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CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF  
GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION)

GENEVA, 14 NOVEMBER 1975

PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A NEW EXPLANATORY NOTE 0.3 (A) (III)  
TO ANNEX 6 OF THE CONVENTION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 23 January 2009, the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) transmitted to the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of article 59 (1) and (2) of the Convention, proposals to introduce a new Explanatory Note 0.3 (a) (iii) to Annex 6 of the TIR Convention, adopted at its forty-sixth session held in Geneva on 9 October 2008.

Paragraph 24 of the report of the Committee contains the text of the proposals in the English, French and Russian languages (documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/95 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30.AC.2/95/Corr.1 (Russian only)). These documents are available on the website of the UNECE Transport Division at the following addresses:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-95e.pdf> (English version)  
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In connection with the above-mentioned proposed amendments, reference is made to the procedure set forth in article 60 of the Convention, which reads as follows:

“1. Any proposed amendment to Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 considered in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 59 shall come into force on a date to be determined by the Administrative Committee at the time of its adoption, unless by a prior date

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determined by the Administrative Committee at the same time, one-fifth or five of the States which are Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the amendment. Determination by the Administrative Committee of the dates referred to in this paragraph shall be by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

2. On entry into force, any amendment adopted in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1 above shall for all Contracting Parties replace and supersede any previous provisions to which amendment refers.”

In accordance with the provisions of article 60 (1) of the Convention, the Administrative Committee decided that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should be notified of objections to the proposed amendments not later than 1 July 2009 and that, unless there were a sufficient number of objections, the introduction of a new explanatory note would enter into force on 1 October 2009.

23 January 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'J' followed by a flourish.

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