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### **Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport**

**Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure**

**Twenty-third session**

Brussels, 20-21 November 2013

Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda

**Reference Model of the TIR procedure:**

**Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points**

## **Summary of the activities of the network of eTIR focal points**

**Note by the secretariat**

### **I. Background**

1. At its 124th session (February 2010), the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30) supported the secretariat's call to organize activities of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) at long distance, by means of a network of focal points for eTIR (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/248, para. 22). At its 125th session, WP.30 stressed the importance for every Contracting Party to nominate a focal point for the eTIR project and to inform the secretariat accordingly (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/250, para. 19). This document presents the status of the network of eTIR focal points and summarizes its activities since the twenty-second session of the GE.1.

### **II. Members of the network of eTIR focal points**

2. The following thirty-one Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention have nominated at least one eTIR focal point: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uzbekistan. The e-mail

addresses of the focal points are available on the eTIR website ([www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html)).

### **III. Information received from the network of eTIR focal points**

3. Since the twenty-first session of the Expert Group, eTIR focal points have not communicated to the secretariat any issue or input to be brought to the attention of GE.1.

### **IV. Queries to the network of eTIR focal points**

4. At its twenty-second session, GE.1 requested the secretariat to consult with / inform the network of eTIR focal points on the following issue.

#### **Comparison of E9 message with national requirements**

5. On 11 October 2013, the secretariat sent to eTIR focal points the email reproduced in Annex, asking them if any of their national requirements for the electronic submission of TIR Carnet data (i.e. the content of national message allowing holders to send the TIR Carnet data electronically) could not be sent using the E9 message.

6. eTIR focal points from the countries listed in table 1 replied to the secretariat request. Together with the previously received answers from Hungary, Netherlands, Poland and Serbia (answers to the email sent on 8 March 2013), the answers received have been used to prepare Informal document GE.1 No.9 (2013).

Table 1

#### **Countries replying to NeTIRFP Q.7 (11 October 2013)**

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*Countries*

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Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Netherlands, IRU

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### **V. Further considerations**

7. GE.1 may wish to take into account the outcomes of the consultations with the network of eTIR focal points as presented in this document.

## Annex

### **Email sent on 11 October 2013 to eTIR focal points**

#### **Subject: NeTIRFP Q.7 Requirements additional to those contained in the E9 message**

Dear eTIR focal points,

For your information, the report of the 22nd session of the GE.1 was endorsed last week by WP.30.

At its 22nd session, the Expert Group took note of Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2013), containing a comparison between the data contained in message E9 and national data requirements for the TIR procedure. It regretted that only a few eTIR focal points had replied to the request by the Expert Group (see email below). Furthermore, recalling the comparison of the NCTS EI15 and the eTIR E9 in Informal document GE.1 No. 1 (2010), requested the secretariat to contact once more eTIR focal points to ask if they have any specific additional requirements that cannot be included in the E9 message. The IRU also agreed to share the experiences it has gained through the implementation of TIR-EPD in various countries.

Therefore, if you had not replied to the previous email and your country allows/requests TIR Carnet holders to submit TIR Carnet data electronically, you are kindly invited to transmit to the secretariat any additional national requirement (i.e. the national message allowing holders to send the TIR Carnet data electronically) that cannot be included in the E9 message.

Please also inform the secretariat if you have no additional requirements or if your country has not yet implemented an electronic submission of TIR Carnet data.

On the basis of the contributions received before 1 November 2013, the secretariat will prepare a summary document for the 23rd session of the GE.1.

I would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that the 23rd session of the GE.1 will take place in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 2013, at the kind invitation of the European Commission.

Would you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Kind regards,

André

cc: participants to the 22nd session of the GE.1

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