to confirm the information available in the control system for TIR Carnets but have not yet received any confirmation.*

Therefore, without prejudice to the notification to be made in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 1 of the TIR Convention, we invite you to provide us with the appropriate documents demonstrating that this TIR operation has been correctly terminated in the territory of ……………….(country/Contracting Party) within 28 days of the date of this letter.

The proof should be furnished in the form of one of the following documents, identifying the goods:

- a document certified by the Customs authorities of the Customs office of destination or exit (en route) of another country/Contracting Party establishing that the goods have been presented at this Customs office, or

- a Customs document, issued in a third country/Contracting Party confirming that the goods have entered it Customs territory for a Customs approved treatment or use, or

* Option 1 OR 2 to be chosen by the Customs administration concerned.
- a document, issued in a third country/Contracting Party, endorsed by the Customs authorities of that country/Contracting Party and certifying that the goods are considered to be in free circulation in that country/Contracting Party.

- a copy or photocopy of abovementioned documents, certified as being true copies by the body which endorsed the original documents, by the authorities of the third countries/Contracting Parties concerned or by the authority of another country/Contracting Party to the TIR Convention, 1975.

..........................................................

(stamp of the Customs office/signature of the person responsible)

Annex:  Copy of Voucher No. 1 of the TIR Carnet

_______________