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Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR procedure (eTIR)



eTIR, Legal Aspects

- Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30)
- Group of Experts on the Computerization of the TIR Procedure
- Established, February 2015
- Mandate: 2 years



Group of Experts: Objective

To provide a dedicated expert intergovernmental platform for the development of the eTIR legal framework



Starting Point of the work

- CP's considered the options (amending the Convention, new Convention or Protocol)
- Protocol was selected as the preferred type of instrument
- First cluster of draft provisions already prepared (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/13)



Next Steps

- Identification of provisions of 1975 TIR Convention that may be affected by computerization, and appropriate amendments if necessary.
- Identification of appropriate amendment procedure for the eTIR reference model as separate technical document from the rest of the protocol





Challenges

- Role of AC.2 and TIRExB under the new legal instrument
- Appropriate provisions on the acceptance and mutual recognition of e-signatures or other means of authentication of the sender
- Administrative and financial implications must be addressed



Working aspects of the Group of Experts

- Official languages: English, French, Russian
- All CPs can participate
- First meeting to be held on 16 and 17 November 2015 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva
- All CPs encouraged to nominate legal experts to participate



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