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Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure
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ACTIVITIES OF THE INFORMAL AD HOC EXPERT GROUP

Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

1.2 TIR Procedure domain

Note by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. In the course of its work, the secretariat realized that national Customs authorities are missing from the TIR procedure package diagram and, as a consequence, raised issue 54. Following a discussion on the issue at its fifth session, the Expert Group requested the secretariat to present a revised Chapter 1.2 at its forthcoming meeting (ExG/COMP/2004/18, para. 7 / Decision 71).

2. In line with this request, part B of underlying document contains a revised Chapter 1.2 and part C contains the corresponding requirements to be added to the Requirements list (Annex 1) of the Reference Model.

B. REVISED CHAPTER 1.2 TIR PROCEDURE DOMAIN

1.2 TIR procedure domain

The TIR procedure is an extensive domain, composed of numerous interconnected systems. As shown under 1.1.5, the current project is limited in its scope to a part of the overall TIR procedure: the TIR Carnet.

1.2.1 TIR Procedure package diagram

The following package diagram is intended to show the division of the domain into systems and the dependencies among those systems.

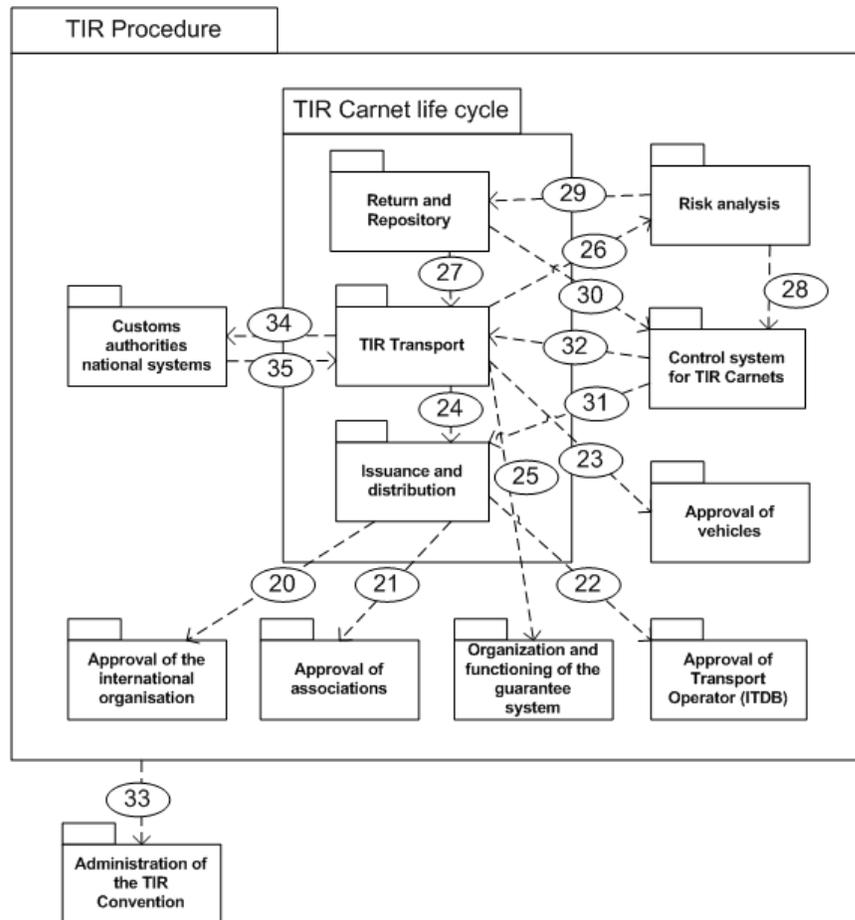


Figure 1.2 TIR procedure package diagram

1.2.2 TIR Procedure package diagram description

Name	TIR procedure package diagram
Description	<p>The TIR procedure is an International Customs Procedure governed by the TIR Convention, 1975. A detailed description of the procedure can be found in the introduction of the TIR Handbook distributed by the TIR Secretariat.</p> <p>The TIR procedure is composed of numerous interconnecting systems to allow for the functioning of the procedure. The system we are most interested in for the current project is the TIR Carnet system. It can be defined by listing all functions and uses of the TIR Carnet. It is composed of sub-systems, namely: the issuance and distribution system, the TIR transport system and the return and repository.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The function of the issuance and distribution sub-system by the international organization and the national associations is to provide transport operators with TIR Carnets in order to allow them to perform TIR transports; • The TIR transport sub-system is the central system of the TIR procedure. It links the transport industry to the customs offices involved in a TIR transport and allows them to exchange the necessary information; • The transport operators, the associations and the international organization manage the return and repository sub-system. Its function is to centralize the storage of the used TIR Carnet and to check that no problems have occurred during the TIR transport; <p>Other systems outside the scope of the current project but of importance for the well functioning of the TIR procedure are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs authorities national systems; • Approval of the guarantee chain; • Approval of the association; • Approval of transport operators; • Approval of vehicles; • Control system for TIR Carnets; • Organization and functioning of the guarantee system; • Risk analysis system; • Administration of the TIR Convention. <p>In the package diagram, the dependencies between all systems are indicated with dashed arrows. The dependencies are numbered according to the Requirements 20 to 35 of which they are the consequences.</p>
Actors	Transport industry, Customs, Guarantee chain.
Performance Goals	Facilitate border crossing in international transport of goods.
Preconditions	Ratification of the TIR Convention by Contracting Parties and implementation of the TIR system.
Requirements Covered	20-35

Table 1.1 TIR procedure package diagram description

C. AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX 1 REQUIREMENTS LIST

Req. #	Statement	Source	Date	Status
34	All through the TIR transport, national Customs authorities need the information in the TIR Carnet to feed their national systems.			Used in 1.2.1
35	All through the TIR transport, national Customs authorities need data from their national systems to feed the TIR Carnet.			Used in 1.2.1

D. FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. The Expert Group is requested to discuss and, possibly, validate the revised Chapter 1.2 and the amendments to Annex 1.
