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TIR carnet new lay-out – Prolongation of a transitional period

Old layout TIR Carnet stock analysis

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union

In annex, the secretariat transmits a document by the International Road Transport Union (IRU).

Annex



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OLD LAYOUT TIR CARNET STOCK ANALYSIS

I) BACKGROUND

At its past session, in October 2023, the AC.2 considered IRU's request to extend the transition period for the old layout TIR carnets until 31 December 2024.

The AC.2 approved an extension but for six months only (i.e. until 30 June 2024) and requested IRU to provide detailed information on the number of remaining old layout TIR carnets per country and by when the countries would be able to exhaust this stock, to better understand the reason behind this request.

II) INFORMATION

Since the COVID pandemic, transport and logistics have experienced a number of shocks, which have been also impacting the issuance of TIR carnets. As reported in the past sessions, TIR volumes had been decreasing which results in old stocks not being exhausted as planned.

On 1 January 2024 IRU still had 34% of its stock composed of the old layout TIR carnets while for TIR associations, this share was 54% (Annex I).

In view of the above, the 6 month period will not be sufficient to exhaust both stocks, i.e. of IRU and associations, and the inability to use the carnets in stock would result in significant financial losses related not only to printing, but also to transportation charges, destruction costs, etc.

Moreover, the paper production and printing work performed by IRU's partners are also set up according to a calendar year. Therefore, ending the transition period mid-year may severely impact the supply chain of TIR carnets.

III) REQUEST

Considering the above, the Administrative Committee is requested to:

- Decide that both TIR carnet layouts shall be valid and be accepted by the competent customs authorities until 31 December 2024.
- Have this decision brought to the national competent customs authorities for execution accordingly.

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Annex 1

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IRU stock

Stock of IRU per type of TIR Carnets	Total in stock	"old" layout	in %
6 vouchers	772,890	240990	31%
14 vouchers	70,990	69440	98%
16 vouchers	80,650	0	0%
Total	924,530	310,430	34%

Stock at the Associations

Country	Total in stock	"old" layout	in %
BEL	70	70	100%
CHE	165	165	100%
DEU	324	324	100%
DNK	149	149	100%
FRA	49	49	100%
FIN	617	17	3%
UK	120	120	100%
UK	81	81	100%
NOR	48	48	100%
NLD	43	43	100%
SWE	185	185	100%
EST	266	266	100%
LTU	8307	8307	100%
LVA	5569	3269	59%
BLR	5318	5018	94%
ESP	77	0	0%
GRC	614	614	100%
ITA	460	460	100%
SVK	748	748	100%
TUR	33879	11685	34%
SVN	1311	1249	95%
ALB	59	0	0%
BGR	834	834	100%
CZE	1286	1286	100%
DEU	488	146	30%
HUN	1645	1645	100%

ROU	1438	1438	100%
POL	5097	5097	100%
RUS	7020	4075	58%
GEO	1160	1	0%
AFG	397	397	100%
IRN	36426	23993	66%
MDA	1766	1766	100%
KWT	0	0	0%
MKD	203	203	100%
UKR	13151	10210	78%
BIH	208	0	0%
ARE	218	5	2%
UZB	23534	538	2%
AZE	1129	325	29%
TKM	5981	2481	41%
TJK	1253	709	57%
ARM	38	38	100%
KAZ	1460	491	34%
LBN	113	30	27%
SYR	174	0	0%
AUT	134	134	100%
MAR	60	60	100%
JOR	76	76	100%
MNG	252	133	53%
SRB	1999	445	22%
KGZ	237	237	100%
PAK	98	15	15%
CNE	1734	1734	100%
IND	98	98	100%
QAT	75	75	100%
SAU	2866	63	2%
OMN	112	112	100%
HRV	97	97	100%
Total	171,316	91,854	54%