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Transport****Group of Experts on Conceptual and
Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure****First session**

Geneva, 27–29 January 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Provisional agenda for the first session of the Group of
Experts on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of
Computerization of the TIR Procedure¹**

to be held in Room XX and virtually, starting 27 January 2021 at 10.00 hours.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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6. eTIR international system:
 - (a) Progress report on the development of the eTIR international system;
 - (b) Progress report on the connection of national customs systems to the eTIR international system;
 - (c) NCTS-eTIR Proof of Concept.

¹ Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Transport Division's website etir.unece.org. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (andre.sceia@un.org).

Delegates are requested register online at uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=WHct0v. Information regarding the connection to the videoconferencing platform will be provided to registered participants in due time.



7. eTIR conceptual, functional and technical specifications version 4.3:
 - (a) Introduction;
 - (b) eTIR Concepts;
 - (c) eTIR functional specifications;
 - (d) eTIR technical specifications;
 - (e) Amendments.
8. Other business:
 - (a) Annex 11 of the TIR Convention;
 - (b) National and regional developments;
 - (c) Date and place of the Group of Experts sessions.
9. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/1

2. Election of officers

The Group of Experts on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (further referred to as "the Group of Experts") may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice Chair to steer its sessions in 2021.

3. Report of the informal preparatory meeting for the Group of Experts on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure

The Group of Experts may wish to consider and, possibly, endorse the report of the informal preparatory meeting for the Group of Experts on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/1. The Group of Experts may wish to take on board the advice provided by the experts during the informal preparatory meeting to speed up its work during its first session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/1

4. Mandate – Terms of Reference

The conversion of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) into a formal Group of Experts was requested by the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its 153rd session, on the basis of the Terms of Reference contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2019/9 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2019/9/Corr.1.

The Conversion was then endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) in February 2020 and approved by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee (EXCOM) on 20 May 2020.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2019/9 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2019/9/Corr.1

5. Work plan

As stipulated in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2019/9 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2019/9/Corr.1, the Group of Experts was established and will function in accordance with the ECE Guidelines for teams of specialists approved by EXCOM on 31 March 2010 (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1). At its first meeting, the Group of Experts shall adopt a work plan, clearly defining its objectives and activities, including a time schedule for their implementation.

The Group of Experts may wish to consider and, possibly, adopt the work plan contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/2.

Documentation

ECE/EX/2/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/2

6. eTIR international system

(a) Progress report on the development of the eTIR international system

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed about progress made regarding the development of the eTIR international system including the technical guides developed by the secretariat which are available on the eTIR documentation portal², in particular the “Project Guidelines for customs to connect to the eTIR international system” (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/3), the “eTIR web services - Introduction document” (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/4 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/5), “eTIR web services - Messages I1 - Accept guarantee / I2 - Acceptance results” document (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/6) and “eTIR web services - Messages I7 - Record declaration data / I8 - Record declaration data results” (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/8).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/5, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/6, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/8

(b) Progress report on the connection of national customs systems to the eTIR international system

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed about progress made by customs administrations with regard to their connection to the eTIR international system.

(c) NCTS-eTIR Proof of Concept

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed on the progress made by the European Commission and ECE in the preparation of an eTIR-NCTS³ Proof of Concept (PoC) which is aimed at analysing the compatibility of the eTIR and NCTS processes and data requirements, with a view to identifying the most effective method to connect European Union customs systems to the eTIR international system.

² wiki.unece.org/display/ED/eTIR+documentation+-+Homepage

³ New Computerized Transit System

7. eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation version 4.3

(a) Introduction

The Group of Experts may wish to consider and approve version 4.3 of the Introduction document contained in documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/11 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/12 ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/13, as well as the consolidated version prepared by the secretariat contained in Informal document WP.30/GE.1 No. 1 (2021).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/9, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/10, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/11, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/13 and Informal document WP.30/GE.1 No. 1 (2021)

(b) eTIR Concepts

The Group of Experts may wish to consider and approve version 4.3 of the eTIR Concepts document contained in documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/14 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/15, as well as the consolidated version prepared by the secretariat contained in Informal document WP.30/GE.1 No. 2 (2021).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/14, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/15 and Informal document WP.30/GE.1 No. 2 (2021)

(c) eTIR functional specifications

The Group of Experts may wish to note that version 4.2 of the eTIR functional specifications was published in Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2017). The Group of Expert may wish to take note that version 4.3 of the eTIR functional specifications will be finalized for its next session and that parts of it are already contained in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/16, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/17 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/18.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2017), ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/16, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/17 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/18

(d) eTIR technical specifications

The Group of Experts may wish to note that that version 4.2 of the eTIR technical specifications was published in Informal document GE.1 No. 8 (2017) and that version 4.3 will be prepared for its next session.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 8 (2017)

(e) Amendments

The Group of Experts may wish to take note that the amendments that GE.1 approved at its twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninths, thirtieth and thirty-first sessions are recorded in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/7. The Group of Experts might wish to take note that the amendments pertaining to the introduction and the concept documents have already been included in the documents presented under agenda items 7.a and 7.b.

The Group of Experts may wish to consider ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/19 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/20, which contain proposed amendments to version 4.2 of the eTIR specifications.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/19 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.1/2021/20

8. Other business**(a) Annex 11 of the TIR Convention**

The Group of Experts may wish to note that WP.30 agreed with the publication, on the eTIR website, of the list of Question and Answers contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/6.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/6

(b) National and regional developments

The Group of Experts may wish to be informed about recent information and communication technology (ICT) developments relevant to the computerization of the TIR procedure or provide an update of previous presentations. Participants interested in sharing their experiences with the Group of Experts are invited to contact the secretariat at their earliest convenience but not later than 20 January 2021.

(c) Date and place of Group of Experts sessions

The Group of Experts may wish to preliminary take note of the dates reserved for the second and third sessions, i.e. 25–27 May 2021 and 13–15 September 2021, respectively. As long as the epidemiologic situation limits international travel and leads to mandatory quarantines, the secretariat will try to organize sessions in hybrid format (allowing both virtual and in-person attendance).

9. Adoption of the report

After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement at the second session of the Group of Experts.
