



**"First or last response" in a global emergency?
International Transport Conventions as a catalyst
of concerted national responses**

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WE ARE THE VOICE
OF MORE THAN

3.5
MILLION

COMPANIES WORLDWIDE

The world road transport organisation

IRU is the global voice of companies providing commercial road transport, mobility and logistics services.



160+
members



80+
countries

60%
logistics



40%
mobility

COVID-19 IMPACTS

Macro-economic indicators

Overall, an estimated decline in GDP by -5.6% in 2020.

It will take at least 3 years to return to pre-crisis level.

**Impact on road transport turnover
(passenger and freight)
FY 2019 vs FY 2020**

- 18%
Revenue loss

-1 Trillion \$
Globally

**Looming wave
of bankruptcies**

Sources IHS Markit, IRU
analysis 2020

COVID-19

Immediate practical response:

providing needed information



Observatory on Border Crossing Status due to COVID-19



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ROLE OF UN CONVENTIONS IN FIGHTING COVID-19

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Benefits

Protects drivers

No disruption of supply chains

Seamless, contactless border crossing operations

Electronic exchange of data

Protects customs officers

No cargo handling en route

Continuous cargo flows

TIR keeps borders open
Tried and tested since 1949

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Border crossings in the age of COVID-19

Using tried and tested UN Conventions

Without TIR/eTIR
Border crossing restrictions: each driver and load compartment is checked, increasing the risk of spreading the virus to customs officers and drivers

With TIR/eTIR
Border crossing facilitation, no need to check every driver and load compartment, reducing the risk of spreading the virus

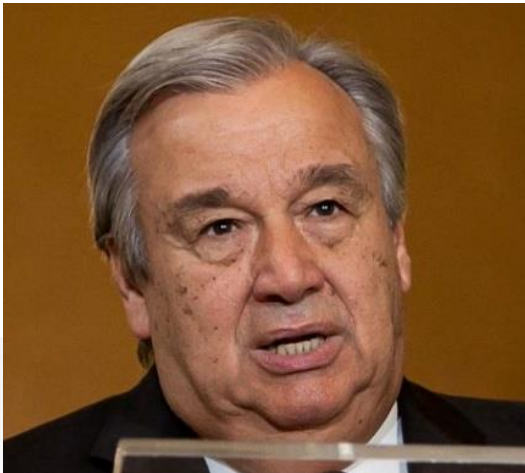
What is TIR?
TIR is the only global transit system. It enables goods to be shipped from a country of origin, through transit countries, to a country of destination, in sealed load compartments that are controlled by customs via a multilateral, mutually recognised system. It is the easiest, most secure and reliable way to move goods across multiple international borders, saving time and money for transport operators and customs authorities.

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“Innovative tools such as UN eTIR/eCMR systems and other tools that allow to exchange electronic information without physical contact and facilitate the flow of goods across borders should be used”

ANTÓNIO GUTERRES
UN Secretary General





COVID-19 CALL FOR ACTION

GOVERNMENTS NEED TO ACT NOW

Road transport on the brink of collapse

- Governments ignore state of emergency in the road transport industry
- Looming wave of bankruptcies
- Airlines and railways received bailout

What road transport needs to survive

- Coordination at global and cross-border level
- Make use of the UN Conventions and IT tools that already exist
- Deploy targeted financial support measures

What is at risk

Mass insolvencies of road transport companies will be inevitable without assistance

- Global recession will be more devastating and last longer
- People and essential goods will not be transported
- Economic development and recovery will come to a standstill