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Customs Convention on the International Transport of Good 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

1. The secretariat, in close collaboration with the delegation of the European Union and IRU, prepared a draft survey, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2023/3. The survey was sent on 14 March 2023 to customs TIR focal points with 31 May 2023 as deadline for reply. At the closing date of 31 May, 30 submissions were received. Please find below the consolidated responses.

Survey results

2. The survey was completed by the following contracting States to the TIR Convention: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Maroc, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and Uzbekistan.

	Question	Response	% of resp	Response	% of respondents	Response	% of respondents	Response	% of respondents	Response	% of respondents
1	Who conducts the technical inspections required for the issuance of certificates of approval for TIR vehicles in your country?	Some designated customs offices	41.18%	All customs offices approved for TIR operations	38.24%	A central or specialized customs service	2.94%	A central or specialized customs service	5.88%	External	11.76%
2	Is the procedure for the technical inspection and the issuance of the certificate of approval carried out by the same entity?	Yes	96.67%	No	3.33%						
3	How many places are available for technical inspections?	One	6.67%	2 to 5 days	16.67%	6 to 10	30.00%	More than 10	46.67%		
4	What is the average timeframe for technical inspections?	One day	82.76%	2 to 5 days	10.34%	6 to 10 days	3.45%	More than 10	3.45%		
5	Once the technical inspection has taken place, how long does it take for the vehicle approval being issued?	One day	83.33%	2 - 5 days	10.00%	6 to 10 days	3.33%	More than 10 days	3.33%		
6	Is the list of authorities in charge of issuing and renewing certificates of approval public?	Yes	75.00%	No	25.00%						
7	Does your administration use standardized checklists to conduct technical inspections?	Yes	64.52%	No	35.48%						
8	Are you familiar with the ECE approval reports for various types of vehicles?	Yes	56.67%	No	43.33%						
9	Do operators have to pay for the inspections or the issuing/renewal of the certificate of approval?	Yes	30.00%	No	70.00%						
10	In case approval is not granted, is the reason of refusal provided in writing?	Yes	90.32%	No	9.68%						
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	20.00%	No	80.00%						
12	Does your administration check the technical requirements of Annex 7, Part II for containers at the beginning of a TIR transport?	Yes	60.00%	No	40.00%						
13	13. What happens if a customs officer assesses that a container no longer complies with the technical conditions prescribed for its approval?	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)	61.11%	TIR Transport is stopped	27.78%	Other	11.11%				
14	Are you regularly confronted with particular difficulties in the procedure to issue/renew certificates of approval?	Yes	10.00%	No	90.00%						
15	Are you in favour of digitally storing issued/renewed certificates of approval in the International TIR Database (ITDB)?	Yes	72.73%	No	27.27%						
16	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	10.00%	No	90.00%						