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

Revision of the Convention

Revised amendment proposals for the Convention

Transmitted by the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus

1. Having considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/5, discussed during the 115 session of WP.30, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus informs the Working Party of the following.
2. As it is known, there is a situation when in the TIR system there are two levels of the maximum guarantee amount that can be demanded from the guaranteeing associations per TIR carnet: 50 000 USD and 60 000 EUR. The first sum is determined in the Explanatory Note to Article 8, paragraph 3, and recommended to all Contracting Parties of the TIR Convention. The second sum is historically applied in the European Union, in spite of the fact that in the Explanatory Note to Article 8, paragraph 3, is recommended to customs authorities of all Contracting Parties to limit the maximum guarantee amount by the sum of 50 000 USD.
3. In view of such differences in the levels of the maximum guarantee amount between the countries of the European Union and other Contracting Parties, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus proposes to make amendments to the text of the Explanatory Note to Article 8, paragraph 3 and instead of 50 000 USD indicate 60 000 EUR. By such measures will be determined the higher and unified level of the maximum guarantee amount in the TIR system. It will favour further harmonious development of the TIR system, contribute to the speeding-up of the goods turnover, liberalize and make more profitable for transport operators the conditions of application of Article 23 of the TIR Convention.

4. It is necessary to notice that increase of the guarantee level corresponds with the development of the world trade because transported goods are becoming more and more expensive and accordingly this brings up a question of increase of the maximum guarantee amount per TIR Carnet.

5. According to the abovementioned, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus proposes to include this proposal to the summary table of amendments to the TIR Convention (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2006/5) in order to discuss during the forthcoming session of WP.30.
