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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Inland Transport Committee**

#### **Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport**

##### **Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure**

###### **Thirty-first session**

Geneva, 10-11 March 2020

Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda

###### **eTIR conceptual, functional and technical documentation**

###### **Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points**

### **Summary of the activities of the network of eTIR focal points**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

## **I. Background**

1. At its 124th session (February 2010), the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) supported the call of the secretariat to organize activities of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) at long distance, by means of a network of focal points for eTIR (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/248, para. 22). At its 125th session, WP.30 stressed the importance for every Contracting Party to nominate a focal point for the eTIR project and to inform the secretariat accordingly (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/250, para. 19). This document presents the status of the network of eTIR focal points and summarizes its activities since the twenty-ninth session of GE.1.

## **II. Members of the network of eTIR focal points**

2. The following thirty-eight Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention have nominated at least one eTIR focal point: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and

Uzbekistan. The e-mail addresses of the focal points are available on the eTIR website ([www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html)).

### **III. Information received from the network of eTIR focal points**

3. Since the thirtieth session, eTIR focal points have not communicated to the secretariat any issue or input to be brought to the attention of GE.1.

### **IV. Queries and information sent to the network of eTIR focal points**

4. At its 30th session, the GE.1 agreed to have first considerations on a list of questions, prepared by the European Commission, on the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure. Within the time available, GE.1, tentatively provided answers to some of the questions and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the European Commission, to continue this work and circulate the draft answers to eTIR focal points, for consideration at the next meeting of GE.1. The email sent out by the secretariat on 6 January 2020 is reproduced in Annex I and the comments received by eTIR focal points can be found in Informal document GE.1 No.3 (2020).

5. At its 154th session, WP.30 decided that customs administrations and national associations should be able to add to the list their own questions with regard to the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention (including Annex 11) for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure. It requested the secretariat to invite, by email, customs and associations TIR focal points as well as eTIR focal points, to send questions to the secretariat and to publish these as documents for consideration of GE.1 or the Working Party (depending on the nature of the questions), together with tentative answers. The email sent out by the secretariat on 13 February 2020 is reproduced in Annex II.

### **V. Further considerations**

6. GE.1 may wish to take stock of this document.

## **Annex I Email sent to eTIR focal points**

### **NeTIRFP Q.14 - Questions on the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure**

**Date: 6 January 2020**

Dear eTIR focal points,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous year 2020.

At its 30th session, GE.1 had first considerations of a list of questions, prepared by the European Commission (EC), on the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure (Annex 1). GE.1, tentatively provided answers to some of the questions and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the European Commission, to continue this work and circulate the draft answers to eTIR focal points.

In the file attached, you will find the questions, together the draft answers by GE.1 as well as those drafted the TIR secretariat in collaborations with the EC. We would kindly ask you to review the questions and answers and provide your comments, if any, at your earliest convenience, but not later than 15 February 2020.

At its 31st session, which is planned to take place in Geneva on 10-11 March 2020, GE.1 will consider the questions and answers, together with your comments. Furthermore, GE.1 indicated that, once the questions and answers would be approved by the relevant bodies, they could be posted on the eTIR website under a new section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Would you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Kind regards,

André

## Annex II Email sent to TIR and eTIR focal points

### Questions on the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure

**Date: 13 February 2020**

Dear TIR and eTIR focal points,

At its 154th session, on 4 February 2020, while taking note that the thirty-first session of GE.1 would take place on 10–11 March 2020 in Geneva, the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) also noted that the meeting will consider, inter alia, a list of questions, prepared by the European Commission, on the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure, together with tentative answers. The list of questions, which has been annexed to the report of the 30th session of GE.1 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/2), was already circulated on 6 January 2020, together with tentative replies, to eTIR focal points for their feedback.

At the same session, the Working Party decided that customs administrations and national associations should be able to add to the list their own questions with regard to the application of various provisions of the TIR Convention (including Annex 11) for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure. It requested the secretariat to invite, by email, customs and associations TIR focal points as well as eTIR focal points, to send questions to the secretariat and to publish these as documents for consideration of GE.1 or the Working Party (depending on the nature of the questions), together with tentative answers.

You are therefore invited to send to the secretariat any question you would have with regard to the application of provisions of the TIR Convention (including Annex 11) for TIR transports carried out under the eTIR procedure.

Kind regards,

André

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Chers points focaux TIR et eTIR,

À sa 154e session, le 4 février 2020, tout en prenant note que la trente et unième session du GE.1 se tiendrait les 10 et 11 mars 2020 à Genève, le Groupe de travail sur questions douanières intéressant les transports (WP.30) a également noté que la réunion examinerait, entre autres, une liste de questions préparée par la Commission européenne sur l'application de diverses dispositions de la convention TIR aux transports TIR effectués selon de la procédure eTIR, ainsi que des réponses provisoires. La liste des questions, qui a été annexée au rapport de la 30e session du GE.1 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/2) avec des réponses provisoires, a été distribuée aux point focaux eTIR pour commentaire le 6 janvier 2020.

À la même session, le Groupe de travail a décidé que les administrations douanières et les associations nationales devraient pouvoir ajouter à la liste leurs propres questions concernant l'application de diverses dispositions de la Convention TIR (y compris l'annexe 11) aux transports TIR effectués selon la procédure eTIR. Il a demandé au secrétariat d'inviter, par courrier électronique, les points focaux TIR des douanes et des associations ainsi que les points focaux eTIR, à envoyer des questions au secrétariat et à les publier en tant que documents pour examen par le GE.1 ou le Groupe de travail (selon la nature des questions), ainsi que des réponses provisoires.

Vous êtes donc invité à envoyer au secrétariat toute question que vous pourriez avoir concernant l'application des dispositions de la Convention TIR (y compris l'annexe 11) aux transports TIR effectués selon de la procédure eTIR.

Cordialement,

André

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Уважаемые координационные центры МДП и eTIR!

На своей 154-й сессии, 4 февраля 2020 года, принимая к сведению, что тридцать первая сессия GE.1 состоится 10–11 марта 2020 года в Женеве, Рабочая группа по таможенным вопросам, связанным с транспортом (WP.30), также отметила, что совещание рассматривает в частности, подготовленный Европейской комиссией перечень вопросов о применении различных положений Конвенции МДП к перевозкам МДП, выполняемый в соответствии с процедурой eTIR, вместе с предварительными ответами. Перечень вопросов, который был приложен к докладу о работе 30-й сессии GE.1 (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2020/2), уже был распространен 6 января 2020 года вместе с предварительными ответами среди координационных центров eTIR с целью получения от них отзывов.

На той же сессии Рабочая группа решила, что таможенные администрации и национальные ассоциации должны иметь возможность добавить в список свои собственные вопросы в отношении применения различных положений Конвенции МДП (включая приложение 11) к перевозкам МДП, осуществляемым в соответствии с процедурой eTIR. Рабочая группа поручила секретариату предложить координационным центрам МДП от таможенных органов и ассоциаций, а также координационным центрам eTIR направить вопросы по электронной почте в секретариат и опубликовать их в качестве документов для рассмотрения на GE.1 или Рабочей группе (в зависимости от характера вопросов), вместе с предварительными ответами.

Таким образом, вам предлагается направить в секретариат любой вопрос, который у вас возникнет в связи с применением положений Конвенции МДП (включая приложение 11) к перевозкам МДП, осуществляемым в соответствии с процедурой eTIR.

С уважением,

Андрэ

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