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

**Amendment proposals for the possible modification of
Explanatory Note to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of Annex 2 to 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 to 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 (TRANS/WP.30/200, paras. 88-90).

3. The Working Party, at its one-hundred-and-second session, considered a proposal, prepared by the secretariat, for amendment of Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) of Annex 2 to the Convention on the mandatory inclusion of information in the Model Certificate of Approval of a Road Vehicle on the exact place and number of seals on the load compartment (TRANS/WP.30/2002/24). The Working Party noted that the proposal would not only apply mutadis mutandis to the provisions of Annex 7. Additionally the Comment on the number of Customs seals to Annex 4 of the Convention should also be reviewed. It also noted that it would be necessary to include an implementing provision in the Explanatory Note (TRANS/WP.30/204, para. 65). As a consequence, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a revised proposal for its consideration at the present session.

B. AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

4. 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 to the Convention as follows:

Amend Annex 6, Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of Annex 2 (applies also mutadis 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 (f) 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.30/206, paragraph.....}

Comment to Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) (f)

Implementation period for the inclusion in the Certificate of Approval of the number and place of seals when more than one Customs seal is required

*The provisions of Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) (f), which come into force on [7 August 2003] shall be applicable for road vehicles to be approved for the first time or on the occasion of the bi-annual inspection and renewal of the approval after entry into force of Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b)(f) where appropriate. As a consequence, as of [7 August 2005], all road vehicles, requiring more than one seal for Customs secure sealing, shall need to be equipped with a Certificate of Approval in line with Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) (f).
{TRANS/WP.30/206, paragraph...}*

Delete the Comment on “Number of Customs seals” to Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) (applies also mutadis mutandis to the provisions of Annex 7).

Replace the existing comment on “Number of Customs seals” to Annex 4 of the Convention by the following:

Place and number of Customs seals

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. This provision, which comes into force on [7 August 2003], shall be applicable for road vehicles to be approved for the first time or on the occasion of the bi-annual inspection and renewal of the approval after entry into force of Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b)(f) where appropriate. As a consequence, as of [7 August 2005], all road vehicles, requiring more than one seal for Customs secure sealing, shall need to be equipped with a Certificate of Approval in line with Explanatory Note 2.2.1 (b) (f).

{TRANS/WP.30/206, paragraph...}
