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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Inland Transport Committee**

#### **Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport**

##### **Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure**

###### **Twenty-third session**

Brussels, 20-21 November 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### **Adoption of the agenda**

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-third session<sup>1, 2</sup>**

to be held in meeting room 00/042, Rue Joseph II, 59, 1000-Bruxelles, starting at 10.00 hours<sup>3</sup>

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system.
3. Reference Model of the TIR procedure:
  - (a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points;
  - (b) International declaration mechanisms;

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website <http://border.unece.org>. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email ([andre.sceia@unece.org](mailto:andre.sceia@unece.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download on the UNECE Transport Division's website <<http://live.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>>. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email ([andre.sceia@unece.org](mailto:andre.sceia@unece.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

<sup>3</sup> It is recommended to be at the reception of the building at the latest at 9:45 to allow for sufficient time to go through security.

- (c) eTIR Reference Model v.4.0.
- 4. Next steps.
- 5. Other business:
  - (a) World Customs Organization activities;
  - (b) Other activities of interest;
  - (c) Date and place of next session.
- 6. Adoption of the report.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2013)

### **2. New information and communication technology developments in the TIR system**

Further to good experiences at previous sessions, experts may wish to present recent information and communication technology (ICT) developments in the TIR system at the national level or provide an update of previous presentations. Participants interested in sharing their experiences with the Expert Group are invited to contact the secretariat at their earliest convenience but not later than 1 November 2013.

### **3. Reference Model of the TIR Procedure**

#### **(a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points**

The Expert Group may wish to be informed of the status and the latest activities of the network of eTIR focal points, as summarized in Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2013). The Expert Group may also want to consider Informal document GE.1 No. 8 (2013), highlighting the roles and responsibilities of eTIR focal points.

#### **Documentation**

Informal document GE.1 No. 7 (2013), Informal document GE.1 No. 8 (2013)

#### **(b) International declaration mechanisms**

The Expert Group may wish to consider the information provided by eTIR focal points and the IRU on the differences between the data contained in message E9 and national data requirements for the TIR procedure, as presented in Informal document GE.1 No. 9 (2013).

#### **Documentation**

Informal document GE.1 No. 9 (2013)

(c) **eTIR Reference Model v.4.0**

The Expert Group may wish to take note of version 4.0 of the eTIR Reference Model, contained in Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2013). It may wish, in particular, to review the revised eTIR messages that are now all based on the WCO data model version 3.3 as well as the XML schemas posted in the eTIR website.

**Documentation**

Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2013)

**4. Next steps**

The Expert Group may wish to discuss its future contributions to the eTIR project, in the light of its terms of reference (TRANS/WP.30/2002/7). In particular, the Expert Group is invited to assess which activities still need to be addressed in order to fulfil its mandate, including resource requirements, as well as prepare guidance to the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) how to pursue further activities, which go beyond the scope of the eTIR project as defined in the eTIR Reference Model, but which are necessary to ensure the full computerization of the TIR procedure. Such guidance could include, but is not limited to, recommendations towards the construction of the eTIR international system, as well as proposals on the transition towards a computerized TIR system, taking account of concerns expressed by certain Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention, that the planned step-by-step geographical expansion of the eTIR should have no negative impact on countries continuing to apply the paper based TIR procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/270, para. 30).

**5. Other business**

(a) **World Customs Organization activities**

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the latest developments regarding the WCO transit data model, the eATA project, the Globally Networked Customs (GNC) project and other activities of interest.

(b) **Other activities of interest**

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about other activities of interest for the computerization of the TIR procedure.

(c) **Date and place of next session**

The Expert Group may wish to decide on a possible date and venue for its next session.

**6. Adoption of the report**

After the session, the secretariat will issue a report, which will be submitted for endorsement to WP.30.