

# **Main border crossing facilitation conventions**

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# Overview

- **TIR Convention, 1975 and eTIR;**
- **Container Convention, 1972;**
- **Temporary Importation Convention for Private (1954) and Commercial (1956) vehicles;**
- **Harmonization Convention, 1982;**

## TIR Convention, 1975

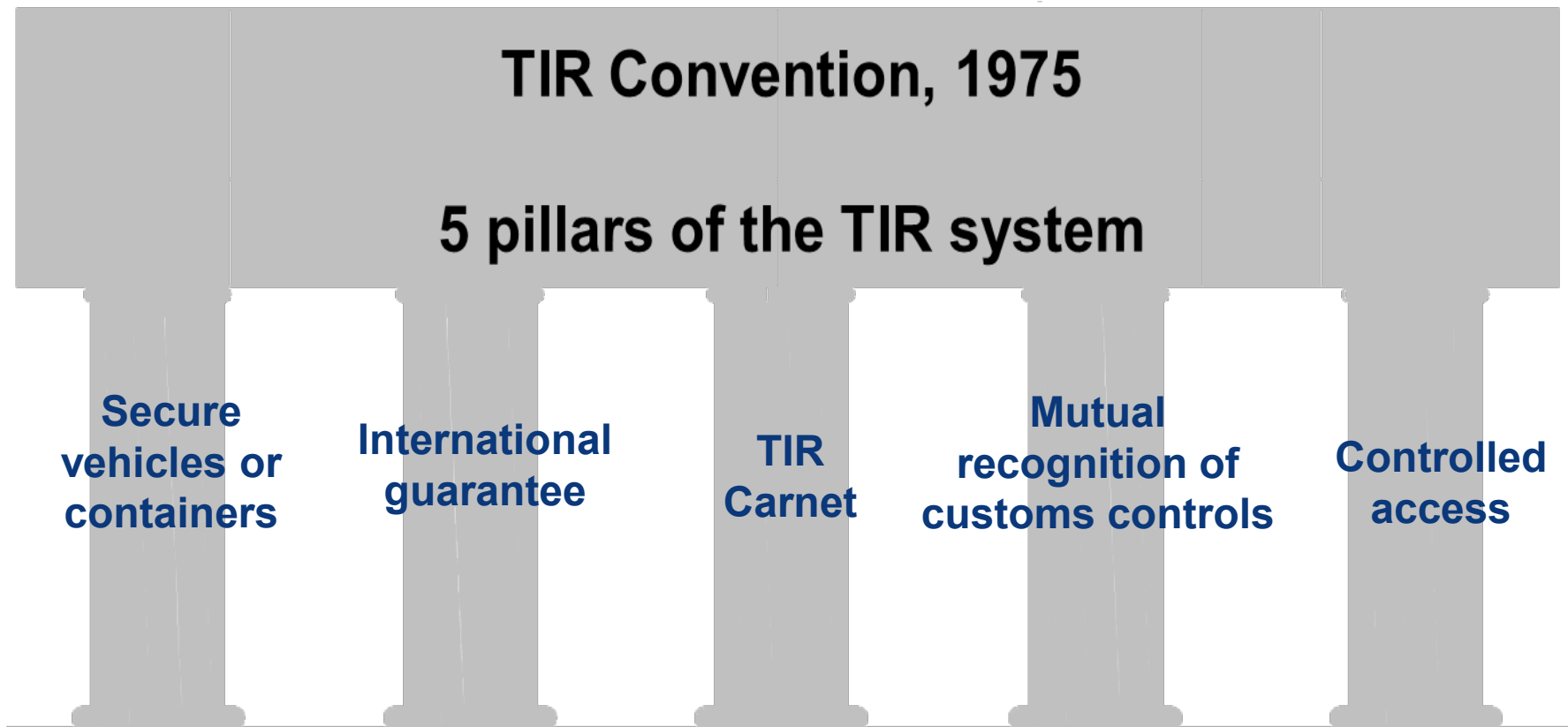
- Establishes and regulates the only existing and operational global customs transit system
- Border crossing facilitation through an internationally recognized and harmonized procedure with a single internationally valid customs document and guarantee
- Effective revenue protection and security without excessive administrative burden for customs and time/cost losses for operators
- Administered under ECE auspices
- 76 contracting parties from 4 continents, among which Pakistan, China and India. Argentina, Oman and Saudi-Arabia recently acceded
- TIR system operational in 62 countries



# Geographical scope of the TIR Convention

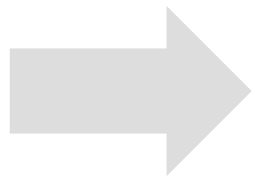


# The 5 pillars of the TIR system



# The eTIR project: from theory to practice

- Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) (2003-..)

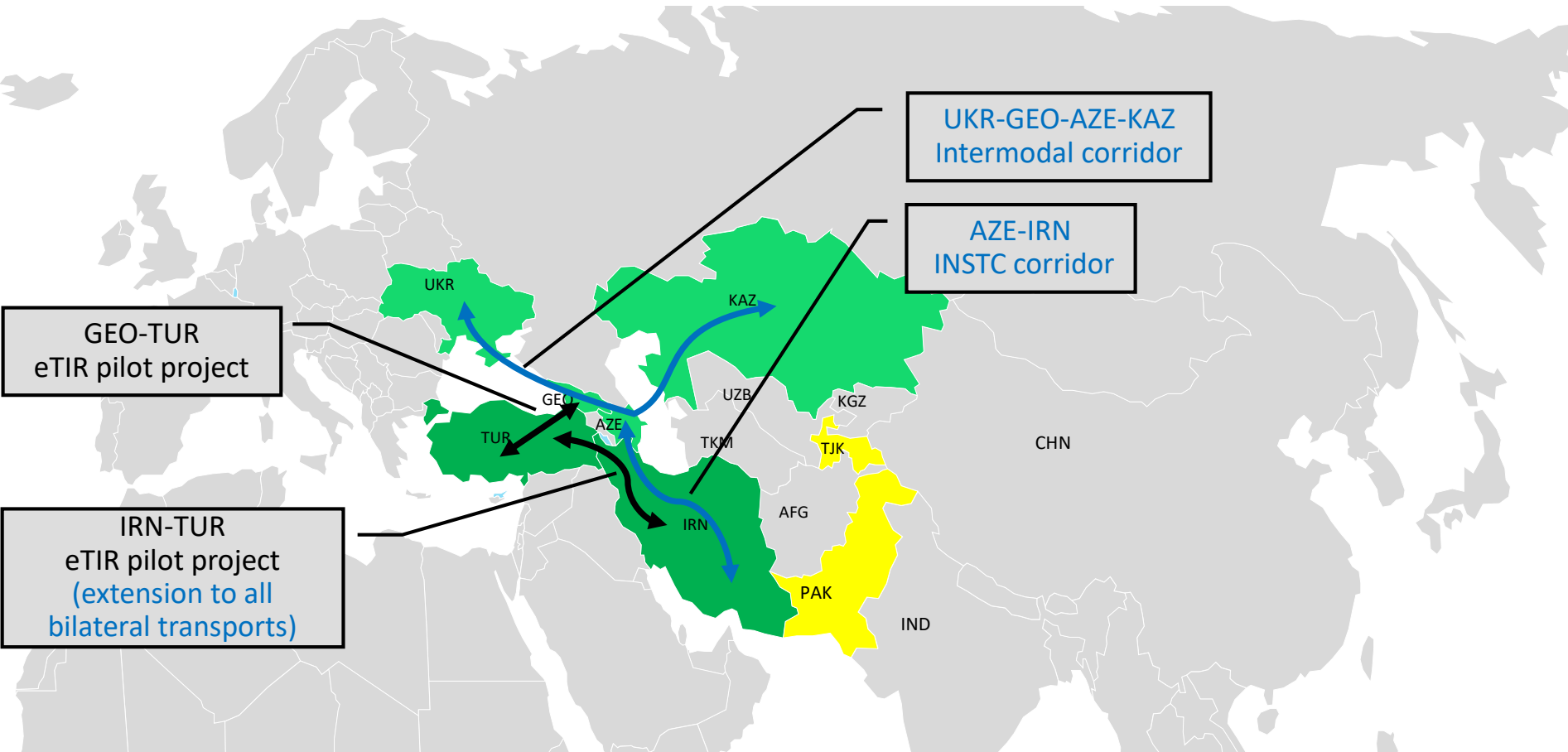


## **eTIR specifications v.4.2**

(conceptual, functional and technical)

- eTIR (pilot) projects
  - Georgia -Turkey
  - Iran -Turkey
  - Azerbaijan – Iran
  - ...
- Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2) (2015-2017)
  - Optional Annex 11 to the TIR Convention (under discussion at AC.2)

# eTIR (pilot) projects





# Customs Container Convention, 1972



- Objective
  - To facilitate the temporary admission in a country of containers registered in another country by deferring payment of taxes and duties
- Benefits
  - Minimum border procedures, deferred payment of Customs taxes and duties
  - Recovery of customs duties if no re-export, based on an undertaking by the container owner (no deposit of a guarantee required).

Managed by the World Customs Organization.





# The Customs Convention on the temporary importation of Private (1954) /Commercial (1956) road vehicles

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  <p><b>CARNET DE PASSAGES EN DOUANE</b> FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS / POUR VÉHICULES À MOTEUR ET REMORQUES</p>	
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<p>This carnet, which has been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954) and Commercial Road Vehicles (1956), both amended in 1992, may be used in the countries/customs territories listed on the back cover of this document, under guarantee of the authorized association indicated.</p> <p>It is issued on condition that the holder re-exports the vehicle within the specified period of validity and complies with the customs laws and regulations relating to the temporary admission of motor vehicles in the countries/customs territories stated under the guarantee. In each country where this document is valid, of the authorized association affiliated to the undersigned international organization. <b>ON EXPIRY, THE CARNET MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ASSOCIATION WHICH DELIVERED IT TO THE HOLDER.</b></p> <p>Ce carnet, qui a été établi selon les dispositions des Conventions internationales relatives à l'importation temporaire des véhicules routiers privés (1954) et des véhicules routiers commerciaux (1956), amendées en 1992, peut être utilisé dans les pays/territoires douaniers indiqués à l'arrière de la couverture de ce document, sous la garantie de l'association indiquée ci-dessous.</p> <p>À l'expiration, le carnet doit être retourné à l'association qui l'a délivré.</p>	
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Signature of Holder / Signature du titulaire	Holder's signature / Signature du titulaire
<p>Responsible, by order, for the administration: AIT Director General Responsable, par ordre, pour l'administration: Le Directeur Général de l'AIT</p>	





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# CPDs facilitate travel

Carnets de Passages en Douane (CPD) facilitate the temporary admission of road motor vehicles by providing security for the payment of any customs duties and import taxes chargeable should the vehicles not be re-exported.

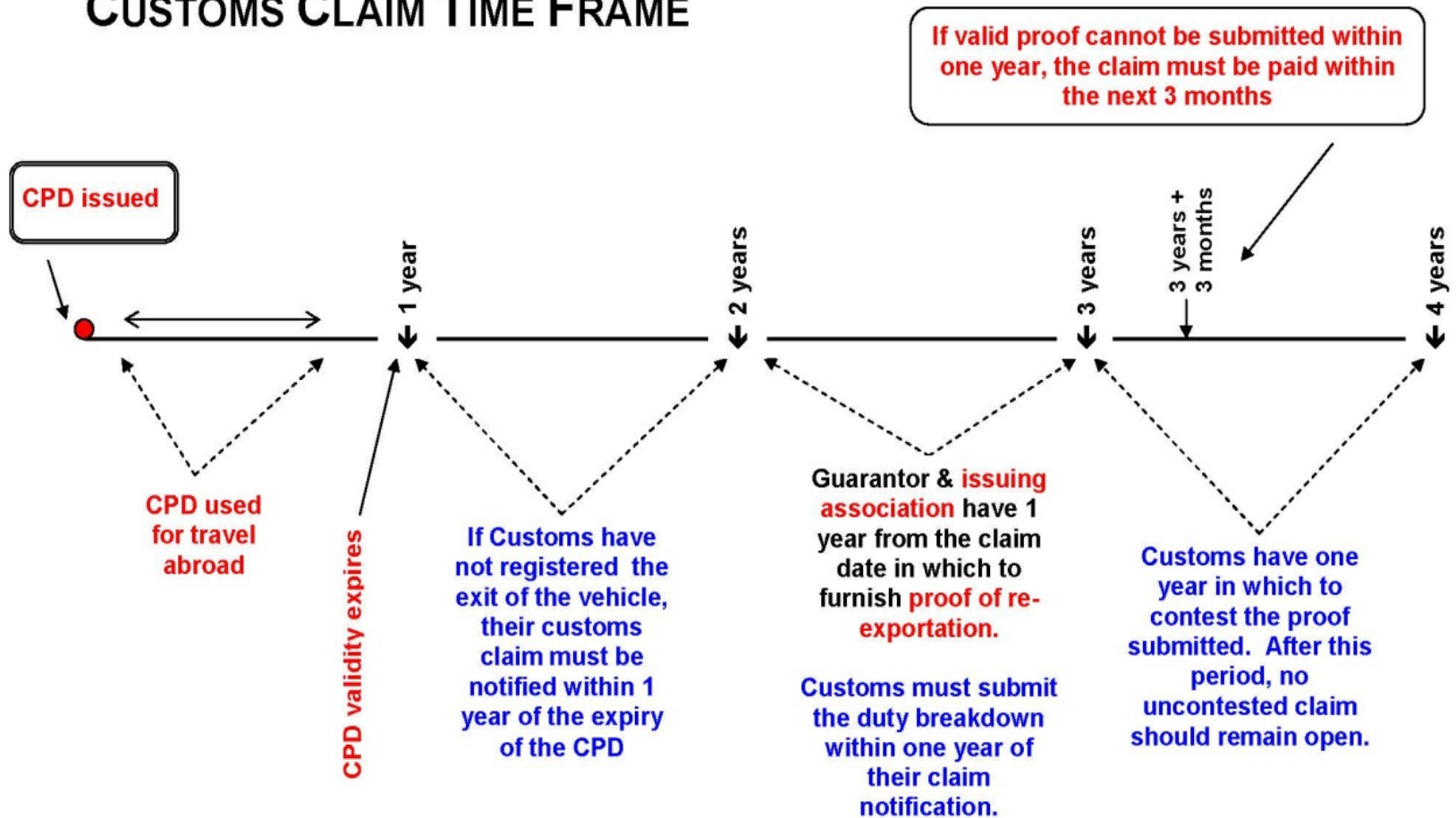
AIT : Alliance internationale de tourism  
FIA : Fédération Internationale de de l'Automobile

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# The customs convention on the temporary importation of Commercial road vehicles of 1956



# CUSTOMS CLAIM TIME FRAME



- RED → Responsibility of the issuing club**
- BLACK → Responsibility of the guarantor club**
- BLUE → Responsibility of the Customs**

## Conclusion :

- **For Tourism and trade temporary admission of private and commercial motor vehicles should best be free of formalities and guarantees**
- **If this is not possible, the CPD can give advantages to customs/tourists and trade**
  - **Advantages customs : no need for cash deposits and reimbursements formalities , no need to create a national document**
  - **For tourism and trade : CPD ease the border crossing procedures and eliminates the need for cash guarantees**

# Harmonization Convention, 1982

- International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods
- 58 Contracting Parties
- Latest accessions: Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
- Expressed interest to join: Pakistan



To facilitate cross border transport of goods through nationally coordinated, internationally harmonized, shorter, reduced formalities and controls of goods at borders

It covers:

- All goods moved across borders (exported, imported or in transit)
- All control services
- All modes of transport
- Specific provisions for certain transport modes and goods
- Also addresses certain issues with regard to vehicles and drivers





# General principles vs. detailed provisions

- Framework providing for a high degree of flexibility in organizing national and international cooperation
- No universal ‘one size fits all’ solution
- Examples of best practices are essential
- Integrated operational annexes on various aspects, such as harmonization of customs controls, medico-sanitary, veterinary, phytosanitary or medico-sanitary controls, road transport and rail transport
- Specific Annex 8 for road transport and Annex 9 for rail transport.

## Handbook of Best Practices at Border Crossings

- Reference material and more than 120 best practice examples at border crossings.
- It covers available legal instruments, inter-agency and international co-operation, balancing security and facilitation measures, processing of freight, risk management, design of border crossing points, use of ICT technologies, human resource management and benchmarking.
- Available  
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