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Below, the secretariat reproduces a communication from the government of Bulgaria
for consideration by the Board.



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
NATIONAL CUSTOMS AGENCY**

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SUBJECT: Appointment of an escort for transport carried out under cover of TIR Carnets.

DEAR MR. EKIN,

We would like to inform you that we have recently received several queries through the national guarantee association for the TIR procedure on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria (AEBTRI), concerning the provisions and the tariffs, applicable to the appointment of an escort of vehicles traveling under cover of TIR carnets.

Regarding the latter, the Bulgarian Customs Administration (BCA) carried out an inspection which established that no escort had been required, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 23 of the TIR Convention, 1975, from the customs office of entry MP Kalotina to the customs office of exit MP Capitan Andreevo for the following vehicles: № 01ASB03/01ASB04 with TIR carnet № XH67349646; № 01BKY96/01ADT46 with TIR carnet № XC67896665; № 34ZL6776 with TIR carnet № XK67895026.

Additionally to the above mentioned, we would like to notify that National Customs Agency has prepared guidelines for the customs officers concerning the application of the provisions of Article 23 of the TIR Convention, 1975 and the comment thereto. A main focus of these guidelines is that the customs officers should not require an escort for vehicles, combinations of vehicles or containers, except in exclusive cases, as in each particular case the decision to appoint an escort should be based on the risk analysis and on the consideration of the specific circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

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