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Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under
Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975):
Other matters

New TIR Carnet layout

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union
New TIR Carnet Layout

Dear Mr Pesut,

Further to the sixty-seventh session of the TIRExB, which was held in Paris on 27-28 April 2016, allow me to give you details regarding the new layout of the TIR Carnet.

Indeed, the rebranding of the IRU includes changes to our logo, and this is now reflected on our website and will progressively appear on all communication material. The TIR Carnet is no exception to this change, and combined with the measures foreseen in the TIR Strategic Review, from 1 July 2016, the IRU will progressively introduce a new layout TIR Carnet.

This new layout will only concern the 6 and 14 volet TIR Carnets, and in fact, from 1 July 2016, the IRU will continue to issue the existing types of TIR Carnets (4, 6, 14 and 20 volets) with the current layout until stocks are exhausted. The only types of TIR Carnets then remaining will be the 6 and 14 volet Carnets. The IRU is currently building its stock of the mentioned new layout TIR Carnets to ensure a smooth transition period.

The IRU can therefore confirm that from 1 July 2016 the following types and layout of TIR Carnets will be in circulation:

- 4 volet TIR Carnets – current layout; until stock exhaustion
- 6 volet TIR Carnets – current layout; until stock exhaustion and then new layout TIR Carnets will be in circulation
- 14 volet TIR Carnets – current layout; until stock exhaustion and then new layout TIR Carnets will be in circulation
- 20 volet TIR Carnets – current layout; until stock exhaustion
IRU Member Associations were informed of this deployment during the CAD meeting which took place on 12-13 May 2016. The IRU will then provide all Member Associations and all TIR focal points at Customs authorities with specimens of the new layout TIR Carnets to ensure that all stakeholders are properly informed in due time.

In Annexe 1 of this letter, you will find the list of changes to TIR Carnets, as well as some specimens to illustrate this. As you can see, changes are minimal and all existing security features remain.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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LIST OF CHANGES TO THE NEW LAYOUT OF TIR CARNETS
(Planned to be in circulation progressively from 1 July 2016)

COVER PAGE

The IRU logo at the top of the page
- The new logo with the overlapping three letters in three shades of grey
- The full name of the IRU is written on a single line, in English: "International Road Transport Union"

The IRU logo at the bottom right-hand side of the page
- The new logo with the overlapping three letters in three shades of grey

The text of fields 4 and 5
- The text of field 4 now stands on 4 lines (2 in French, 2 in English)
- The carriage return for the text of field 5 in English has been moved to after "secretary"
- No words were changed; the meaning remains exactly the same

Space for field 11
- The frame containing fields 6 to 12 includes more space below
- The wording of field 12 has been lowered
- The lines for the frames surrounding fields 1 to 12 are thinner

The three above points allow more space for field 11

The circle on the top right-hand side of the page
- The line of the circle is thinner
- The embossed truck has been removed
- The circle represents a globe with a TIR plate in the centre
- The graphics in the inner part of the circle are in light red fluorescent ink

INNER PAGES

In field 3 at the top of the pages
- The new IRU logo in three shades of grey and the IRU’s full name in English is printed
- The red truck has been removed
- In field 3 of the certified report, the new IRU logo is printed on the right-hand side of the IRU’s full name in English
BACK COVER PAGE

On the top right-hand side
  • The new IRU logo in three shades of grey replaces the old logo

NUMERATION

The TIR Carnets with the mentioned new layout will bear number UX 80500001 and above (sequentially).

PAPER

No changes were made to the paper used for TIR Carnets. The existing security features integrated in the paper remain, such as the watermark on every page (inscription “IRU”).

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