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Other matters

Application of the TIR Convention in Ukraine

Transmitted by the State Customs Service of Ukraine (SCSU)*

1. Pursuant to Article 42-bis of the TIR Convention, we inform you of the entry into force of SCSU's Order No.73 of 02.02.2004, which has modified several orders issued earlier and also clarified issues related to transport of goods under cover of TIR Carnets on the Ukrainian territory (subparagraphs 1 and 2 of paragraph 1).

2. It should be pointed out that the relevant clarifications with regard to the application of the TIR procedure have been introduced with a view to providing for a stricter compliance with the provision of Article 23.1 of the TIR Convention and minimizing the use of such an exceptional measure to ensure the presentation of goods at destination as Customs escorts at the carrier's expense.

3. Upon the entry into force of the above order, in cases where the amount of Customs duties and taxes due for TIR goods in transit exceeds the TIR guarantee (equivalent to $50,000), the TIR transport is suspended because of the existence of simpler Customs transit procedures, in accordance with Article 26.2 of the TIR Convention.

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4. In such cases the transport operator has the right to choose between other measures to guarantee the presentation of goods at destination, including Customs escort services.

5. Thus, SCSU’s Order No.73 of 02.02.2004 extends the choice of various guaranties to ensure the delivery of goods to the Customs office of destination and reduces the application of obligatory Customs escorts at the carrier's expenses. Thereby, it does not contradict to the TIR Convention, 1975.