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I. Background and Mandate

At its 144th session, the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport was unable to reach consensus on a proposal to proportionally increase the recommended guarantee amount for Tobacco/Alcohol TIR Carnets from 200,000 United States dollars to 400,000 euros or the timeframe for such amendment, in light of, in particular, the forthcoming pilot project by the International Road Transport Union (IRU) on the reintroduction of the Tobacco/Alcohol TIR Carnet for pilot transports of alcohol only (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/288, para. 11). For this reason, the Working Party decided to transmit this proposal separately from the proposal to increase the guarantee amount for regular TIR Carnets ECE/TRANS/WP.30/288, 10), (see para. transmitted ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2017/3 for the current session of the Committee. 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 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 \$\text{US 200,000 400,000 euros}^1\$: [rest of E.N 0.8.3 remains unchanged]

III. Considerations by the Committee

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

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