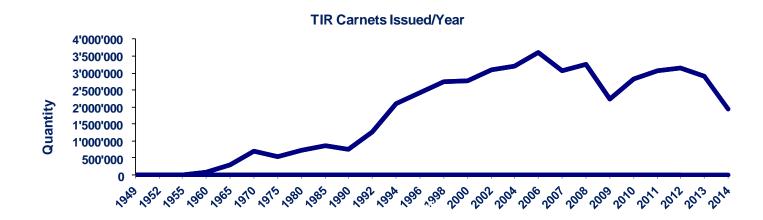
TIR guarantee chain and guarantee levels

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Evolution of TIR usage

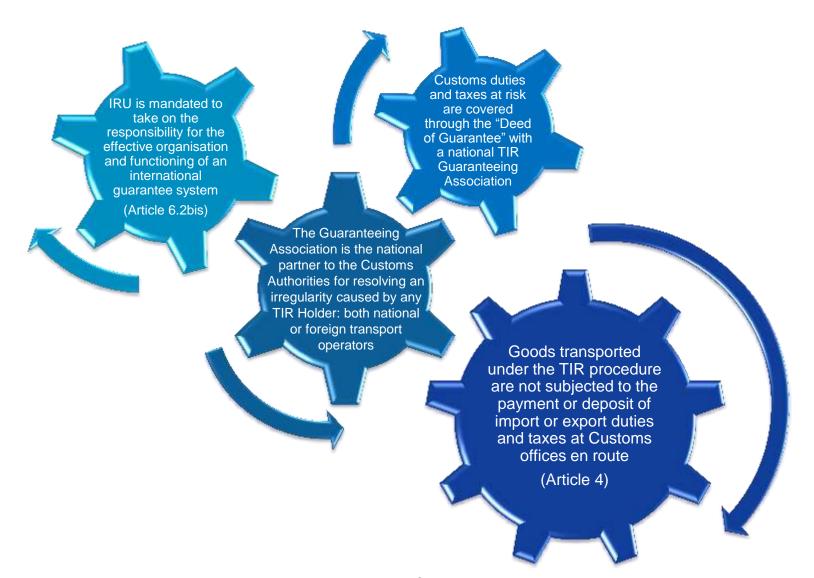
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1949	38		
1952	3243		
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1965	303850		
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1975	533060		
1980	718612		
1985	859100		
1990	748600		
1992	1277400		
1994	2102080		
1996	2422250		
1998	2732900		
2000	2782600		
2002	3095200		
2004	3211050		
2006	3599850		
2007	3076250		
2008	3253800		
2009	2260400		
2010	2822200		
2011	3074500		
2012	3158300		
2013	2920150		
2014	1945050		
Total	79889521		





International Chain of Guarantee







Common and primary objectives

All parties involved in the TIR System aim at:

Ensuring correct termination of a TIR operation

Establishing as fast as possible if termination did NOT occur and react to eliminate further risk



Guarantee level: the background

- ➤Initially USD 50,000 for all countries (CHF 100,000 in Switzerland)
- ➤ Since EUR became the EU currency, the guarantee level in EU countries EUR 60,000, which at the time was equivalent to USD 50,000.
- ➤ Difference in currency courses resulted in difference in TIR guarantee levels in EU and other countries
- ➤ 2008: based on insurers' risk assessment, TIR guarantee level was increased to EUR 60,000 in the countries, where IT TIR risk management tools are implemented.





Article 8.3

"Each Contracting Party shall determine the maximum sum per TIR Carnet, which may be claimed from the guaranteeing association..."

Explanatory Note 0.8.3

"Contracting Parties are recommended to limit to a sum equal to USD 50,000 per TIR Carnet the maximum amount which may be claimed from the guaranteeing association."

Current TIR guarantee level

Normal TIR

- 38 countries EUR 60,000
- 19 countries USD 50,000
- 1 country CHF 100,000

Current practice in case TIR guarantee is insufficient

- Customs escorts
- Additional national guarantees
- TIR+:
 - Kazakhstan some 950 Vouchers used
 - Iran and Kyrgyzstan are starting implementation





TIRExB Informal document No. 26 (2014)

Average amount of customs claims does not clearly demonstrate the need for a global increase of guarantee level for all TIR carnets

Table 1 shows the evolution of some key figures (from the last three surveys), 10. explaining the risk involved in providing TIR guarantees.

Table 1 Comparison of the results of the last three surveys

	2013 survey	2011 survey	2007 survey
Average number of lodged claims per year	115 1	201	866
Average amount of lodged claims per year (ϵ)	$2,728,720^4$	3,630,378	22,625,657
Average number of claims paid per year	51 ⁴	91	58
Average amount of claims paid per year (€)	1,109,450 ⁴	1,705,851	853,984
Average value of lodged claim (€)	23,677	17,992	26,142
Claim rate (# of issued carnets per claim)	24,480 ⁴	14,193	3,900

Guarantee level – assessment is in progress

- IRU has started an analysis to find a cost-effective solution to make the TIR system more competitive and attractive.
- At the same time discussions are ongoing within the TIR Convention Bodies regarding the amendments to the TIR Convention as regards the recommended TIR guarantee level.
- Following a request from TIRExB, IRU provided on 8 May 2015 a preliminary assessment of a potential impact of flexible TIR Guarantee levels, notably:
 - EUR 20,000;
 - EUR 60,000;
 - EUR 100,000;
 - EUR 200,000.

Assessment conclusions

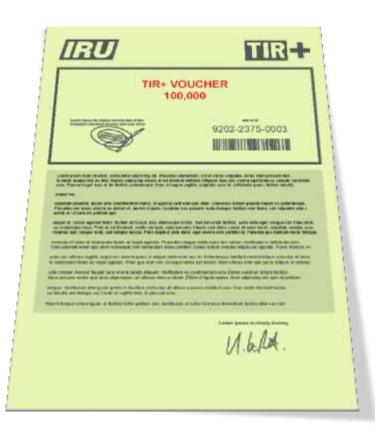
- With the implementation of 4 different guarantee levels while keeping the 5 actual types of paper TIR Carnets there would be up to 20 different types of paper TIR Carnets which would increase the complexity level for all actors in the system.
- Considering all elements, as an intermediary solution, a general increase in the level of guarantee will allow maintaining the key values of the TIR system: simplicity, stability and reliability.
- Another option would be guarantee level increase on case by case basis through the use of such products as TIR+.



a fully-computerised, higher-level* guarantee for the TIR Carnet.

*USD 150,000 / EUR 160,000

(depending on the initial guarantee limit set for the TIR Carnet in each country)



4 key benefits for TIR Carnet Holders:







#1 – It saves time and money

Replaces lengthy process requiring costly escorts and/or national guarantees

#2 - It increases security

100% secure control ensured by an online registration process

#3 – It is simple to use

Activate with a few clicks, via the fully secure web-platform, with no additional paperwork required

#4 – It is highly flexible

Activate your TIR+ voucher anytime, anywhere, before arrival or while crossing the border

5 key benefits for Customs











#1 – It saves time and money

Alternative to Customs escorts, freeing up human and vehicle resources

#2 - It increases security

Available only to authorised TIR Carnet Holders using secure, TIR-approved vehicles

#3 – It provides a strong financial guarantee

Duties and taxes are secured by an international guarantee chain, backed up by major international insurers

#4 – It is simple to use

TIR+ procedures are the same procedures as for a regular TIR operation

#5 – It increases transparency

Full electronic access to the IRU TIR database for realtime checks on TIR+ voucher and TIR Carnet validity

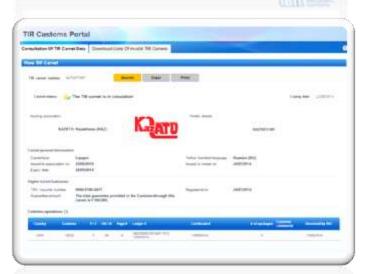


Comes with easy-to-use web apps





- Easily activate the guarantee anytime, anywhere
- Available in English and Russian
- No infrastructure or maintenance required



TIR Customs Portal

Check validity quickly and easily



Aspects of practical implementation

- Can be issued by any Association to its TIR Carnet Holders to be used in the countries where TIR+ is operational.
- Is valid only if used with a valid TIR Carnet or iCarnet and is registered with it on www.tirplus.net.
- Only one TIR+ can be used with one TIR Carnet







What practical issues you see in the implementation of different options



Your opinion on TIR+

