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Revision of the Convention

Amendment proposals to the Convention with regard to the maximum level of guarantee per TIR Carnet

I. Background and Mandate

1. At its 144th session, the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport agreed on the proposal to amend Explanatory Note 0.8.3. to refer to 100,000 euros rather than 50,000 United States dollars, in order to align the text of the Convention with the increase in the maximum amount per TIR Carnet by the guarantee chain, effective as of 1 July 2016. To this end, the Working Party requested the secretariat to transmit the proposal to the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 (AC.2) for further consideration (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/288, para. 10). The text of the proposal is reproduced below.

II. Text of the proposal

2. The amendment refers only to the first sentence of the Explanatory note as follows:

“Explanatory Note to Article 8, paragraph 3

0.8.3 Contracting Parties are recommended to limit to a sum equal to ~~\$US 50,000~~***100,000 euros***¹ per TIR Carnet the maximum amount which may be claimed from the guaranteeing association. In the case of transport of alcohol and tobacco, details of which are given below, and which exceed the threshold levels provided further below, Customs authorities are recommended to increase the maximum amount which may be claimed from the guaranteeing associations to a sum equal to \$US 200,000:
[rest of E.N 0.8.3 remains unchanged]

¹ Deleted text is marked in ~~strikethrough~~, new text in ***bold italics***.

III. Considerations by the Committee

3. The Committee is invited to decide on this proposal.
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