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CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION) GENEVA, 14 NOVEMBER 1975

Proposals of amendments to article $6.2\,\text{Bis}$ and annex 9 to the tir convention

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 5 July 2012, the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) transmitted to the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of article 59 (1) and (2) of the Convention, proposals of amendments to Articles 6.2 *bis* and Annex 9 to the text of the Convention, adopted at its fifty-third session held in Geneva on 9 February 2012.

The text of the proposals of amendments is contained in the annex to the report of the session (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/109) and its Corrigenda 2 (English only), 3 (French only) and 4 (Russian only) and is available on the website of the UNECE Transport Division at the following addresses:

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In connection with the above-mentioned proposed amendments, reference is made to the procedure set forth in article 59, paragraph 3, and article 60, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention,

Article 59, paragraph 3, reads as follows:

"3. Except as provided for under Article 60, any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall come into force with respect to all Contracting parties three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of communication of the proposed amendment during which period no objection to the proposed amendment has been communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by a State which is a Contracting Party."

Article 60, paragraphs 1 and 2 read as follows:

- "1. Any proposed amendment to annexes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 considered in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 59 shall come into force on a date to be determined by the Administrative Committee at the time of its adoption, unless by a prior date determined by the Administrative Committee at the same time, one-fifth or five of the States which are Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the amendment. Determination by the Administrative Committee of the dates referred to in this paragraph shall be by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
- 2. On entry into force, any amendment adopted in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1 above shall for all Contracting Parties replace and supersede any previous provisions to which the amendment refers."

In accordance with the provisions of article 60 (1) of the Convention, the Administrative Committee decided that the amendment proposals to Annex 9 contained in the documents above shall enter into force by the same procedure and on the same date as the amendment proposals to article 6.2 *bis* of the Convention. Therefore, the Secretary-General should be notified of objections to the proposed amendments to article 6.2 *bis* and Annex 9, no later than 10 July 2013.

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