



Actions of the inland transport sector to  
join the global fight against climate change

85<sup>th</sup> Session

**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**



**UNECE**

# **MAIN ACTIVITIES OF WP.30 and AC.2 in 2022 ECE/TRANS/2023/28**

Ms. Florence Coulon (Chair AC.2)

# TIR CONVENTION

Status



- The TIR Convention, 1975 has 77 contracting parties and the TIR system is active in 65 countries.
- Amendments:
  - 4 February 2022, entry into force of various amendments to the body and annexes of the TIR Convention to make the electronic submission of data by customs and national associations to the International TIR Data Bank (ITDB) obligatory (mainly used for the authorization of TIR Carnet holders, registration of seals and stamps and customs offices open for TIR operations);
  - 25 June 2022, entry into force of a proposal to amend Article 18 and Annexes 1 and 6 of the TIR Convention, increasing the number of places of loading and unloading from four to, maximally, eight. The layout of the TIR Carnet has been adjusted accordingly.

# TIR CONVENTION

## Data on the International TIR Data Bank per 1 February 2023



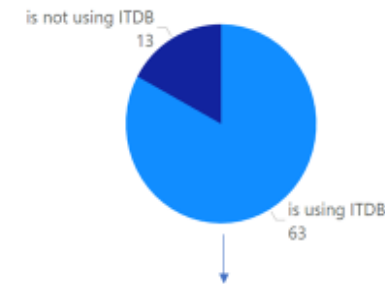
TIRExB - 95th session / AC.2 - 79th session / WP.30 - 162nd session  
6-10 February 2023

### General ITDB data status

- 1,160 web application users +11 (since 2018)
- 29,663 authorized holders +135
- 271 stamps and seals records +1
- 2,856 TIR customs offices +55

(Details of charts below available upon request at [itdb@un.org](mailto:itdb@un.org))

Contracting Parties with ITDB users since 2018



Active Contracting Parties with holder data



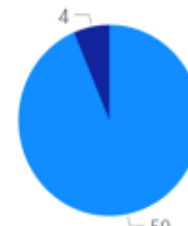
● Has auth. holders ● No auth. holder

Active Contracting Parties with Customs or Nat. Associations users



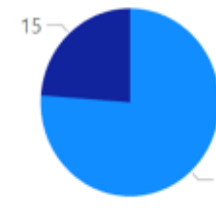
● Has users

Active Contracting Parties with stamps or seals data



● Has Stamps/Seals ● No Stamps/Seals

Active Contracting Parties with customs offices data



● Has cust. offices ● No cust. office



- Ongoing eTIR interconnection projects:
  - Azerbaijan, Georgia and Uzbekistan: finalized interconnection and conformance tests. Ready to start using the eTIR procedure;
  - Pakistan and Tunisia: finalized interconnection and in process of finalizing conformance tests;
  - Türkiye: interconnection in process;
  - Armenia: ready to start discussion interconnection.
  - On 27 December 2022, the first eTIR transport conducted, between Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan.
  - Three sessions of the newly established Technical Implementation Body (TIB), dealing with the development of the technical and functional specifications of eTIR (eTIR specs).

# HARMONIZATION CONVENTION, 1982



- No new accessions in 2022. Since entry into force for Turkmenistan (2017), 58 contracting parties.
- WP.30 took note of the results of a survey on the application of Annex 9 of the Harmonization, conducted by the Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2), in consultation with WP.30. WP.30 took note of the information coming from the survey, but regretted the absence of conclusions or recommendations for future actions.
- Preparation, by the ECE secretariat, in collaboration with OSCE, of a “Practical guide to cross-border facilitation”. ITC is requested to mandate the secretariat to prepare publication in the three official ECE languages.

# ALIGNMENT OF WORK OF WP.30 WITH THE ITC STRATEGY



- Review of the Terms of Reference of WP.30 and, possibly, alignment with the revised Terms of Reference of ITC (ongoing);
- In the course of the review of the seventeen legal instruments under the auspices of WP.30, Denmark, France and Luxembourg have denounced the 1958 Customs Convention Concerning Spare Parts used for Repairing EUROPE Wagons. Switzerland started proceeding of denouncement. This leaves the Convention with only five remaining contracting parties. At three remaining contracting parties, the Convention will cease to have effect.

# 2019 RAIL PASSENGER CONVENTION



- Convention on the Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures for Passengers, Luggage and Load-luggage Carried in International Traffic by Rail, of 22 February 2019
- No further information in the course of 2022 on any action related to accession to the Convention.
- Only Chad signed the Convention, on 26 September 2019.



**Actions of the inland transport sector to  
join the global fight against climate change**

85<sup>th</sup> Session

**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**



**UNECE**

**Thank you!**

Florence Coulon

Attaché - Législation douanière

Administration générale des Douanes et Accises

**UNECE**

23 February 2023, Geneva