

# Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

WP.30 “Harmonization Convention, issues in the  
application of the Convention”

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- Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)
- THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975, complete text of the TIR Convention, 1975, as of 12 August 2006 Lay-out follows its structure of the TIR Convention, 1975
- This Convention shall apply to the transport of goods without intermediate reloading, **in road vehicles, combinations of vehicles or in containers** across one or more frontiers between a Customs office of departure of one Contracting Party and a Customs office of destination of another or of the same Contracting Party, provided that some portion of the journey between the beginning and the end of the TIR transport is made by road. {ECE/TRANS/17/Amend.21; entered into force on 12 May 2002} (Art.2)

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- Article 2 of the TIR convention allows goods to be carried under cover of a TIR Carnet when only part of the journey is made by road. It does not specify what part of the journey has to be made by road and it is sufficient that this should occur at some point between the beginning and the end of the TIR transport
- Law no. 35/2012 on the accession of the Republic of Albania to the international convention on the harmonized system of codification and description of goods international convention on the harmonized system (Done at Brussels, 14 June 1983)
- Amended under the Protocol amending the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description System and Codification System, on 24 June 1986

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- On the accession of the Republic of Albania to the international convention "on simplification and harmonization of customs procedures", done in KYOTO ON MAY 18, 1973 (AMENDED) Customs Cooperation Council (World Customs Organization) Rue du Marche 30 B-1210 Brussels
- Law no. 8754, 26.3.2001 on the accession of the Republic of Albania to the "convention on the harmonization of the rules on border goods control" international convention on the harmonization of border goods control
- Law No.8648, dated 28.7.2000 on the ratification of the protocol of the membership of the Republic of Albania in the "Marrakesh agreement, which established World Trade Organization "

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- Law No.8759, 26.3.2001 on the accession of the republic of albania to the "international convention on mutual administrative assistance for the prevention, investigation and strike of violations" international convention on mutual administrative assistance for prevention, investigation and strike of customs violations, (Nairobi, 9 June 1977)
- Law No.9316, dated 18.11.2004 on the accession of the Republic of Albania to the international convention "on mutual administrative assistance in customs affairs", Johannesburg
- Law no. 10 077, dated 16.2.2009 on the accession of the Republic of Albania to the convention on temporary permission, made in Istanbul on 26 June 1990

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- Law no. 9503, dated 3.4.2006 on the accession of the republic of Albania to the convention on the international road transport contract (CMR) and the signature protocol
- Law no. 9926, dated 9.6.2008 on the accession of the Republic of Albania to the convention "on the taxation of road vehicles for private use in international traffic" and the protocol
- Decision no. 348, dated 11.5.2016, of the Council of Ministers, "On the approval of the National Strategy for Development and Integration 2015-2020", on infrastructure and transport incl. RAIL, on the modernization of [railways](#) to ensure conformity assessment and further integration with the countries of Western Balkans region and trans-European networks TEN-T

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- Decision no.611, dated 17.9.2014, of the Council of Ministers, "On the approval of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of the Regional Strategy for Southeast Europe, 2014 - 2020", dimension I.2 – Rail transport: Operations to ensure harmonization with the framework EU transport regulator to establish common market conditions and safety standards, as well as liberalize rail service
- Increased competition between multimodal operators, railway and port operators (rail-facility operators) as in Art. 15 aligning the SERA
- Decree no.2700, dated 19.7.2000, of the President of the Republic of Albania, law no.8638, dated 13.7.2000, "On the accession to the Vilnius Protocol of 3 June 1999 containing the modification of the Convention on International Rail Transport (COTIF) , of May 9, 1980 "

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- Decree no.4398, dated 17.11.2004, of the President of the Republic of Albania, law no.9299, dated 28.10.2004, "On the accession of the Republic of Albania to decision III / 1, amendment of the Basel Convention" On the cross-border movement of hazardous waste and their disposal ”
- Decree no. 6845, dated 6.12.1983, of the President "On the accession of the Republic of Albania to the International Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM) and to the Convention on International Rail Transport (COTIF)“
- Decree no.7875, dated 26.12.2012, of the President of the Republic of Albania, law no.118 / 2012, "On the transport of dangerous goods"



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- Decree No. 4399, dated 17.11.2004, Law No. 9300, dated 28.10.2004, "On the accession of the Republic of Albania to Annex" A "of the Convention on International Rail Transport (COTIF), on the uniform rules for the contract of international rail transport of passengers and luggage (CIV) ”
- Decree no. 4125, dated 13.2.2003, of the President of Albania, law no. and law no. 9168, dated 22.1.2004, UNECE International Convention
- Decree no.5096, dated 2.11.2006, Albanian law no.9620, dated 16.10.2006, "On the ratification of the multilateral agreement for the establishment of a high performance railway network in Southeast Europe“ (SEE)
- Law no.9689, dated 5.3.2007, “On the European agreement on mainline railway ”
- Law of international agreements no. 128/2012 for the completion of the border railway transport between the two countries, it is determined the creation of the Joint station, which opened on 10.07.2017 in Tuzi (Montenegro)

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- <https://hsh.com.al/index.php/2020/11/24/rregullat-e-procedurave-per-stacionin-e-tuzit/>
- The transport sector strategy has set the KPIs of the goods, with reports at publication:
- [https://www.infrastruktura.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/4th-Monitoring-Report\\_May-2021-TransportSector-Strategy-final-21.06.2021.pdf](https://www.infrastruktura.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/4th-Monitoring-Report_May-2021-TransportSector-Strategy-final-21.06.2021.pdf)
- The Albanian Railway is a signatory of the declaration of the Safety culture and Just culture model of railway safety, where the HSH and MIE signatories:  
[https://www.era.europa.eu/activities/safety-culture\\_en](https://www.era.europa.eu/activities/safety-culture_en)
- <https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/One-year-progress-report-onimplementation-of-TCT-Action-Plans-14-10-2021-14-50.pdf>
- The EU Railway Innovation Program representation from the Albanian Railways
- <https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/03-ERA-TDG-by-Rail-1.pdf>
- <https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/06-Rail-statistics-in-Albania.pptx.pdf>

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