RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE TIR GUARANTEE IN THE EU FOR GOODS INVOLVING A HIGHER RISK OF FRAUD

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Reintroduction of the TIR guarantee in the EU for goods involving a high risk of fraud

Dear Ms Molnar,

I am happy to inform you that yesterday the EU Customs Code Committee has approved the new TIR part of the EU Transit Manual.

This new Transit Manual will ensure a perfect equal Customs treatment of the goods involving a high risk of fraud, as listed in the so called Annex 44 c, whether they are transported under the T or the TIR procedure.

This important step as well as the commitment of the Commission to encourage Member States to improve their transmission of SafeTIR data and the progress made with the implementation of the IRU TIR electronic pre-declarations (IRU TIR-EPD) have allowed the IRU to obtain the consent of the insurers to reintroduce full TIR coverage for the sensitive goods, while mitigating the financial consequences of such an extension of the TIR guarantee in half of the Contracting Parties. Of course, Tobacco / Alcohol TIR Carnets remain fully excluded.

This important step takes effect simultaneously with the approval and entry into force of the EU Transit Manual as of 1.07.2009.

Necessary Attestations of insurance have been provided to national Associations in the EU for their further transmission to the competent authorities as per the established practice.

Yours sincerely,

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