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

GENEVA, 14 NOVEMBER 1975

PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE 13 OF ANNEX 8
TOGETHER WITH PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE NEW EXPLANATORY NOTES 8.13.1-3
AND 8.13.2 TO ANNEX 6 OF THE CONVENTION

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

On 9 May 2008, 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 of amendments to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 13 of Annex 8 together with proposals to introduce new Explanatory Notes 8.13.1-3 and 8.13.2 to Article 6 of the TIR Convention, adopted at its forty-fifth session held in Geneva on 1 and 2 February 2008.

Paragraph 20 of the report of the Committee (document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/93) contains the text of the proposals of amendments in the English, French and Russian languages. This document is available on the website of the UNECE Transport Division at the following addresses:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-93e.pdf> (English version)
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-93f.pdf> (French version)
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-93r.pdf> (Russian version)

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 and 9 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 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.

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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 October 2008 and that, unless there were a sufficient number of objections, the amendments would enter into force on 1 January 2009.

12 May 2008

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