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Transport

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

Application of the Convention

The concept of authorized consignee in the TIR Convention

Transmitted by the Government of France

Note: The secretariat reproduces below handouts of the slides, accompanying the presentation by the Government of France, outlining the French experiences gained in a pilot study providing consignees with the right to receive goods under the TIR procedure directly at their premises (see document TRANS/WP.30/2003/12).

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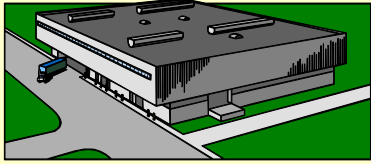
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EXPERIMENTATION

ON

AUTHORISED CONSIGNEES

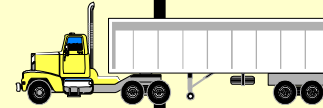
Addressee



TIR Country
(U.E.)

Office
of transit
(entrance)

Office
of transit
(exit)



CURRENT SITUATION

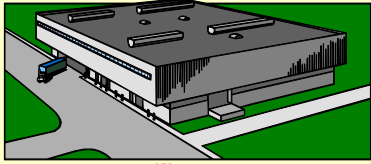
TIR
Country



Customs office
of destination

« Submission »
TIR carnet
Certificate of agreement
Intact Seals

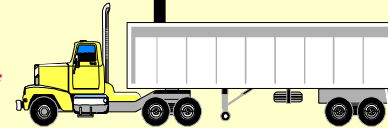
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Consignee**



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**Office
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of transit
(exit)**



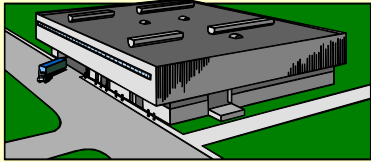
Experimentation

**TIR
Countries**



**Customs office
of destination**

**Authorised
Consignee**



« Submission »

Arrival notice

to customs

Intact Seals => OK

Problem occurred =>
Procedure denied



**Customs office
of destination**

**TIR Country
(U.E.)**

Office
of transit
(entrance)

Office
of transit
(exit)

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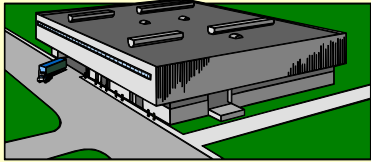
**TIR
Countries**

« Postponed submission »
TIR carnet
Certificate of agreement
and copy of arrival notice

ARRIVAL NOTICE

Office of destination inspection Authorised Consignee's name :	TIR CARNET n° :..... 2 Issued :
Agreement n° issued:	Mean of transport registration nr. 3
1 Date of arrival : Seals inspection : Remarks : Signature of authorized person	Only for the carrier/representant purpose
	CUSTOMS STAMP

**Authorised
Consignee**



**Information sent
during working hours
(Arrival notice)**



**respect of deadline
(waiting period
for customs control)**



**Unloading of
goods**



**Customs office
of destination**

**TIR Country
(U.E.)**

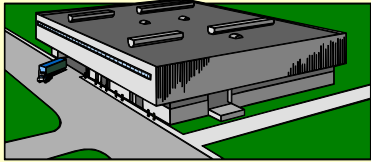
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(entrance)**

**Office
of transit
(exit)**

Experimentation

**TIR
Countries**

**Authorised
Consignee**



**TIR Country
(U.E.)**

Office
of transit
(entrance)

Office
of transit
(exit)

Experimentation

**TIR
Countries**

Arrival day (or following day)

Submission TIR carnet -
Certificate of agreement -
Mean of transport . Safetir



**Customs office
of destination**

Carrier responsibility



Carrier responsibility

Arrival advise / Control doc.

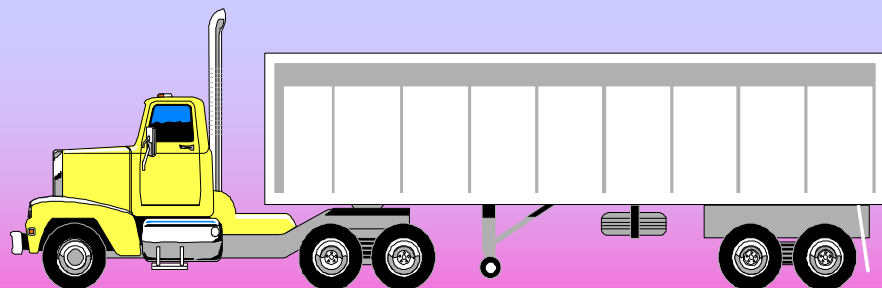


Carrier responsibility

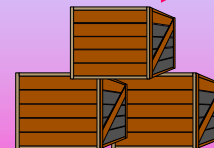
IF

**« Difference statement »
contradictory established**

NO



**Autorised consignee
responsibility**



Autorised consignee responsibility

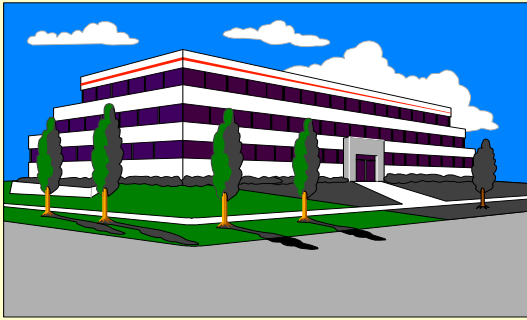
Criteria required

to be appointed

Authorised consignee

- To be established in a contracting party of the TIR convention
- To have a significant and regular traffic (receive goods regularly)
- To be capable of fulfilling the obligations
- To bring evidence to the relevant customs authorities that he will respect the legal requirements of the procedure.
- Not have committed serious or repeated infringements of customs legislation

And if :



- Customs can ensure the supervision and control of the procedure without establishing a mechanism that is disproportionate in relation to the needs of the operator



- the operator has accounts that enable the customs to carry out effective controls

*Authorisation
procedure*

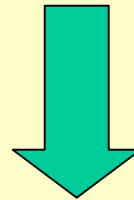
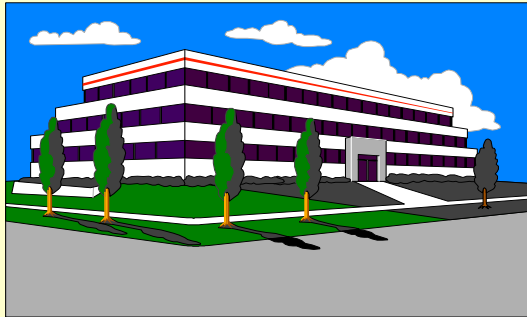
Operator



- **Written - dated - signed request**
- **Requirement to provide the data necessary to deal with the request**
- **Responsibility for the information provided**

Customs

- **treatment of the request**
- **Maximal dealing (to study the procedure) at the will of C.P.**



Authorisation



**Justified
refusal**

Responsibility of the operator

To inform competent authorities of all subsequent
modification

**STATUS
OF AUTHORISED CONSIGNEE**

DATA

- **economic operator** : « B.... International »
- **localisation of business** : Rungis (FR)
- **économic activity** : sale of miscellaneous equipments
- **transportation** : importation by road from TIR countries of miscellaneous equipment (108 consignments expected this year)

TUR, TJK, RUS, ROM

Rungis (FR)



TIR

IM4

Facilities on arrival ⇒ ① On request

① Request of the operator

written

dated

signed

Liability for the informations provided

Examination of the request by customs authorities

② Examination of the request

Items to be verified :

Customs formalities completed by the operator	Yes	No
Transport provided by the operator	Yes	No
Internal organisation of company satisfactory		
Internal links within the company : good coordination with the department responsible for customs formalities		
Qualified "customs" staff within the company		

② Examination of the request (following)

Regular consignee ?	Yes	No
If so, for how long ? – years		
Sensitive goods		
Does the operator have a warehouse approved by customs		
Does the warehousing of goods make them easier to identify ?		
Submission to customs (summary declaration = transit declaration (TIR))		
Customs destinations requested : Clearance : x /transit : x /warehouse : x /other :..		

② Examination of the request (following)

Reliability of stock records	Yes	No
Computerised stock records ?		
Proposed notification method of the competent customs office Tel. / fax : x /e-mail /other		
Forward programme for taking delivery of goods		

② EXAMEN DE LA DEMANDE (suite)

Transport deadline for reaching operator : 30'		
Computerised interface possible between the private and the authority's computersied system ?	Yes	No
EDI user		
Previous cases of "direct delivery"		

⇒ SATISFACTORY AUDIT

④ *Status of authorised consignee*

- **competent office of destination : RUNGIS (FR)**
- **following receipt on its premises**, the operator is responsible for the goods and must submit the TIR carnet and other documents to the competent authorities
- **waiting period : 30 minutes**

④ *Status of authorised consignee*

- obligations of the operator :

--- arrival advice transmission

--- immediate notification of the customs office of any anomaly regarding the goods (surpluses, missing goods, replacements) or the vehicle (the state of the seals, TIR identification plate, for example).

--- submit to the office (by the next day) of TIR carnet, Certificate of agreement, copy of arrival advice and means of transport is required to be at the disposal of customs authorities and submit to inspection at the first request .

--- the release of the means of transport can only be authorized after the TIR carnet discharge. This implies that the consignee has to give this carnet back and to issue a certificate of agreement to the transporter.

STATUS of AUTHORISED CONSIGNEE
FINAL AUTORISATION
given by the competent custom office of RUNGIS (FR)

- recipient : « B..... INTERNATIONAL. »

FACILITIES GRANTED :

- take delivery of the goods convoyed under TIR directly on its premises

and

- submit TIR carnet, certificate of agreement and vehicle at a later date only