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Computerization of the TIR procedure

Central database on certificates of approval

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. At its fifty-ninth session, the Board welcomed Informal document No. 19 (2014) containing the results and an assessment of the survey on the issuance and renewal procedures for certificates of approval at the national level. TIRExB mandated the secretariat to start working towards the development of an electronic database on certificates of approval and, at the same time, start preparing the legal amendments, ensuring an appropriate level of data protection and providing Contracting Parties the legal basis to transmit data to the central database (see TIRExB/REP/2014/59draft, para. 15).

2. Further to this request, the TIR secretariat prepared Informal document No. 27 (2014).

II. Considerations by the secretariat

3. From the survey on the issuance and renewal procedures for certificates of approval at the national level it transpired that in twenty five countries (out of the twenty nine respondents) the responsible government agency keeps a copy of the certificate of approval at issuance and renewal. More than half of those keep records or copies in electronic format. During the issuance and the renewal processes, not all data elements are stored by those keeping electronic records. The large majority keeps track of the number of the certificate, the registration number, date of approval, expiry date and name of the holder. Roughly half keep track of the authority which has issued the certificate, type of vehicle, trademark or name of the manufacturers, other particulars, approval type (Individual or by design type) and the place of approval. Very few countries keep track of the number of annexes and the annexes themselves.

4. Provided that the proper provisions are included in the TIR Convention, 90% of respondents indicated that sharing the information contained in the certificate of approval electronically would not breach any of their national laws.

5. In view of the above and considering the TIRExB's Terms of Reference, item 8, sub-item (a) as well as the experience of the TIR secretariat in the development and maintenance of the ITBD and the ITDBonline+ web application, the TIR secretariat argued that the establishment of a central database on certificates of approval seemed desirable as well as feasible (See TIRExB Informal document No. 19 (2014), paras. 7–11).

III. Proposal to amend Annex 6 of the Convention

Annex 6, Explanatory Note 3.0.3

Add a new Explanatory Note 3.0.3 to read

3.0.3 It is recommended that competent authorities of the country issuing or renewing the Approval Certificate send the data it contains in electronic format to the TIR Executive Board, in accordance with the procedure established by the Administrative Committee. The procedure shall, inter alia, stipulate the technical specifications and format of the data to be submitted as well as provisions regarding their accessibility to all Contracting Parties.

IV. Considerations by the Board,

6. The Board is invited to consider the proposal by the secretariat.
