



**Economic and Social
Council**

Distr.
GENERAL

TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/2000/8
11 August 2000

Original: ENGLISH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975

(Twenty-ninth session, 19 and 20 October 2000,
agenda item 3 (a) (ii))

ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TIR EXECUTIVE BOARD (TIRExB)

Activities of the TIRExB

Insertion of identification number of the TIR Carnet holder into the TIR Carnet

Note by the TIR Secretary

1. In accordance with Annex 9, Part II, article 4 of the TIR Convention, the competent authorities shall transmit within one week from the date of authorization or withdrawal of authorization to use TIR Carnets, the particulars of each person to the TIR Executive Board in conformity with the Model Authorization Form (MAF). In line with Annex 9, Part II, Article 5, the national guaranteeing association shall transmit annually an updated list as per 31 December of all authorized persons as well as of persons whose authorization has been withdrawn. This list shall be transmitted one week following the 31 December to the competent authorities. The competent authorities shall forward a copy thereof to the TIR Executive Board.
2. In line with the above provisions, the TIRExB has received so far data on more than 30,000 persons authorized to utilize the TIR procedure. All this information has been inserted into the TIR databank maintained by the TIR secretariat. The TIRExB, at its sixth session (23-25 May 2000), was of the view that these data might be of some help to Contracting Parties and thus should be made available to the competent authorities in the foreseeable future, possibly via the Internet.

GE.00-

3. The TIRExB agreed that, in order to distinguish clearly between individual TIR Carnet holders, the individual and unique identification (ID) number should be used as a key for searching the database. In accordance with the MAF, this number is assigned to the holder of the TIR Carnet by the national guaranteeing association in co-operation with the international organization. The following format of an ID-number could be used, as foreseen in the CD-ROM distributed at the beginning of 1999 by the secretariat: AAA/BB/XX...X, where AAA is a 3-letter code of the country in accordance with the classifier of the International Standard Organization (ISO), BB is a 2-digit code of the association in accordance with the classifier of the IRU and XX...X is a consecutive number.

4. The TIRExB also pointed out that, for the purposes of identification, it seems to be a matter of priority to indicate the assigned ID number in all MAFs and in all TIR Carnets issued. The respective procedure and format would need to be approved by the TIR Administrative Committee. The TIRExB felt that this objective should be achieved as soon as possible through amendments to the Convention to be adopted by the Administrative Committee. Before they come into force, a separate recommendation of the Committee could be applied. The representative of the IRU welcomed in principle this idea but indicated that national issuing associations and TIR Carnet holders would need some time to make necessary arrangements, before such a decision came into force.

5. In this context, the TIR Administrative Committee may wish also to take note that the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Phase II of the TIR revision process, at its fourth session (21-24 June 1999), generally advocated the inclusion of the identity number into the TIR Carnet as a useful tool to reduce misuse of the TIR Carnet and the TIR procedure (TRANS/WP.30/1999/7, para. 44).

6. In line with several decisions taken by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, the revision of the TIR Carnet, including the insertion of additional data elements, should be considered under Phase III of the TIR revision process, following the conclusion of Phase II foreseen in October 2000 (TRANS/WP.30/186, para. 43). Given the length of time required for the coming into force of the relevant amendments to the Convention, a recommendation of the TIR Administrative Committee might be prepared allowing the application of such necessary procedures meanwhile.

7. The TIR Administrative Committee may therefore wish to consider a draft recommendation on the issue prepared by the TIR Secretary in accordance with the request of the TIRExB.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
OF THE TIR CARNET HOLDER IN THE TIR CARNET**

DRAFT

Recommendation

adopted by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975

on 20 October 2000

The Administrative Committee,

Recognizing that the holder of a TIR Carnet is a person who bears primary responsibility for the proper termination of a TIR operation and for due observance of all relevant provisions of the TIR Convention and, thus, should be clearly identifiable,

Convinced that an individual and unique identification (ID) number, in addition to the name and address of the TIR Carnet holder, will contribute to this objective,

Considering also that the inclusion of such an ID number into the TIR Carnet would reduce possibilities for misuse of TIR Carnets as well as of the TIR procedure,

Recognizing that relevant amendments to the TIR Convention envisaged to be prepared under Phase III of the TIR revision process may enter into force as late as in the year 2002,

Emphasizing the need to take appropriate measures to introduce, as soon as possible, a standard and official identification system for TIR Carnet holders, until relevant amendments to the TIR Convention would come into force,

1. Decides to recommend to all Contracting Parties to accept the following format of an ID number for TIR Carnet holders being persons which have been authorized to utilize TIR Carnets in accordance with Annex 9, Part II of the TIR Convention: "AAA/BB/XX...X",

whereby "AAA" represents a 3-letter code of the country where the persons utilizing TIR Carnets are resident or established in line with the classification system of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO),

whereby "BB" represents a 2-digit code of the national association having issued the TIR Carnet in accordance with the classification system established by the relevant international organization to which the association is affiliated, allowing for unequivocal identification of each national association,

whereby "XX...X" represents consecutive numbers (digits) identifying the person authorized to utilize a TIR Carnet in accordance with Annex 9, Part II of the TIR Convention.

2. Urges all Contracting Parties to verify the insertion of the ID number by the national association issuing the TIR Carnet or, as appropriate, by the person utilizing the TIR Carnet into
 - (a) the prescribed box of the Model Authorization Form (MAF) provided for in Annex 9, Part II of the TIR Convention;
 - (b) the TIR Carnet in (i) box 3 on page 1 of the cover of the TIR Carnet, (ii) box 4 on the vouchers of the TIR Carnet and, if appropriate (iii) box 5 in the Certified Report of the TIR Carnet.
3. Requests the TIR Secretary to elaborate adequate procedures and establish a mechanism for protected access to the TIR databank by competent authorities of Contracting Parties for approval by the Administrative Committee, following consideration by the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), at its autumn session in the year 2001 at the latest.

The present Recommendation will be superseded by relevant amendments to the TIR Convention upon their entry into force.
