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Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure

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Item 6 (a) of the provisional agenda

Reference Model of the TIR Procedure

Contributions of the network of eTIR focal points

Summary of the activities of the network of eTIR focal points

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. At its 124th session (February 2010), the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) supported the call of the secretariat to organize activities of the Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1 or Expert Group) at long distance, by means of a network of focal points for eTIR (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/248, para. 22). At its 125th session, WP.30 stressed the importance for every Contracting Party to nominate a focal point for the eTIR project and to inform the secretariat accordingly (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/250, para. 19). This document presents the status of the network of eTIR focal points and summarizes its activities since the twenty-sevenths session of GE.1.

II. Members of the network of eTIR focal points

2. The following thirty-six Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention have nominated at least one eTIR focal point: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, the United Kingdom

and Uzbekistan. The e-mail addresses of the focal points are available on the eTIR website (www.unece.org/trans/bcf/etir/focals.html).

III. Information received from the network of eTIR focal points

3. Since the twenty-seventh session of the Expert Group, eTIR focal points have not communicated to the secretariat any issue or input to be brought to the attention of GE.1.

IV. Queries and information sent to the network of eTIR focal points

4. Since the twenty-seventh session of the Expert Group, and at the request of GE.1 at that session, the secretariat sent to TIR focal points (with copy to eTIR focal points) a revised version of the accompanying document, together with a summary description of its usage to gather their expert view on any potential procedural issue (see Annex).

V. Further considerations

5. GE.1 may wish to take stock of this document.

**Annex Email sent to TIR focal points
(with copy to eTIR focal points)**

**eTIR accompanying document and summary description of
its usage**

Date: 12 June 2018

Dear TIR focal points,

At its 27th session, GE.1 mandated the secretariat to prepare a revised version of the accompanying document, together with a summary description of its usage, and to circulate it among TIR focal points (with copy to eTIR focal points) to gather their expert view on any potential procedural issue.

You will find attached the latest version of the proposed accompanying document as well as a draft summary description of its usage by the various customs offices and other authorities.

Please provide your comments, if any, to the secretariat at your earliest convenience, but not later than 24 June 2018, in order to allow the secretariat to present your comments to GE.1 at its 28th session (28-29 June 2018).

Would you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Kind regards,

André Sceia

CC: eTIR focal points

BCC: participants to the 27th session of GE.1

(Attachment reproduced in Annex I of Informal document GE.1 No.4 (2018))