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**Authorization for printing and distributing TIR Carnets and
the organizing and functioning of the guarantee system:
TIR carnet new lay-out – Prolongation of a transitional period**

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Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union

I. Background

1. The amendments to Annex I of the TIR Convention entered into force on 25 June 2022 and introduced a new lay-out of the TIR carnet. Accordingly, TIR carnets with this new lay-out started to be issued progressively by IRU to the national associations. At the same time, IRU and national Associations also had to exhaust their stocks with the old TIR carnets lay-out (which had been printed before 25 June 2022).

2. Therefore, the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention (AC.2), on its seventy-sixth session, in October 2021, was requested to grant a transitional period of approximately 18 months (from 25 June 2022 until 31 December 2023), during which TIR carnets with both lay-outs would be in circulation and be simultaneously accepted by customs administrations. Such a request was dully approved by AC.2 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/155).

II. Current status

3. Due to the decrease in TIR carnet issuance, IRU and national Associations will not be able to exhaust their old TIR carnet lay-out stock before 31 December 2023 and will need another 12 months to do so (i.e. till 31 December 2024).

III. Considerations by the Administrative Committee

4. In view of the above, the Administrative Committee is requested:

- To decide that both TIR carnet versions (with the old and the new lay-out) shall be valid and be accepted by customs authorities until 31 December 2024.

- To have this decision brought to national customs authorities for execution accordingly.