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Informal ad hoc Expert Group on the
Computerization of the TIR procedure

Updates of the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Follow up to decision ExG/8 (1.1.3. Boundaries)

Transmitted by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. At its third session on 1 and 2 September 2003 in Budapest, the Informal ad hoc Expert Group (hereafter called the Expert Group) was requested to submit concrete proposals to the secretariat in order to amend Chapter 1.1.3. containing the boundaries of the computerization of the TIR procedure. In continuation, the secretariat was mandated to present a revised version of Chapter 1.1.3. to the group at its fourth session (ExG/COMP/2004/1, Decision 8).

2. Underlying document contains the revised version of Chapter 1.1.3, taking account of the comments received from the IRU on the issue.

B. CONSIDERATIONS BY THE EXPERT GROUP

3. Chapter 1.1.3. (Boundary of the eTIR Project) of the Reference Model: replace the first paragraph by the following text:

“The final objective of the eTIR project encompasses the computerization of the whole TIR Carnet life cycle (from issuance and distribution via the TIR transport to return and repository) and is ultimately aimed at replacing the current paper TIR Carnet. However, the eTIR Project will inevitably have repercussions on other parts of the TIR Procedure. Therefore, it is important to identify the boundaries of the project in order to realize the full impact the project may have and to ensure that the views of all stakeholders are taken into due account. The boundaries are defined along two axes: stakeholders and information”

4. Chapter 1.1.3. (Boundaries of the eTIR Project) of the Reference Model, sub-issue “Information”: replace the existing paragraph by the following:

“Information

The data elements inside the boundaries have already been identified and are listed in the report of the Second meeting of the Expert Group (ExG/COMP/2002/10, Annex 4). These data elements reflect the information contained in the current, paper-based, TIR carnet and represent the minimal set of data to be computerized. However, this set may need to be further amended in the course of the project, when the Group addresses other issues, such as, for example, security.

Before being annexed to underlying document, the data elements will be submitted to the Maintenance Agency (MA) of the UN Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDDED) in order to ensure that they meet international standards.”

C. FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS BY THE EXPERT GROUP

2. The secretariat proposes to move sub-issue “Stakeholders responsibility chart” of Chapter 1.1.3. to a new Chapter 0.2.4. Reason for this move is the fact that the issue is related to the management and not to the content of the eTIR Project (new issue, No.35).

D. REQUEST TO THE EXPERT GROUP

3. The Expert Group is requested to discuss, finalize and, possibly, validate the text of Chapter 1.1.3. on the boundaries of the eTIR Project, as well as the proposal by the secretariat, contained in (new) issue No. 35.
