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Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods

under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975):

Application of the Convention

Other matters

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Revision of the Convention–

Other business

Exclusion of Romanian association ARTRI

Transmitted by ARTRI

In Annex, the secretariat retransmits a letter by ARTRI.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Important clarification about the TIR Carnets issued by ARTRI

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As a consequence of the decision adopted by IRU's management on 8 November 2017 to exclude ARTRI from the IRU, ARTRI's right to issue TIR Carnets was also abusively denied, starting with 1st of February 2018. We contested this arbitrary decision - consequently, ARTRI remains *de facto* a member of the IRU until the forthcoming General Assembly from 5 May 2018.

However, until a final decision in this respect, in order to avoid any blockages and to ensure the smooth application of the TIR Convention, please take note that:

1. All TIR Carnets issued by ARTRI until 31st of January 2018 (included) remain valid and are fully covered by the international TIR guarantee amounting to 100'000.00 EUR/ TIR Carnet, in accordance with the authorisation agreement signed with Romanian Customs on 12.09.2017. This is also confirmed by the IRU TIR/GE5761/JGE unsigned circular letter dated 24th of January 2018 (enclosed): **"All the other TIR Carnets issued by ARTRI and currently in circulation remain valid and may be presented for acceptance at any customs office of departure on or before the final date of each Carnet's validity.**

2. All TIR Carnets issued by ARTRI until 31st of January 2018 (included) remain valid after 1st of February 2018, until their individual expiring date. We kindly remind you that the validity date for all TIR Carnets issued in the system is of 120 days. This date is stamped on the field 1 on each TIR Carnet issued). *As an example, a TIR Carnet issued on 31 January 2018 will remain valid and it will be used without problems if it is presented to the departure customs office no later than 30th of May 2018.*

3. The remaining 739 unissued TIR Carnets currently on ARTRI's stock were invalidated in the system. They were not issued and cannot be issued anymore. Please find enclosed their list.

For any other clarifications and inquiries please do not hesitate to contact us at: office@artri.ro

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