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In Annex, the secretariat transmits a document with proposals by the International Road Transport Union (IRU).

Annex¹

IRU proposal – TIR carnet new lay-out – Requirement of a transitional period

I. Background

1. The amendments to Annex I of the TIR Convention which introduce a new lay-out of the TIR carnet shall enter into force on 25 June 2022.
2. On the one hand, TIR carnets with this new lay-out will be issued progressively by IRU to the national associations from the abovementioned date (25 June 2022 onwards). On the other hand, IRU and national associations need to exhaust their stocks of TIR carnets with the current lay-out, which have been printed before 25 June 2022, in order not to expose the private sector to avoidable financial losses.
3. Therefore, as in previous similar cases, IRU estimates that a transitional period of approximately 18 months (from 25 June 2022 until 31 December 2023) will be required for the stocks of IRU and associations to be exhausted. This would imply that, from 25 June 2022 until 31 December 2023, TIR carnets with both lay-outs will be in circulation and should be simultaneously accepted by customs administrations.

II. Previous decision of the Administrative Committee

4. At its thirty-eighth session, which took place in Geneva on 3 and 4 February 2005, the Administrative Committee considered and approved amendment proposals on the introduction of the ID-number of the authorized TIR holder, which required a change in the TIR carnet lay-out, as well as decided that, during a period of 18 months, both TIR carnet versions should be accepted by customs authorities with a view to avoiding the return and destruction of already printed TIR carnets (see TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/77, para. 53).

III. Considerations by the Administrative Committee regarding the new TIR carnet lay-out

5. In view of the above, the Administrative Committee is requested:
 - To decide that both TIR carnet versions (with the current and the new lay-out) shall be valid and shall be accepted by the competent customs authorities during a transitional period of 18 months (from 25 June 2022 until 31 December 2023).
 - To have this decision brought to the competent national customs authorities for execution accordingly.

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