



Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport****162nd session**

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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****Survey on the certificate of approval for TIR vehicles****Note by the secretariat****I. Background and mandate**

1. At the 160th session of the Working Party (June 2022), the secretariat invited countries to provide information on their national technical authorities in charge of performing technical checks, required under the TIR Convention, to issue or renew certificates of approval and to conduct technical checks and/or to nominate experts that could be invited to engage in technical workshops on the application of Annexes 2 and 7 of the Convention for interested parties of present and prospective contracting parties (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/320, para. 25).
2. At the 161st session of the Working Party, the delegation of the European Union proposed, with the aim to streamline the questions raised by the secretariat at the 160th session to conduct a short survey on various aspects related to the issuance and renewal of certificates of approval and provided a list with some possible questions. From its side, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) supported the proposal and expressed its willingness to contribute by providing some additional questions that were of specific interest to the private sector (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/322, para. 19).
3. The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a document with the draft survey, for consideration at its next session.
4. Further to this request, the secretariat, in collaboration with the European Commission and IRU, prepared a list of questions, contained in Annex to this document. Once approved, the intention is to circulate the survey as an interactive file among TIR focal points.

II. Considerations by the Working Party

5. The Working Party is invited to consider and, possibly, approve the set of questions on the certificate of approval, as contained in Annex to this document and provide guidance about its circulation among TIR focal points.

Annex

Draft survey on the certificate of approval for TIR vehicles

This is a draft, for consideration by WP.30. Do not reply!

Name of TIR focal point:

Country:

1. Who conducts the technical inspections required for the issuance of certificates of approval for TIR vehicles in your country?

- All customs offices approved for TIR operations
- Some designated customs offices
- A central or specialized customs service.

Please specify:

- External party

If so, please indicate what type of external party:

- Another governmental administration
- National TIR issuing association
- Private company
- Other

Please specify:

2. Is the procedure for the technical inspection and the issuance of the certificate of approval carried out by the same entity?

- Yes
- No

Please specify:

3. How many places are available for technical inspections?

- one
- 2 to 5
- 6 to 10
- More than 10

Please specify:

4. What is the average timeframe for technical inspections?

- one day
- 2 to 5 days
- 6 to 10 days

More than 10 days

Please specify:

5. Once the technical inspection has taken place, how long does it take for the vehicle approval being issued?

one day

2 to 5 days

6 to 10 days

More than 10 days

Please specify:

6. Is the list of authorities in charge of issuing and renewing certificates of approval public?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details (website) where such list can be found:

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7. Does your administration use standardized checklists to conduct technical inspections?

Yes

No

8. Are you familiar with the ECE approval reports for various types of vehicles?¹

Yes

No

If so, do you consider them useful and up-to-date?

Yes

No

9. Do operators have to pay for the inspections or the issuing/renewal of the certificate of approval?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the costs/range of costs:

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10. In case approval is not granted, is the reason of refusal provided in writing?

Yes

No

If no, please indicate how the refusal is communicated:

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¹ See: <https://unece.org/vehicle-control>

11. In case approval is not granted, is there a specific timeframe for the road vehicle before being eligible of going through the procedure of approval again?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please indicate the timeframe:

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12. Does your administration check the technical requirements of Annex 7, Part II for containers at the beginning of a TIR transport?

- Yes
- No

If yes, which service(s) are involved?

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13. What happens if a customs officer assesses that a container no longer complies with the technical conditions prescribed for its approval?

- TIR transport is stopped
- nothing
- owner of the container is informed and requested to restore the container to the condition which had justified its approval (in accordance with Annex 7 – Part II, paragraph 6)
- other, please elaborate

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14. Are you regularly confronted with particular difficulties in the procedure to issue/renew certificates of approval?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details of the difficulties that you encounter and how you solve them:

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15. How many certificates of approval have been issued up to date by the competent authorities?

- Less than 100
- Between 101 – 500
- Between 501 – 1000
- More than 1000

Please specify:

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16. Are you in favour of digitally storing issued/renewed certificates of approval in the International TIR Database (ITDB)?

- Yes
- No

17. Would your administration be willing to provide a technical expert to ECE in order to assist in workshops aimed at improving technical inspections for the issuance/renewal of certificates of approval?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide name and particulars of the technical expert:

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Please return the filled-in survey to [email address]

Thank you for having taken part in the survey.
