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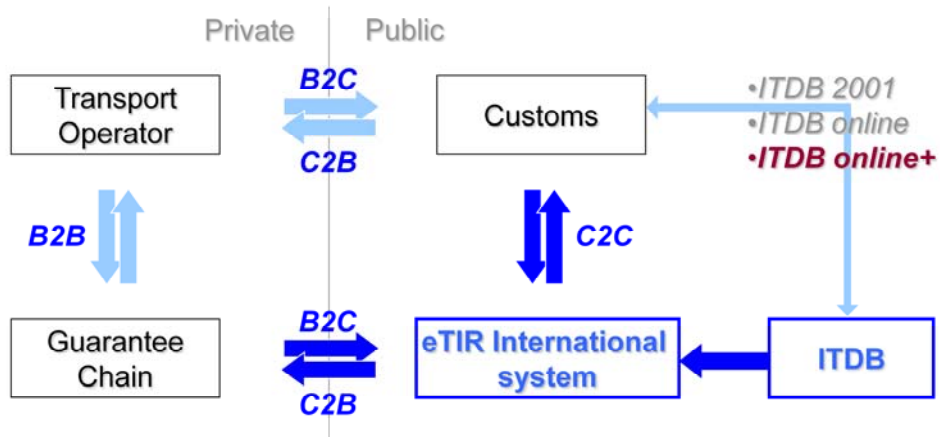
***Status of the computerization of the TIR procedure
and the eTIR project***

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eTIR system



The eTIR system is designed as a public-private partnership. The project aims at developing an exchange platform, the so-called “eTIR international system”, that will allow both the exchange of Customs to Customs (C2C) data as well as the management by Customs of data on the guarantees.

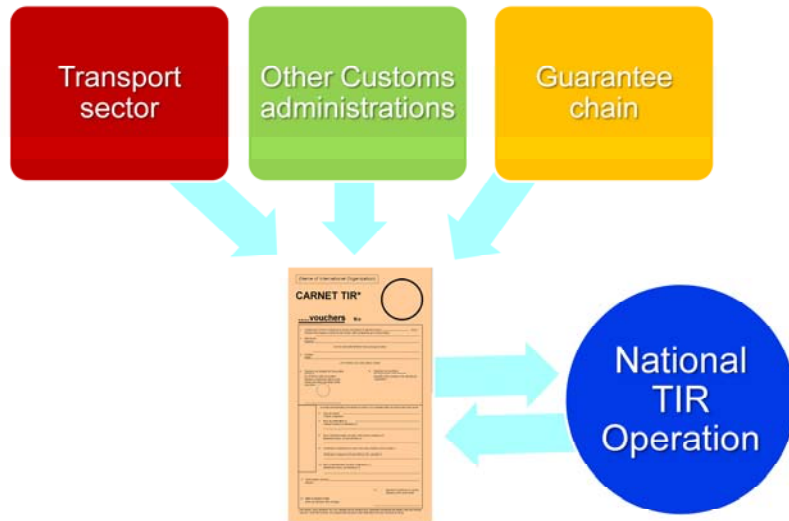
Information sources



In order to manage national TIR operations, Customs require data from transport companies and the guarantee chain. As of the second country, Customs additionally require information from preceding Customs administrations.

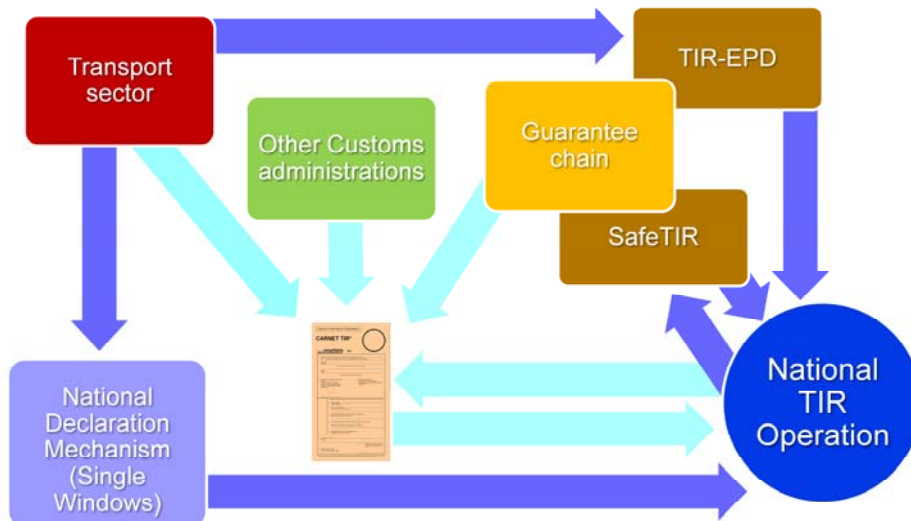


The paper environment



According to the TIR Convention, all data required to perform a TIR operation are exchanged through the TIR Carnet.

Current environment

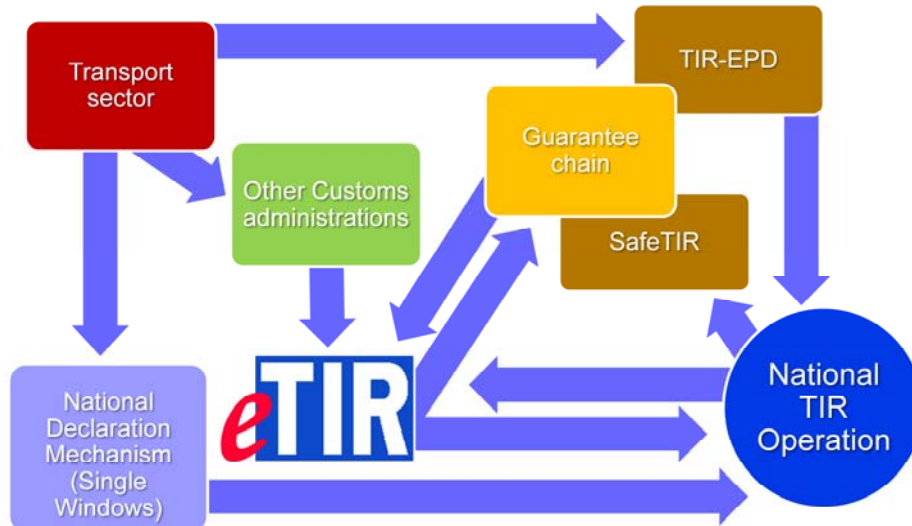


To date, as a consequence of new requirements, various IT elements have already been introduced in the TIR system, such as the transmission of termination data from Customs offices of destination to the IRU SafeTIR system and the electronic submission of pre-departure or pre-arrival data in the EU and other countries.

However, by and large, Customs continue to depend on the paper TIR Carnet for the management of TIR operations.



Fully computerized environment



The establishment of the eTIR international system remains crucial to the complete computerization of the TIR procedure as it allows Customs to exchange securely C2C information with each other and to manage the data on guarantees. It will offer the transport sector improved facilitation and will provide the guarantee chain the opportunity to supervise guarantees at all stages of the TIR transport. eTIR maximizes the benefits of the existing TIR tools, while providing electronic solutions for those aspects of the TIR procedure which still are paper based today.



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