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Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Issue 57 (1.3 TIR Carnet life cycle use case)

Note by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. While working on the elaboration of document ExG/COMP/2004/21, the secretariat noted that not in all situations the issuance and distribution of TIR Carnets is succeeded by the beginning of a TIR Transport. If the TIR Carnet validity has expired, the TIR Carnet holder must return it to his national association, which sends it back to the international organization. In order to reflect this, Chapters 1.3.3 and 1.3.4 of the Reference Model need to be amended (Issue 57).

B. PROPOSED UPDATES

2. To amend the scenario in Chapter 1.3.3 as follows (changes are in bold):

Scenario	<p>An international organization prints (organizes the printing) of TIR Carnets and distributes them to the authorized national associations. An authorized transport operator (TIR Carnet Holder) can then request a TIR Carnet from his national association. The national association issues the TIR Carnet to the TIR Carnet Holder. The national association may in certain cases return the TIR Carnet to the international organization instead of issuing it to a TIR Carnet holder.</p> <p>The TIR Carnet is then used within the limits of its validity by the holder to perform a TIR Transport. The TIR Carnet does not only represent the international Customs document, but also the guarantee.</p> <p>Once the TIR Transport has ended, the TIR Carnet is returned to the holder, then to the association and finally to the international organization. In case the validity of a TIR Carnet has expired before it is used by the TIR Carnet holder, he must return it unused to the national association, which sends it back to the international organization.</p>
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3. In Chapter 1.3.4, replace Figure 1.4 by the following figure:

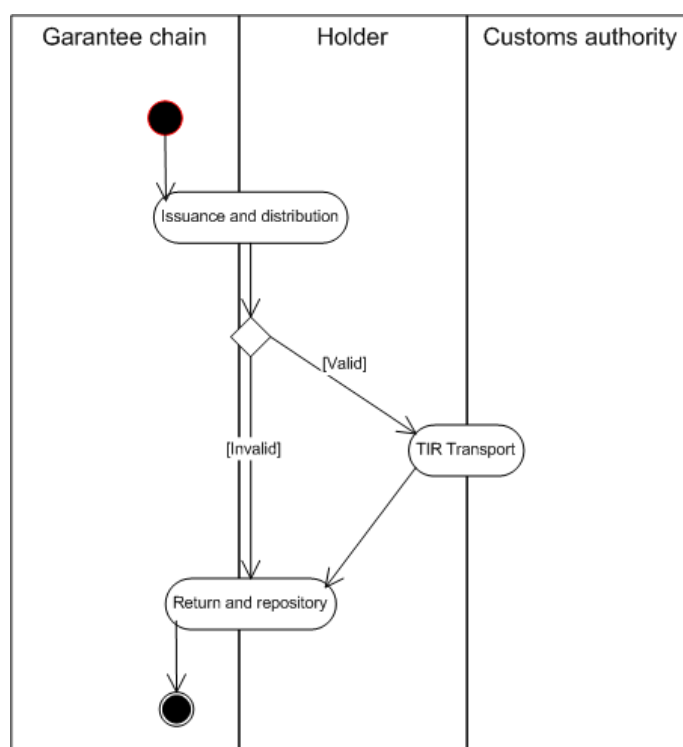


Figure 1.4 TIR Carnet life cycle activity diagram

C. FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The Expert Group may wish to discuss and, possibly, validate the updates to chapters 1.3.3 and 1.3.4.