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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS  
UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS**

**(TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

**Revision of the Convention**

**Preparation of Phase III of the TIR revision process**

**Increase of the number of Customs offices of departure and destination**

**Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)**

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1. The IRU has passed a questionnaire to its TIR Carnet issuing associations and it has also carried out a spot check based on samples of used TIR Carnets. The results have shown that 10% of the total number of TIR Carnets issued annually have been used for TIR transports including more than 2 Customs offices of departure and destination. The reasons justifying the increase of the total number of Customs offices of departure and destination are, among others, the following:

- Increase in distances passed within a TIR transport due to the enlargement of the geographical scope of implementation of the TIR Convention;
- Ecological, financial and social aspects in the profession of road transport of goods requiring that the vehicle be loaded as many times as legally possible;
- Increase in the number of internal Customs offices authorised for the TIR procedure;
- The comfort of consignors and consignees requesting that the goods be carried as nearer as possible to their addresses where they have their financial accounts;
- The authorisation of several offices of departure and destination within a TIR transport is without any doubt an important advantage of the TIR regime compared to the T-system.

2. The results of the questionnaire show that:

- 50% of the Customs authorities having responded have requested an increase of the total number of Customs offices of departure and destination to a total of 6–7 offices;
- 60% of the TIR Carnet issuing associations having responded have requested an increase of the total number of Customs offices of departure and destination to a total of 6–7 offices;
- Transport operators have asked 40% of the TIR Carnet issuing associations the total number of Customs offices of departure and destination to be increased to a total of 6–7 offices.

3. Due to the above reasons, the IRU requests WP.30 and the Administrative Committee for the

TIR Convention to search for the best legal and practical means available to increase the number of Customs offices of departure and destination per TIR Carnet. The IRU is ready to give its active contribution for this purpose.

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