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eTIR conceptual, functional and technical specifications:**Version 4.3****Amendment proposals for version 4.3 of the eTIR specifications****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. At its sixth session (February 2024), the Technical Implementation Body (TIB) mandated the secretariat to prepare a document presenting the relevant rules to implement the restriction on amendment to the declaration data, possible practical examples and any required clarifications.

2. Furthermore, TIB mandated the secretariat to prepare a concrete proposal which would ensure that the ISO 6346 code list is used for containers and the UN/EDIFACT 8155 code list is used for other equipment types. TIB further mandated the secretariat to enquire with ISO on the possibility to publish their code lists as part of the eTIR XML schemas (XSDs).

II. Restrictions on amendments to the declaration data**A. Data elements in the declaration data which should not be amended**

3. In line with the results of the survey conducted among focal points (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/2024/1), the current paper passed procedure and the suggestions from TIB at its sixth session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/12, para. 11), the following data elements in the declaration data should not be amended:

- Holder;
- Guarantee;
- Description of the goods;
- Commodity codes (HS codes);
- Quantity of the goods;



- CustomsOfficeOfDeparture;
- LoadingLocation:
- In the Itinerary:
 - Countries already visited;
 - Customs offices already visited.

B. Practical examples of amendments

4. At its sixth session, TIB invited IRU¹ to possibly identify practical cases where the description, HS code and quantity of the goods have been amended in TIR Carnets. To date, IRU could not identify such cases in returned TIR Carnets but stressed that such changes might have not been reflected in the “not for customs use” voucher.

C. New rules and conditions

5. In order to limit amendments of the declaration data the following amendments could be made to the E11 and I7 messages.

1. Holder

6. In order to avoid requests to amend the Holder, of an accepted declaration data, the Holder class could simply be removed from the E11 message.

7. Furthermore, in the I7 message, the Holder class' status should be D (dependant) and the following condition should be added

Number and Name: CXXX
Description: IF (MESSAGE.Message function, coded) = '4'
THEN EMPTY (HOLDER)

2. Guarantee

8. Since the Guarantee is the identifier of the TIR transport there is no need to include any rule or condition to ensure that it cannot be changed.

3. CustomsOfficeOfDeparture, LoadingLocation, Description, commodity codes and quantity of the goods

9. Taking into account that the E11 and I7 messages can be used to add new consignments to the declaration data, the limitations to the changes to CustomsOfficeOfDeparture, LoadingLocation, Description, commodity codes and quantity of the goods, should be limited to the consignments that have already been accepted by previous customs authorities.

10. In order to avoid requests to amend the CustomsOfficeOfDeparture, LoadingLocation, description of the goods, the commodity codes and the quantity of the goods already accepted and registered as declaration data, the following rule could be included in the consignment class:

Number and Name: RXXX
Description: The CustomsOfficeOfDeparture, LoadingLocation description of the goods, commodity codes and quantity of the goods contained in consignments part of already accepted declaration data shall not be amended.

¹ International Road Transport Union

4. Countries and customs offices already visited (itinerary)

11. TIB has already accepted the introduction of rules to limit such changes in the E11 message (see document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/2024/4, Annex I, Chapter XI).

III. Code lists for equipment types

12. At its fifth session, TIB took note that code list CL01, containing the codes for equipment size and type used to describe the transport equipment used for TIR transport, is based on the UN/EDIFACT 8155 code list, which also refers to the possibility to use of the ISO 6346 code list. However, codes contained in the ISO 6346 code list are not included in the current version of the code list CL01 distributed with the eTIR XSDs.

13. At its sixth session, TIB considered the results of a survey among TIR customs focal points on the usage of the equipment size and type data element and on the code list used as well as the results of consultations with relevant stakeholders. It mandated the secretariat to prepare a concrete proposal which would ensure that the ISO 6346 code list is used for containers and the UN/EDIFACT 8155 code list is used for other equipment types.

14. In line with the above request, it would be suggested to remove the UN/EDIFACT 8155 container codes from CL01 and create a new code list CLxx for container size and type description code, based on the ISO 6346 code list.

15. A following new rule would then have to be introduced in the TransportEquipment.Size and type, coded attributes of messages E6, E9, E11, I6, I7 and I15 messages.

Number and Name: R0xx

Description: If Consignment.Container transport indicator is true, use codes from CLxx otherwise use codes from CL01.

16. The detailed description of the attribute Size and type, coded for all all messages referred to above could look as follows:

Size and type, coded

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eTIR Description	Code of the transport equipment	
WCO Id	152	
WCO Description	Code specifying the characteristics, i.e. size and type of a piece of transport equipment	
SAFE information	Yes	
Format	an..10	
Status	R	
Rule	R0xx	
Code lists	CL01	Equipment size and type description code
	CLxx	Container size and type description code

IV. Consideration by TIB

17. TIB is invited to consider the issues above and instruct the secretariat on how to proceed further.