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Twenty-fourth session

Antalya, 25-26 September 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session^{1, 2}

to be held in Porto Bello Hotel, Akdeniz Bulvarı 6. Sk. Konyaaltı, Antalya (Turkey),
starting at 09.00 hours³

¹ 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) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

² 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) or by fax (+41 22 917 0039).

³ Information regarding the venue and possible accommodation is available on the eTIR website (etir.unece.org).

I. Provisional agenda

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 - (c) eTIR Reference Model v.4.1.
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 - (a) World Customs Organization activities;
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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. 1 (2014)

2. Election of officers

In line with the UNECE Rules of Procedure and established practice, the informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (hereafter referred to as: 'Expert Group') may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair to steer its work in 2014.

3. 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 September 2014.

4. Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

(a) Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

The Expert Group may wish to be informed about the status and the latest activities of the network of eTIR focal points, as summarized in Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2014). The Expert Group may also want to consider Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2014), presenting a revised version of the roles and responsibilities of eTIR focal points to be discussed by the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) at its October 2014 session.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 2 (2014), Informal document GE.1 No. 3 (2014)

(b) International declaration mechanisms

The Expert Group may wish to take into consideration the instructions by WP.30 regarding the international declaration mechanisms, in particular that it stressed that the principle of a single TIR declaration in the country of departure should be respected and it decided that the declaration mechanisms designed in the eTIR Reference Model should not be amended. Considering that safety and security data requirements have their own legal basis and in view of the difficulty in agreeing on common requirements, the Working Party also decided that, even if they are related to TIR transports, those requirements should be left optional in the standard eTIR declaration (see ECE/TRANS/WP.30/274, para. 15). In light of the above, the Expert Group may wish to consider to what extent the standard E9 declaration message requires further amendments.

(c) eTIR Reference Model v.4.1

The Expert Group may wish to take note of version 4.1 of the eTIR Reference Model, contained in Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2014). It may wish, in particular, to review the revised eTIR messages that are now all based on the WCO data model, version 3.4 as well as the newly introduced XML cross-reference tables.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 4 (2014)

5. Next steps

At its previous session, the Expert Group was of the opinion that it was time to summarize the results of its work (i.e. the eTIR Reference Model). To this end, it requested the secretariat to prepare a document, developing on its activities and the results achieved, for discussion and, possibly, adoption. Consequently, the secretariat prepared Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2014), containing also recommendations to WP.30 on how to further pursue the process of computerization of the TIR procedure, in particular, the construction and transition phases.

Documentation

Informal document GE.1 No. 5 (2014)

6. 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, including the UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project, as presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/9 and Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2014).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2014/9, Informal document GE.1 No. 6 (2014)

(c) Date and place of next session

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

7. Adoption of the report

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