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### **TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)**

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Agenda item V (c)

## **Issues with the renewal of the certificate of approval**

### **Note by the secretariat**

#### **I. Background**

1. At its previous session, the Board considered Informal document No. 16 (2013), in which the secretariat transmitted an issue raised by Danish customs, reporting on the state of vehicles presented for renewal of the Certificate of Approval. According to Danish customs, it often happens that the vehicles are too dirty to allow for an easy and effective inspection. In annex to the said document, the secretariat had prepared a proposal for a new Explanatory Note to Annex 3, paragraph 4, addressing the state of vehicles presented for inspection.

2. The Board generally welcomed the document, even though some members were of the opinion that it was obvious that vehicles had to be presented to customs in a state allowing for inspection and that an Explanatory Note would not be required. They stressed that, at all times, it should be up to customs to refuse to inspect a vehicle whose state makes it unfit for a proper and effective inspection. At the same time, some members felt that the issue not only posed itself at the moment of renewal of the certificate and that, thus, paragraph 4 of Annex 3 might not be the most appropriate – or only – place for the insertion of an Explanatory Note or comment.

3. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a revised version of the document, taking account of the above considerations, for discussion and, possibly, approval by the Board at its next session.

#### **II. Description of the issue**

2. One of the major Danish Trailer Rental Companies presents its trailers for renewal of the TIR Approval Certificate in a state which does not allow SKAT (DK Customs) for an easy and effective inspection. The trailers are very dirty, in particular:

- floors covered in dust/mud/earth and other remaining impurities from packaging and commodities transported.
- trailer and sheet are not washed or in any other way cleaned for inspection.
- the chassis frame where locking mechanism (closures) are located are very greasy and/or oily.

3. Occasionally trailers are even presented loaded with cargo.

### **III. Considerations by the Board**

4. The Board may wish to consider the issue presented above and decide if either an Explanatory Note or, alternatively, a comment (proposed in Annex I and, respectively, Annex II) should be introduced to clarify that vehicles and trailers that are presented for inspection should be in a state that allows for customs to perform their task efficiently. Furthermore, to ensure the awareness of transport operators about this requirement, the Board may wish to propose to add the same text to the list on page 4 of the Model Certificate of Approval of a Road Vehicle (IMPORTANT NOTICE) as a new item 4 and renumber the existing items 4 and 5 to become 5 and 6 (Annex III). Finally, would the Model Certificate of Approval be amended, TIRExB may wish to update the last comment to Annex 4 (Transition period for the introduction of the new model certificate), which currently refers to an amendment that entered into force in 1995, as proposed in Annex IV.

## Annexes

### I. Explanatory note to Annex 3, paragraph 8

Insert new Explanatory Note 3.0.8. to read

- 3.0.8 Vehicles must be presented in a state which enables officers to perform an effective inspection. In particular: (a) Assembly and mounting devices for floor-boards (bolts/rivets/screws) – both inside and underneath the vehicle - should be clean and accessible; (b) The sheet should be presented in a state which allows for proper inspection of cuts or repairs, stickers, painted company logo's etc.; (c) Door closing systems and hinges should be clean in order to inspect assembly/mounting methods, bolts riveted/welded etc.

### II. Comment to Annex 3, paragraph 8

Insert new comment to paragraph 8 to read

Comment to paragraph 8

*Vehicles must be presented in a state which enables officers to perform an effective inspection. In particular: (a) Assembly and mounting devices for floor-boards (bolts/rivets/screws) – both inside and underneath the vehicle - should be clean and accessible; (b) The sheet should be presented in a state which allows for proper inspection of cuts or repairs, stickers, painted company logo's etc.; (c) Door closing systems and hinges should be clean in order to inspect assembly/mounting methods, bolts riveted/welded etc.*

### III. Amended text of page 4 of the Certificate of Approval in Annex 4

After item 3 insert new item 4

“4. Vehicles must be presented in a state which enables officers to perform an effective inspection. In particular: (a) Assembly and mounting devices for floor-boards (bolts/rivets/screws) – both inside and underneath the vehicle - should be clean and accessible; (b) The sheet should be presented in a state which allows for proper inspection of cuts or repairs, stickers, painted company logo's etc.; (c) Door closing systems and hinges should be clean in order to inspect assembly/mounting methods, bolts riveted/welded etc.”

Renumber existing items 4 and 5 to 5 and 6

### IV. Comment to Annex4 on Transition period for the introduction of the new model certificate

Replace existing text by

*“The new format of the model certificate of approval of a road vehicle, which came into force on [date] shall be required for road vehicles to be approved for the first time or on the occasion of the biennial inspection and renewal of the approval where appropriate of other road vehicles. As a consequence, as of [date+2 years], all road vehicles would need to be equipped with the new format of the model certificate.”*