ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975

TIR Executive Board (TIRExB)
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MONITORING THE PRICE OF TIR CARNETS

Note by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. At its thirty-second session, the TIRExB adopted its programme of work for 2007 and 2008 and decided, inter alia, “to study all the relevant issues concerning the price of TIR Carnets at the “ex-national association” level.” (TIRExB/REP/2007/31, Annex). After discussions at its thirty-third and thirty-fourth session (TIRExB/REP/2008/33, paras. 9-12 and TIRExB/REP/2008/34, paras 12-13), the Board, at its thirty-fifth session, decided to proceed with the collection of data on the price of TIR Carnets at national level and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft survey of the national TIR associations for consideration at the next session. In this context, the IRU stated that it would officially communicate to the TIRExB the price of TIR Carnets at international level and would encourage its member associations to reply to the survey envisaged by the TIRExB, as the national prices of TIR Carnets were in the public domain (TIRExB/REP/2008/35draft, para. 13).

2. In line with the request by the TIRExB, the annex to this document contains a draft survey, preceded by an introductory letter, to be sent to the heads of national TIR associations.
Introductory letter to heads of national TIR associations

Dear...

Since its inception in 1999, the TIR Executive Body (TIRExB), the intergovernmental supervisory body established by the TIR Administrative Committee to enhance international cooperation among Customs authorities in the application of the TIR Convention and to supervise and to provide support in the application of the TIR system and the international guarantee system, has been mandated, inter alia, to monitor the price of TIR Carnets (Annex 8, Article 10 (h) of the Convention).

Within the context of this mandate, the TIRExB, decided that, as part of its programme of work for the year 2007-2008, it will study all relevant issues concerning the price of TIR Carnets at the so-called “ex-national association” level. To that end, the TIRExB prepared a short survey on the issue addressed to national associations. You will find the survey enclosed to this letter. I very much would appreciate if you could dedicate a few minutes of your time to answer the questions and return the duly filled-in survey to the TIR secretariat (by fax: +41-22-917 06 14 or per email: tirexb@unece.org) not later than by 1 July 2008.

The decision by the TIRExB to study all the relevant issues concerning the price of the TIR Carnet at national level meets with the support of the IRU. The IRU, which attends the sessions of the TIRExB as observer, has informed the Board that it encourages its member associations to reply to the survey as the national prices of TIR Carnets are in the public domain. At the same time, you can be assured that the TIRExB will treat the collected data confidentially.

In advance, I would like to thank you on behalf of the TIR Executive Board for your kind attention to the matter.

Yours sincerely, etc
Survey on the price of TIR Carnets at the “ex national association” level

Country: …………………………………………………………………………………………………
Association name: ………………………………………………………………………………………
Survey filled-in by: ………………………………………………………………………………………

What is the total price your association charges to members and non-members for a TIR Carnet?
The total price shall mean the price which a holder has to pay in order to obtain a TIR Carnet, including, in particular, the national insurance premium, but also taxes (such as V.A.T.), administrative charges or further overhead costs.
Please indicate the applicable currency: ………………………………………………………………

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The TIRExB welcomes any further information or comment you may have on the subject………………………………………………………………………………………………
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Thank you for filling-in the questionnaire

Please return the duly-filled in form to TIRExB at:
Fax: +41-22-917 06 14
Email: tirexb@unece.org