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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)***

Revision of the Convention

Preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process

Revision of the TIR Carnet

Amendment proposals on the introduction of the ID-number of the authorized holder

Note by the secretariat

* The present document has been submitted after the official documentation deadline by the Transport Division due to resource constraints.

A. BACKGROUND AND MANDATE

1. At its one-hundred-and-eighth session, the Working Party considered document TRANS/WP.30/2004/29, prepared by the secretariat, concerning the incorporation of the provisions of the Recommendation for the use of the ID-number of the authorized holder in the body of the Convention.
2. The Working Party was of the view that it was of major importance to ensure that the inclusion of the ID-number in the Convention would be based on a harmonized numbering system, with regard to both the printed and the computed numbers. The Working Party welcomed the fact that the IRU in its systems had succeeded in arriving at the use of a uniform ID-number format in accordance with the Recommendation represented by the alpha-numeric number: AAA/BBB/XX...X. As a result, the Working Party felt that this format should be followed and requested the secretariat to prepare a document for its next session containing a proposal following this format. The Working Party also requested the secretariat to review the issue of assigning an ID-number, that could not be used again, to a holder with the aim of aligning this to practical procedures applied at national level (TRANS/WP.30/216, paras.34-36).

B. MODIFIED PROPOSAL

3. Taking into account the above considerations, the secretariat has modified its original proposal, as follows:

Annex 1

Model of the TIR Carnet: VERSION 1 and VERSION 2

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Modify the text "(nom, adresse, pays / *name, address, country*)" to read as follows:

"(numéro d'identification, nom, adresse, pays / *identification number, name, address, country*)"

Voucher No.1 and voucher No.2, box 4

Modify the text "(name, address and country)" to read as follows:

"(identification number, name, address and country)"

Certified report, box 5

Modify the text "Holder of the carnet" to read as follows:

"Holder of the carnet (identification number, name, address and country)"

Annex 9, Part II

Model Authorization Form (MAF)

Modify the second paragraph below the table to read as follows:

" - Individual and unique identification (ID) number assigned to the person by the guaranteeing association (in cooperation with the international organization to which it is affiliated) in accordance with a harmonized format. The format of an ID-number shall be determined by the Administrative Committee."

4. In addition, it is proposed to add the following comment to Annex 9, Part II, Model Authorization Form:

"Format of an individual and unique identification (ID) number

The Administrative Committee has established the following format of an ID-number for TIR Carnet holders being persons who have been authorized to utilize TIR Carnets in accordance with Annex 9, Part II of the TIR Convention:

"AAA/BBB/XX...X",

whereby "AAA" represents a 3-letter code of the country where the person utilizing TIR Carnets has been authorized, in line with the classification system of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). A full list of country codes of the Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention is regularly published as an annex to the agendas and official reports of the Administrative Committee,

whereby "BBB" represents a 3-digit code of the national association through which the holder of the TIR Carnet has been authorized, in accordance with the classification system established by the relevant international organization to which the association is affiliated, allowing for unequivocal identification of each national association. A full list of country codes of the national associations is regularly published as an annex to the agendas and official reports of the Administrative Committee,

whereby "XX...X" represents consecutive numbers (maximum 10 digits), identifying the person authorized to utilize TIR Carnets in accordance with Annex 9, Part II of the TIR Convention. Once an ID-number has been assigned, it cannot be used again, even if the person to whom it has been given has ceased to be a TIR Carnet holder."

5. The Working Party may wish to discuss the above proposals with a view to transmitting them to the TIR Administrative Committee for consideration and possible approval.
