



Digitalisation of TIR procedures

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eTIR and digitalisation in transport to combat COVID-19 impact

Seamless, contactless border crossing operations

Electronic exchange of data

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Border crossing facilitated

No cargo handling en route

TIR keeps borders open
Tried and tested since 1949

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Border crossings in the age of COVID-19
Using tried and tested UN Conventions

Without TIR/eTIR
Border crossing restrictions: each driver and load compartment is checked, increasing the risk of spreading the virus to customs officers and drivers

BORDER

With TIR/eTIR
Border crossing facilitation, no need to check every driver and load compartment, reducing the risk of spreading the virus

TIR

What is TIR?
TIR is the only global transit system. It enables goods to be shipped from a country of origin, through transit countries, to a country of destination in sealed load compartments that are controlled by customs via a multilateral, mutually recognised system. It is the easiest, most secure and reliable way to move goods across multiple international borders, saving time and money for transport operators and customs authorities.

Benefits

- Protects drivers
- No disruption of supply chains
- Seamless, contactless border crossing operations
- Electronic exchange of data
- Protects customs officers
- No cargo handling en route
- Continuous cargo flows

Recommendations for border crossing operations during the pandemic:

- Encourage the use of the TIR system, particularly **eTIR** to ensure seamless and paperless border crossing.
- Implement measures in a **coordinated and harmonized** way by:
 - (i) promoting cross border customs cooperation as well as cooperation with other national border agencies, collectively preventing discriminatory measures.
 - (ii) Establish **green lanes** for freight transport.

IRU Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Hub
In close cooperation with its members and partners, IRU has established the COVID-19 Info Hub, a global source of first-hand, real-time updates and latest updates on the crisis by, and for, the commercial road transport sector
<https://www.iru.org/covid19>

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Digitalisation history

1987: B2B between IRU and Associations

IRU digitilising B2B aspects of TIR

- TIR carnets management
- Data exchange with TIR associations

1995: SafeTIR (C2B)

- Recommendation for customs to send TIR terminations data
- 2006: Annex 10 of TIR Convention on SafeTIR

2002: TIR-EPD: B2C/C2B

- TIR advance information exchanges between TIR hauliers and customs

2015: Joint projects UNECE-IRU endeavoring to digitalise TIR

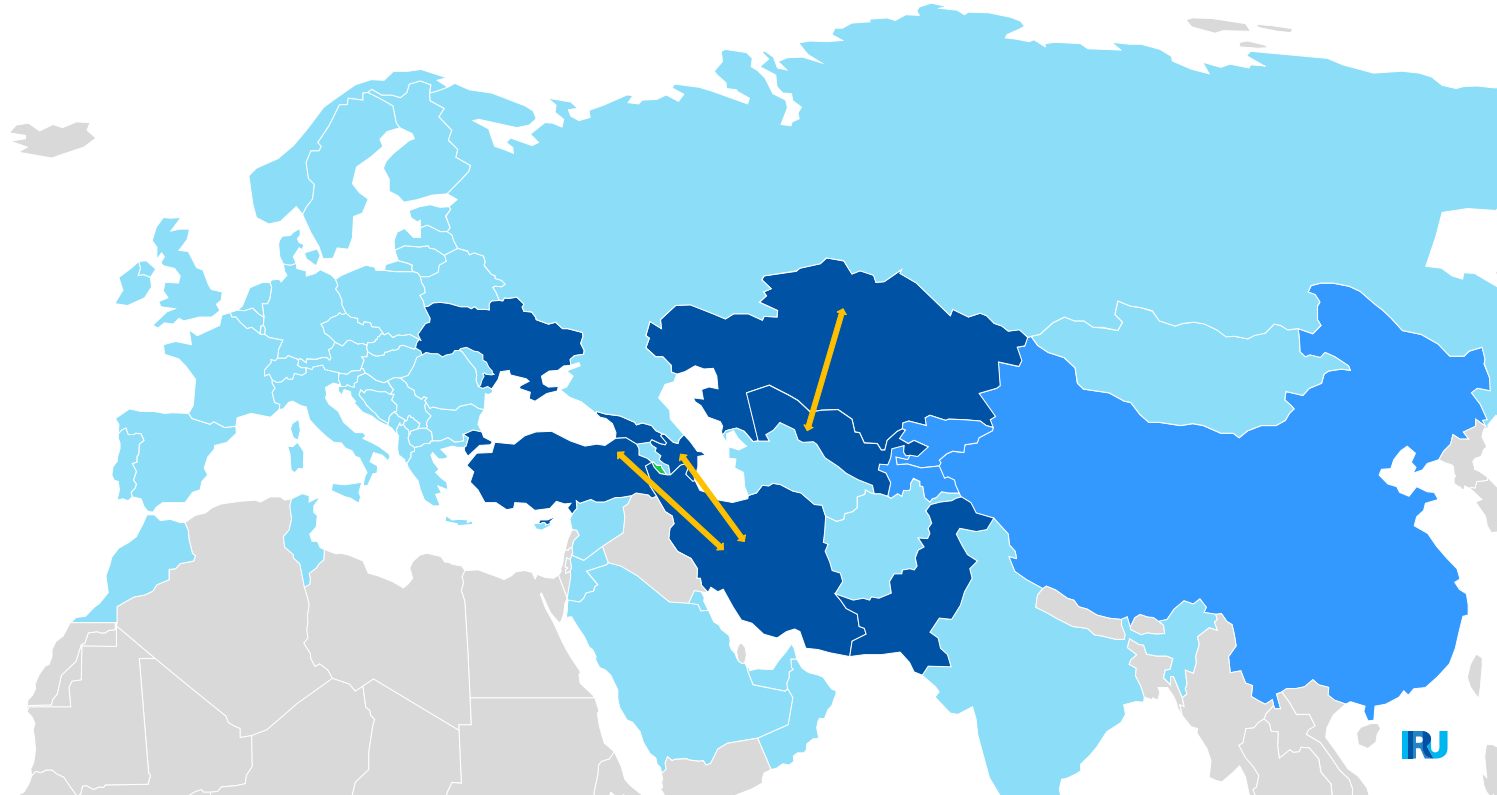
- 2015: eTIR pilot transports between Turkey and Iran
- 2019: eTIR pilot transports between Iran and Azerbaijan

2021: Annex 11 - eTIR

- Adoption of Annex 11 of the TIR Convention – legal basis for eTIR
- Annex 11 entry into force in May 2021

IRU/UNECE MoU on joint effort to comutarise TIR

1. Several eTIR pilots took place in recent years.
2. The most recent eTIR pilot between Uzbekistan – Kazakhstan.



Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan

Project details

Status

- BCP point defined for eTIR pilots: Yallama – Konisbayeva
- Inland customs offices in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan defined for eTIR pilots
- List of TIR transport operators to participate in pilots ready
- TIR hauliers' training (in progress)



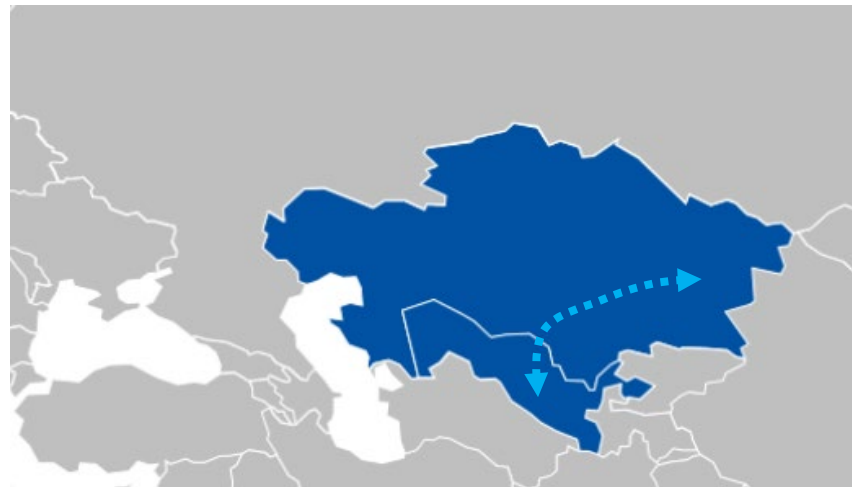
3 step approach agreed with involved customs administrations

1. TIR Carnets and message exchange monitoring (currently)
2. eTIR pilot transports accompanied by print@home
3. eTIR pilot transports – fully digital

Happy Pass – currently under tests, based on already existing TIR IT instruments in Uzbekistan/Kazakhstan (TIR-EPD, RTS)

Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan

Next steps



Use eTIR pilot shipments

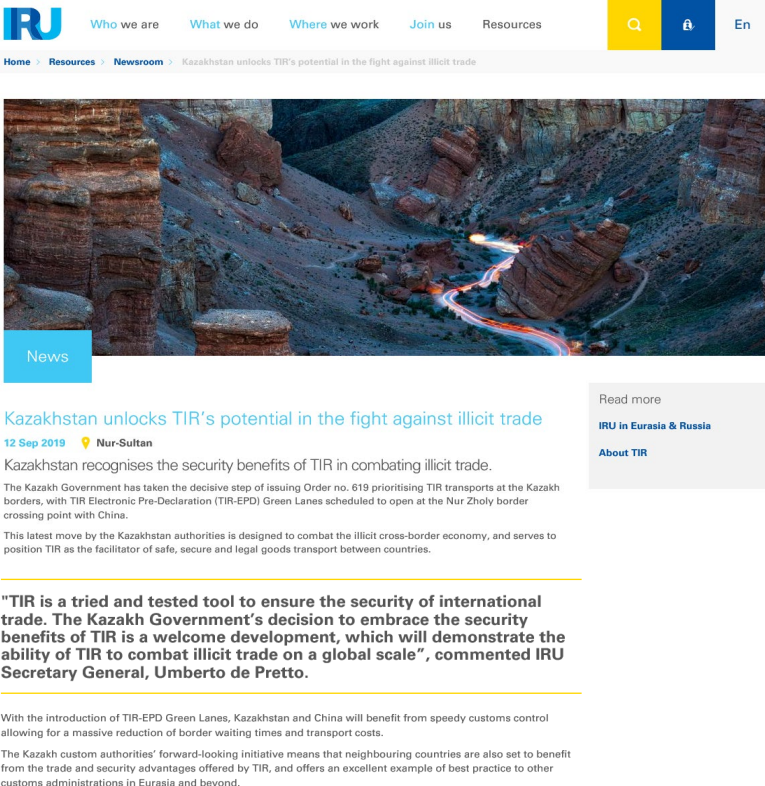
- to ensure smooth electronic message exchange
- to prepare detailed customs procedures based on learnings from e TIR pilots
- to train customs officers and transport operators

Implement full e TIR message exchange including connectivity to eTIR International system according to Annex 11

Kazakhstan unlocks TIR potential in the fight against illicit trade – TIR-EPD Green Lanes



- Kazakhstan recognises the security benefits of TIR in combatting illicit trade
- The Government took a decisive step by issuing Order N°619 prioritising TIR transports with TIR Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD).
- Saudi Arabia is another country who recognised the security benefits of TIR where TIR shipments are given the utmost priority at the Saudi Borders.



The screenshot shows the IRU website's news section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IRU logo and links for 'Who we are', 'What we do', 'Where we work', 'Join us', and 'Resources'. A search bar and a language selector (set to 'En') are also present. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Resources > Newsroom > Kazakhstan unlocks TIR's potential in the fight against illicit trade'. The main content area features a large image of a winding road through a rocky, mountainous landscape. A blue 'News' tag is overlaid on the bottom left of the image. To the right of the image, there is a 'Read more' button and a link to 'IRU in Eurasia & Russia About TIR'. The article title is 'Kazakhstan unlocks TIR's potential in the fight against illicit trade', dated '12 Sep 2019' from 'Nur-Sultan'. The text of the article discusses the security benefits of TIR in combating illicit trade, mentioning the issuance of Order no. 619 and the opening of TIR-EPD Green Lanes at the Nur-Zholty border crossing point with China. A quote from IRU Secretary General Umberto de Pretto is highlighted in a yellow box: "TIR is a tried and tested tool to ensure the security of international trade. The Kazakh Government's decision to embrace the security benefits of TIR is a welcome development, which will demonstrate the ability of TIR to combat illicit trade on a global scale". The article concludes by noting that the introduction of TIR-EPD Green Lanes will benefit Kazakhstan and China through faster customs control and reduced waiting times and transport costs, and that the initiative also benefits neighbouring countries through trade and security advantages.

Kazakhstan unlocks TIR's potential in the fight against illicit trade
12 Sep 2019 | Nur-Sultan

Kazakhstan recognises the security benefits of TIR in combating illicit trade.

The Kazakh Government has taken the decisive step of issuing Order no. 619 prioritising TIR transports at the Kazakh borders, with TIR Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD) Green Lanes scheduled to open at the Nur-Zholty border crossing point with China.

This latest move by the Kazakhstan authorities is designed to combat the illicit cross-border economy, and serves to position TIR as the facilitator of safe, secure and legal goods transport between countries.

"TIR is a tried and tested tool to ensure the security of international trade. The Kazakh Government's decision to embrace the security benefits of TIR is a welcome development, which will demonstrate the ability of TIR to combat illicit trade on a global scale", commented IRU Secretary General, Umberto de Pretto.

With the introduction of TIR-EPD Green Lanes, Kazakhstan and China will benefit from speedy customs control allowing for a massive reduction of border waiting times and transport costs.

The Kazakh custom authorities' forward-looking initiative means that neighbouring countries are also set to benefit from the trade and security advantages offered by TIR, and offers an excellent example of best practice to other customs administrations in Eurasia and beyond.



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