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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS  
UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

**Application of the Convention**

**Renewal of certificate of approval**

**Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)**

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1. The IRU would ask to modify the Convention in order to permit the renewal of the Certificate of Approval in any Contracting Party to the TIR Convention.
2. The reason is mainly economical and ecological. Nowadays an approved vehicle must be used often far away from its country of residence. When it needs to have its certificate renewed this vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer must be brought back to its country of registration causing unnecessary direct and indirect costs to the companies.
3. Given the fact that the TIR Convention recognizes mutual customs controls, we are of the opinion that the Customs could expand their mutual recognition to the field of “renewal of Certificate of Approval”.
4. With the agreement of AC2, the text of the Convention could be changed as follows:

**Annex 3, Article 4 of the TIR Convention**

“Road Vehicles shall be produced for the purpose of inspection and renewal of approval where appropriate to the competent authorities of any Contracting Party of the TIR Convention”.

**Annex 3, Article 7 of the TIR Convention**

“The competent authorities of any Contracting Party may, as the case maybe, withdraw or renew the Approval Certificate or issue a new Approval Certificate in the circumstances set out in Article 14 of this Convention and in paragraphs 4.5 and 6 of this Annex”.

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