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Agenda item IV (b)

**Format of the certificate of approval**

**Note by the secretariat**

**I. Background**

1. At its fifty-fifth session, TIRExB took note of Informal document No. 15 (2013), containing an example of a Certificate of Approval, composed of A4 pages bound together, rather than the A3 format, folded in two, as stipulated by a comment to Annex 4 of the Convention. The Board took note that the issue had been discussed at a TIR seminar on the construction of customs secure vehicles for TIR operations (Helsinki, 18–19 June 2013) and that the seminar, acknowledging that the third page of such certificates could easily be replaced after having been used by competent authorities to notify any defect, recommended that certificates printed on multiple pages should be secured by means of secure binding or a stamp on every page. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a proposal for an amended comment to Annex 4 (See Informal document TIRExB/REP/2013/55draft, paras. 36–37).

2. At its fifty-sixth session, TIRExB took note of Informal document No. 29 (2013) containing a proposal to amend a comment to Annex 4 on the approval certificate so that it would not only allow for the use of A3 format, but also A4, under the condition that the pages would be secured by means of stamps on every page or secure bindings. The Board agreed in principle with the idea to amend the comment according to the proposal by the secretariat, but made reservations with regard to the chosen wording. Thus, the Board requested the secretariat to prepare a revised version of the document, for discussion and, possibly, approval by the Board at its next session (See Informal document TIRExB/REP/2013/56draft, paras. 24–25).

## II. Amended comment to Annex 4

2. The secretariat proposes to reword<sup>1</sup> the comment “Approval Certificate” to Annex 4 to read as follows:

*“Approval Certificate*

*The Certificate of Approval ~~shall~~ be **printed either on a single sheet of paper** of format A3, folded in two, **or on multiple A4 pages. In the latter case, all pages shall be stamped by the competent authorities or, alternatively, bound together in such a way that no page can be replaced without leaving obvious traces.** ~~See sample hereafter.~~”*

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<sup>1</sup> Changes with regard to the existing text are in **bold underlined**, deletions are in ~~striketrough~~.