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Informal ad hoc Expert Group on the
Computerization of the TIR procedure

Updates of the Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Follow up to decision ExG/13 (1.1.5. Scope)

Transmitted by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. At its third session, on 1 and 2 September 2003 in Budapest, the Informal ad hoc Expert Group on the Computerization of the TIR procedure (hereafter Expert Group) mandated the secretariat to present a revised version of Chapter 1.1.5. to the Expert Group at its fourth session making a clear distinction between TIR-related and Project-related activities (ExG/COMP/2004/1, Decision 13).

2. Underlying document contains the revised version of Chapter 1.1.5.

B. CONSIDERATIONS BY THE EXPERT GROUP

3. Chapter 1.1.5. of the Reference Model: replace the existing chapter by the following text:

“1.1.5. Scope of the project

The scope of the project is to allow for the use of electronic data interchange in the so-called “TIR Carnet life cycle” without changing its basic philosophy.

The following elements of the TIR procedure are inside the scope of the project:

- *TIR Carnet life cycle:*
 - *Issuance and distribution of TIR Carnets;*
 - *TIR Transport;*
 - *Return and repository of the TIR Carnets;*

The following elements of the TIR procedure are outside the scope of the project:

- *Approval of the guarantee chain;*
- *Approval of the association;*
- *Approval of transport operators;*
- *Approval of vehicles;*
- *Management of a control system for TIR Carnets (Recommendation of 20 October 1995);*
- *Administration of the TIR Convention;*
- *Management of the guarantee system.*

When outlining the contents of the eTIR Project, the WP30 and the Expert Group have already identified a number of tasks which shall be included. The key statements are reproduced here after:

- *Analysis of the actual and future functioning of the TIR procedure (TRANS/WP.30/2002/5; ExG/COMP/2002/7);*
- *Development of a standard set of messages allowing for an effective communication between parties involved (ExG/COMP/2002/5);*
- *Preparation of the required amendments to the TIR Convention (TRANS/WP.30/2002/5; ExG/COMP/2002/7);*
- *Description of roles and responsibilities of all actors involved in an electronic environment (TRANS/WP.30/2002/7);*
- *Estimation of the costs generated by a computerized environment (cost/benefit analysis) (TRANS/WP.30/2002/5; ExG/COMP/2002/7);*
- *Inventory of impact on national administrative procedures and national infrastructure (TRANS/WP.30/2002/7).”*

C. REQUEST TO THE EXPERT GROUP

The Expert Group is requested to discuss, finalize and, possibly, validate Chapter 1.1.5. containing the scope of the project.
