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## **Strengthening border crossing facilitation**

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# Overview

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# TIR Convention

Latest accessions, amendments



- **77 Contracting Parties:** Egypt (16 June 2021)
- **65 active TIR countries:** Qatar (1 June 2021)
- Entry into force of:
  - amendments to the body of the Convention and introducing Annex 11 on 25 May 2021 (except for Switzerland); **introduction of eTIR into the legal text of the Convention.**
  - amendments to Annex 6, introducing new Explanatory Note 0.49 on 1 June 2021; granting operators greater facilities, such as, but not limited to, **authorized consignor.**
  - amendments to the body and various annexes of the Convention on 4 February 2022; **mandatory electronic submission of data to the International TIR Data Bank (ITDB).**
- Pending amendment proposals:
  - To Article 18 and annexes 1 and 6, increasing the number of places of loading and unloading from 4 to 8 (including new layout of the TIR Carnet). Entry into force on **25 June 2022** unless an objection by 25 March 2022.



- Version 4.3. of eTIR **conceptual, functional and technical specifications** were **adopted** by the Technical Implementation Body (first session, January 2022) and by AC.2 (seventy-seventh session, February 2022);
- This provides a **complete legal and technical basis** for those countries that are willing to implement the eTIR procedure during 2022;
- **Azerbaijan, Georgia, Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey and Uzbekistan** are finalizing the interconnection of their national customs systems with the eTIR international system;
- On behalf of its 27 member States, the **European Commission finalized a proof of concept** to interconnect the European Union's New Computerized Transit System (NCTS) with the eTIR international system;
- **ECE and IRU signed a MoU** on 22 November 2021 to implement the TIR Convention and, more specifically, Annex 11 by ensuring the interconnection of the IRU systems with the eTIR international system.

# Harmonization Convention

Latest accessions, amendments, activities



- 58 Contracting Parties; latest accession: Turkmenistan (2017).
- Entry into force of an amendment to annex 8, article 7 on 27 May 2021, extending the interval between surveys on progress made to improve border crossing procedures for international road transport from two to five years (next survey in 2023).
- **Joint WP.30/SC.2 survey** on the implementation of annex 9 of the Convention on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for international rail freight (at the request of ITC, at its 2021 session); survey sent out to SC.2 participants and main stakeholders, with request for replies by 31 March 2022.

# 1954 and 1956 Temporary Importation Conventions

Latest accessions, activities



- Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) and Commercial Road Vehicles (1956).
- 1954 Convention: 80 Contracting Parties, no new accessions in 2021;
- 1956 Convention: 26 Contracting Parties, no new accessions in 2021;
- **MoU between ECE and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) (20 October 2021)** on the revitalization and digitalization of relevant United Nations inland transport conventions and, in particular, the development of an eCPD (Carnet de Passage) system.



# 2019 Rail passenger Convention

accessions



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- Convention on the Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures for Passengers, Luggage and Load-luggage Carried in International Traffic by Rail, of 22 February 2019
  - Chad (signatory on 26 September 2019)
  - No developments in 2021.

# Alignment WP.30 activities with ITC strategy

Outcome of assessment of eighteen legal instruments in the field of border crossing facilitation



- **Ongoing activity** since the 154th session of WP.30 (February 2020) to review final clauses and proposing, where required or deemed appropriate, amendments to the seventeen legal instruments under the auspices of WP.30.
- At its 158th session (October 2021) confirmed (and reconfirmed at its 159th session (February 2022)) that this had been a useful exercise, leading to the review of the relevance of these legal instruments at the national level, including, at times, up to denunciations. Even though some legal instruments have lost their relevance or have been overtaken by later legislation, WP.30 felt they should continue to exist (without amendments or adjustments), as they form the basis for later legislation and any change might even undermine the construction of later legislation.
- WP.30 feels it has **finalized and exhausted this exercise** and has requested to report this to ITC.





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**Thank you!**

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