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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

Application of the Convention

**Inclusion of the place and number of seals in
the certificate of approval**

**Amendment proposals for the possible modification of
Explanatory note to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of Annex 2 of the Convention**

Note by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. The Working Party, at its ninety-ninth session (23 to 25 October 2001), took note of a proposal from the Government of the Netherlands, to include information on the exact placement and number of seals on the load compartment in the Model Certificate of Approval of a Road Vehicle, contained in Annex 4 of the Convention (TRANS/WP.30/198, para. 108).

2. At its one-hundredth session (11 to 15 February 2002), the Working Party took note of the existing comment to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) to Annex 2 of the Convention, as well as Annex 4, on the number of Customs seals recommending that the number of seals should be indicated in the Certificate of Approval under item 5 and that, when appropriate, a sketch should be attached to the Certificate of Approval. The Working Party requested the secretariat to remind the TIR Focal Points about the existence of this comment. The Working Party also requested the secretariat to examine how to provide for mandatory rules in the Convention concerning this issue and report to the Working Party at one of its future sessions.

B. AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

3. In order to provide for mandatory rules in the Convention concerning the indication of the number and placement of seals, in cases when multiple seals are applied, it is proposed to amend Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of Annex 2 of the Convention as follows:

Amend Annex 6, Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of Annex 2 (applies also mutatis mutandis to the provisions of Annex 7):

“Explanatory Note to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b)

2.2.1 (b) Doors and other closing systems

Add a new subparagraph to 2.2.1 (b):

- (f) *In cases where more than one Customs seal are required for Customs secure sealing, the number of such seals shall be indicated in the Certificate of Approval under point 5 (Annex 4 to the TIR Convention, 1975). A sketch of the road vehicle shall be attached to the Certificate of Approval showing the exact location of the Customs seals*
{TRANS/WP.30/204, paragraph}

Delete the Comment to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b):
