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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport

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Item 4 (c) (vi) of the provisional agenda

##### Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975)

Application of the Convention:

Other matters

### Survey on the certificate of approval for TIR vehicles – Consolidated replies\*

Note by the secretariat.

#### I. Background

1. The Working Party may wish to recall that its 161<sup>st</sup> Session (October 2022) the delegation of the European Union proposed to conduct a short survey on various aspects related to the issuance and renewal of certificates of approval and provided a list with some possible questions. The International Road Transport Union (IRU) supported the proposal and expressed its willingness to contribute by providing some additional questions that were of specific interest to the private sector (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/322, para. 19). At its 162<sup>nd</sup> session (February 2023) the Working Party adopted the proposed questionnaire as amended confirming that it should be sent, in March 2023, to customs TIR focal points with 31 May 2023 as deadline for reply (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/324, para. 20). IRU informed the Working Party that it intends to conduct a separate, but similar, survey among TIR focal points from associations and that it would share the results with the Working Party.

2. At its last session (October 2023) the Working Party considered documents ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2023/8 and ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2023/9 incorporating replies including remarks received from Customs Authorities and National Associations respectively.

3. The secretariat prepared the current document which includes a consolidated and more concise version of replies received without the additional comments from both Customs Authorities and National Associations seeking guidance of the Working Party on the next steps.

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\* This document was scheduled for publication after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



## II. Consolidated Replies

4. The survey was completed by thirty Customs Authorities of the following contracting States to the TIR Convention: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Morocco, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.

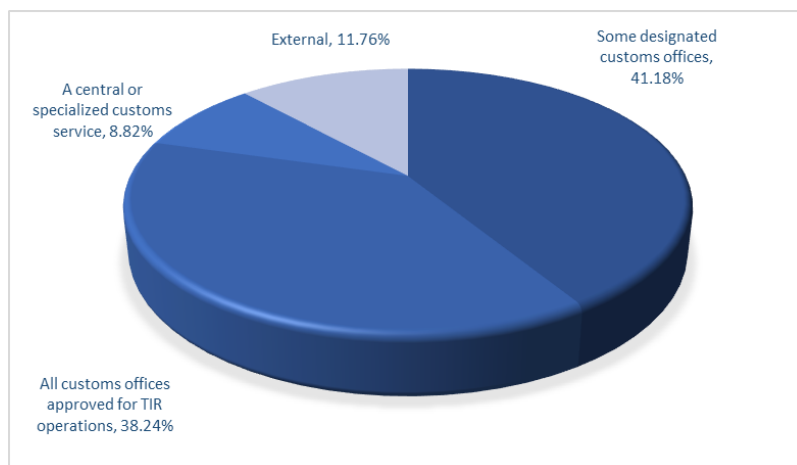
5. The survey was completed by twenty-one national associations of the following contracting states to the TIR Convention: Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Check Republic, France, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Lebanon, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Türkiye, Pakistan, Romania, Russia Federation, Switzerland, Spain, Slovak Republic, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

6. Question 1: Who conducts the technical inspections required for the issuance of certificates of approval for TIR vehicles in your country?

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*Replies from Customs Authorities*

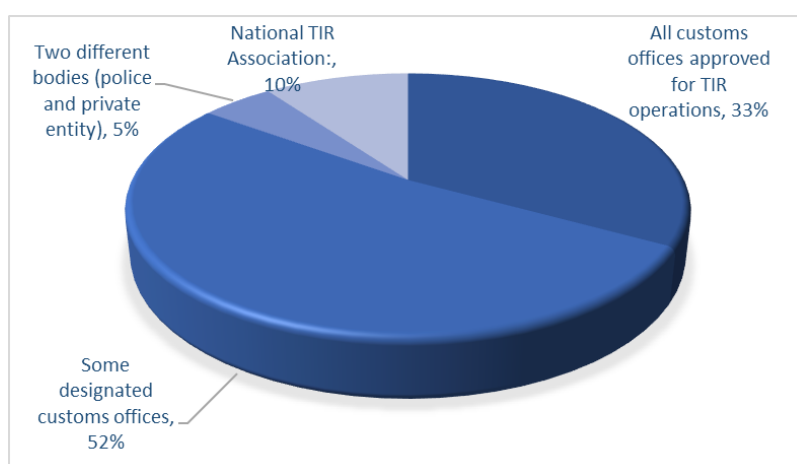
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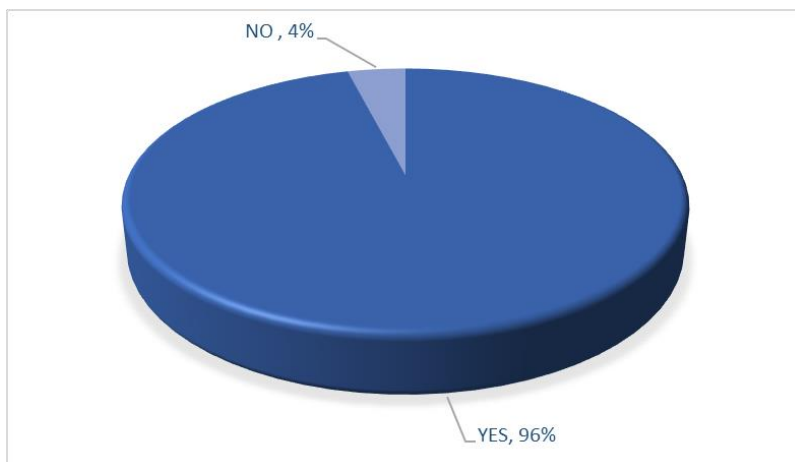
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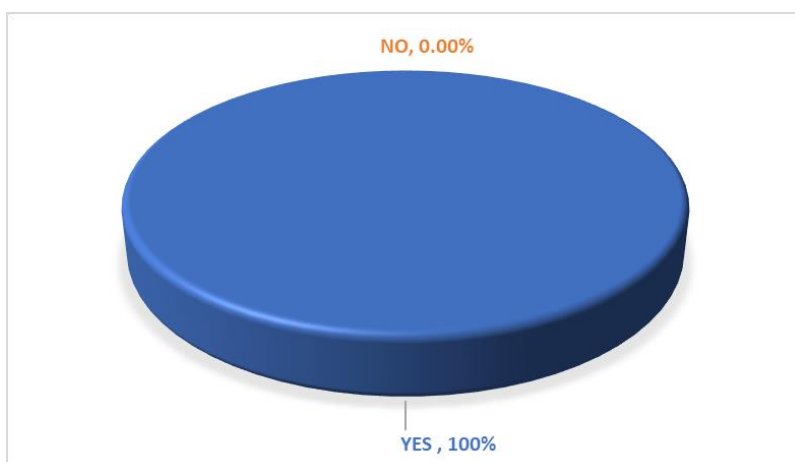


7. Question 2: Is the procedure for the technical inspection and the issuance of the certificate of approval carried out by the same entity?

*Replies from Customs Authorities*

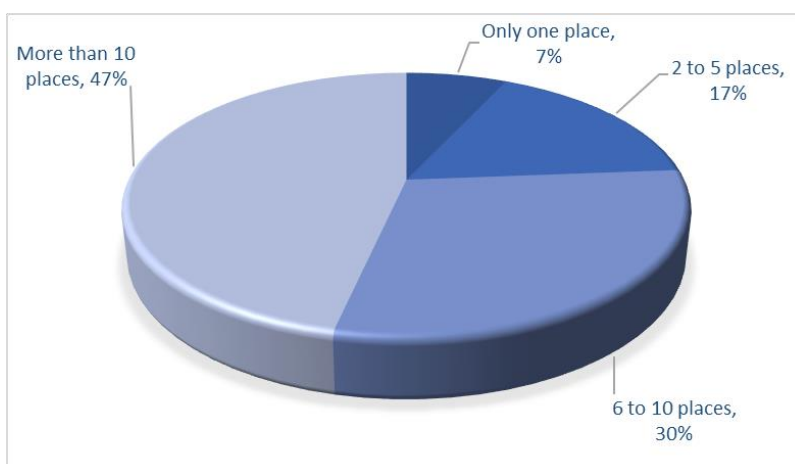


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8. Question 3: Technical inspections can be carried out in:

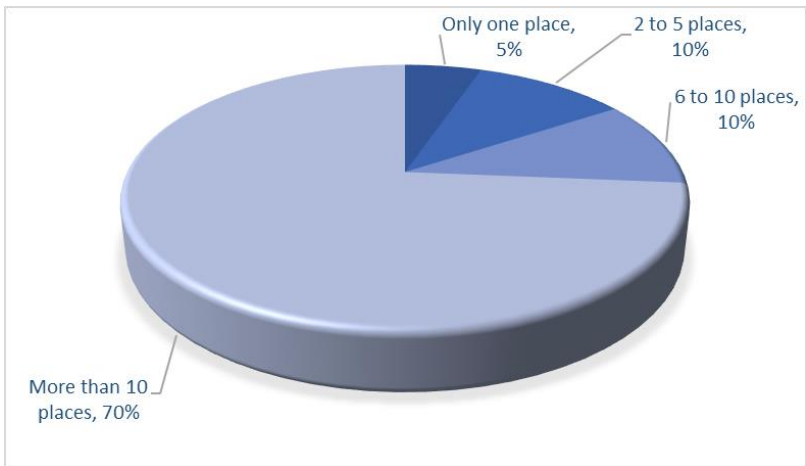
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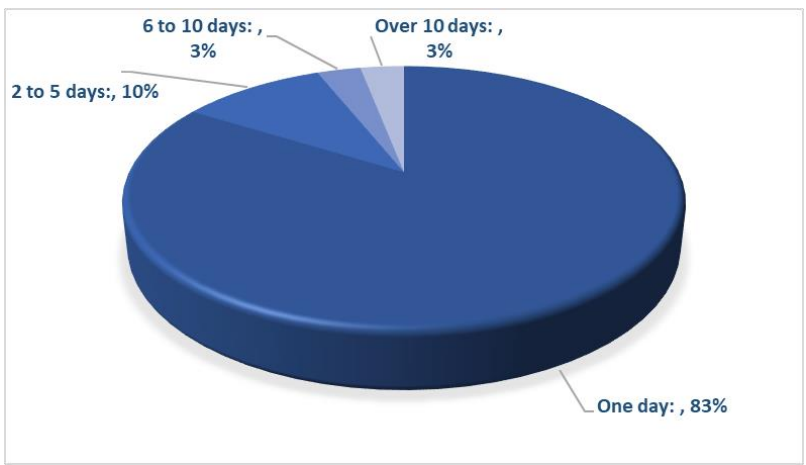


9. Question 4: An appointment for a vehicle inspection can be obtained in:

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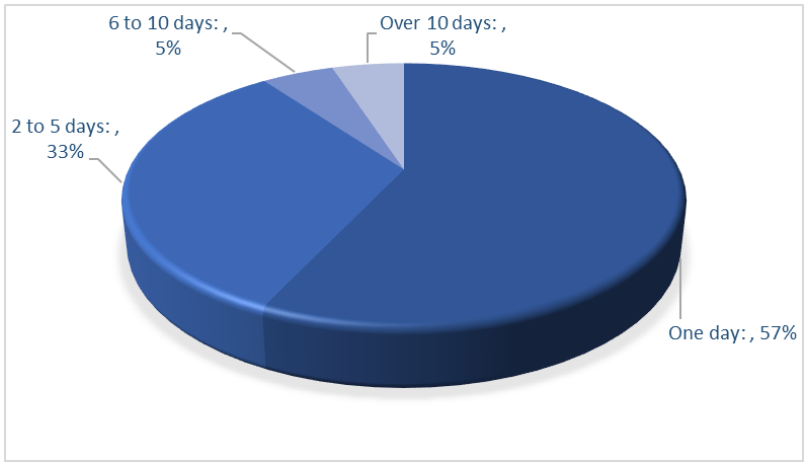
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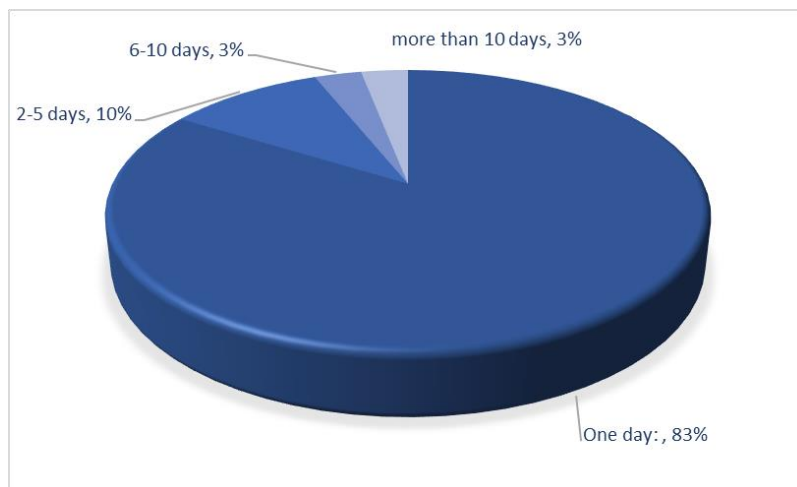
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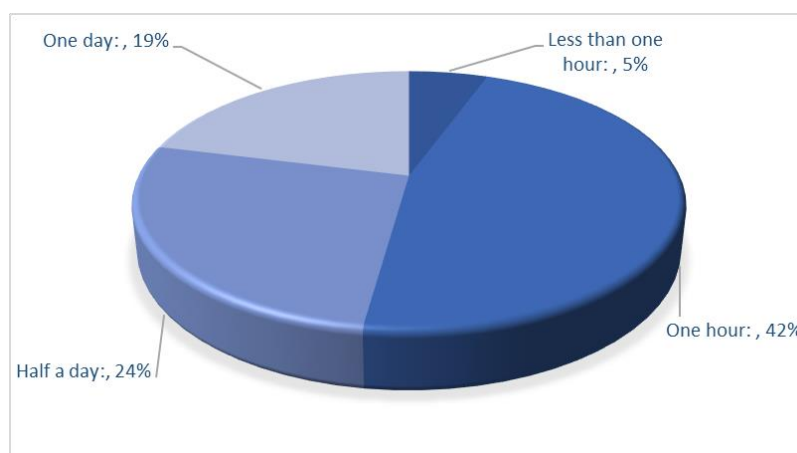


10. Question 5: A vehicle inspection takes:

*Replies from Customs Authorities*

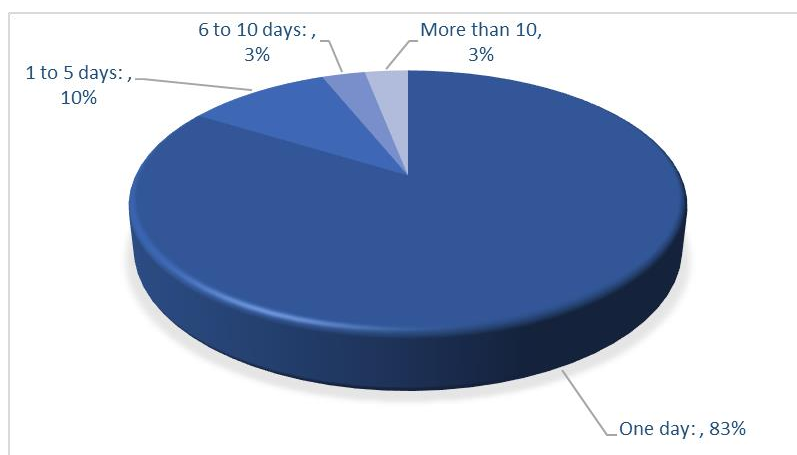


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11. Question 6: Once the technical inspection has taken place, the issuance of the certificate of vehicle approval takes:

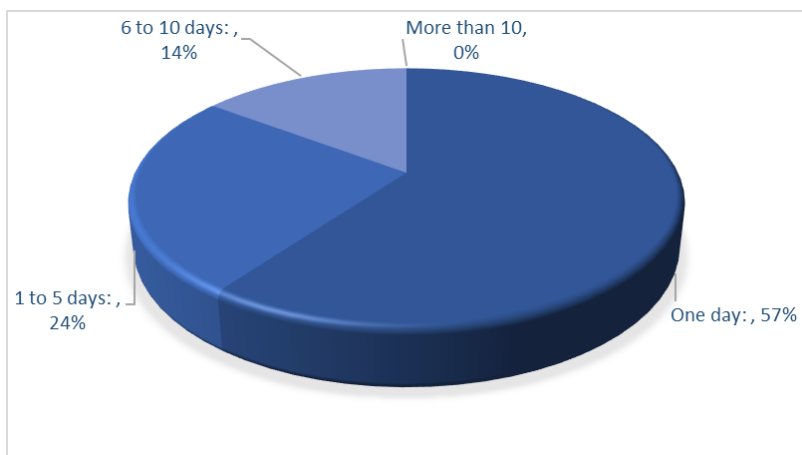
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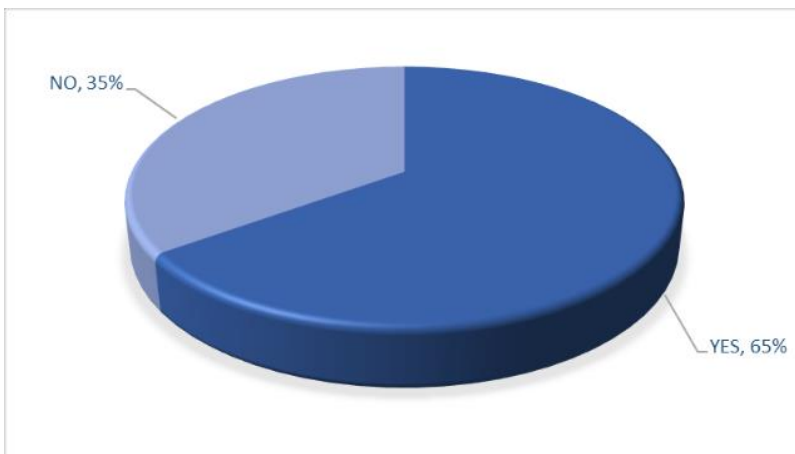
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12. Question 7: At the national level, there is a standardized procedure for technical inspections:

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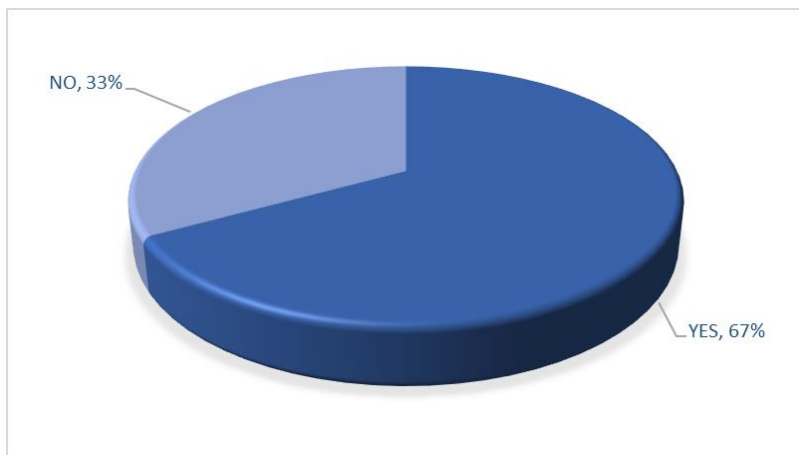
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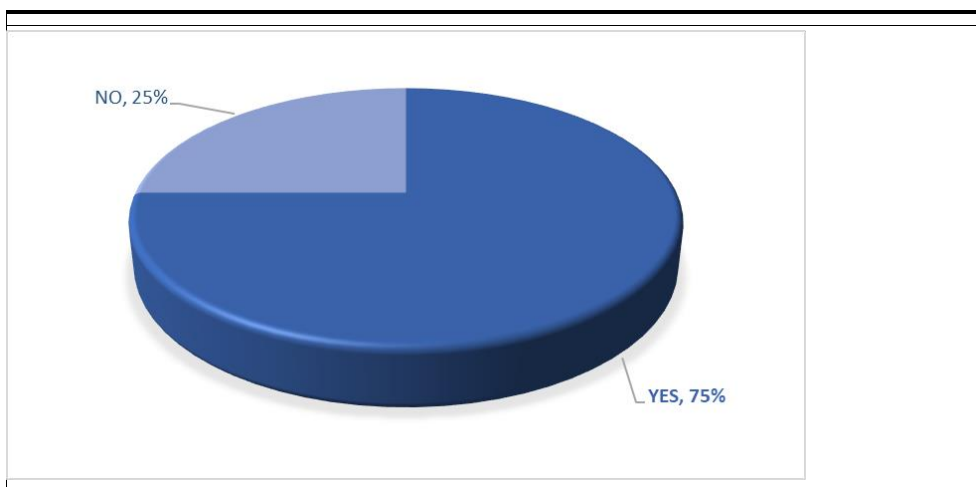
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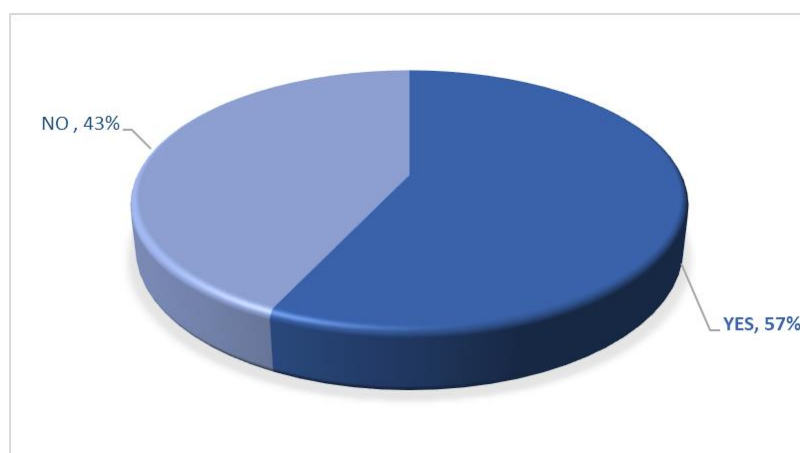


13. Question 8: The list of authorities in charge of issuing/renewing certificates of approval is publicly available:

*Replies from Customs Authorities*

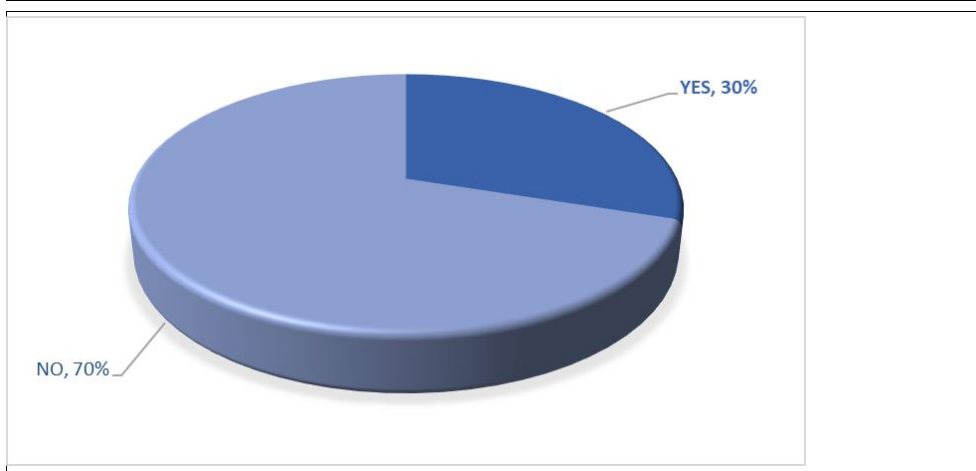


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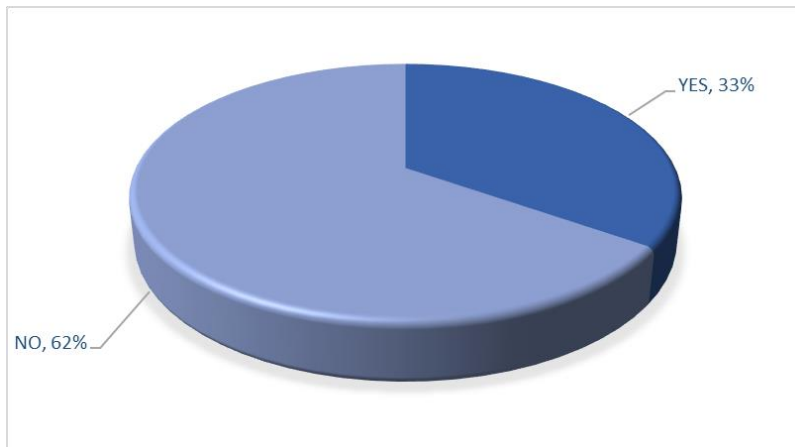


14. Question 9: Operators must pay for the inspections or the issuing/renewal of the certificate of approval:

*Replies from Customs Authorities*

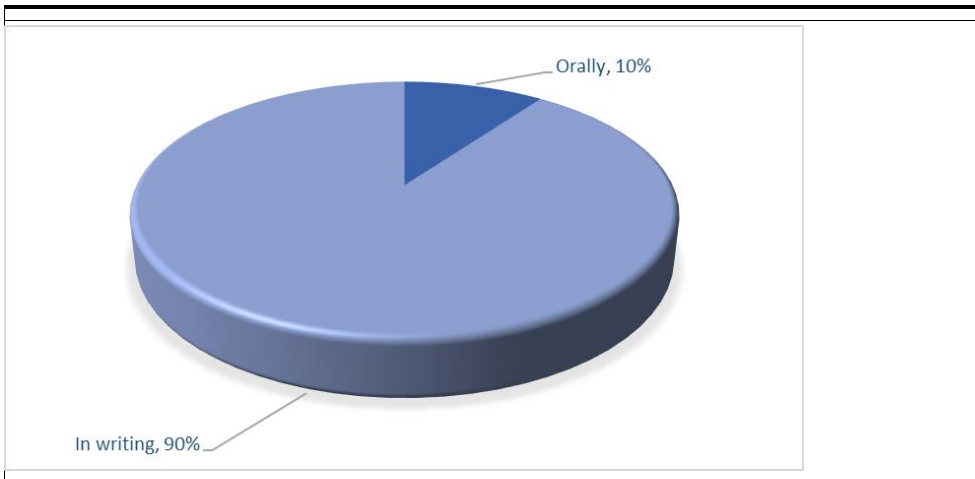


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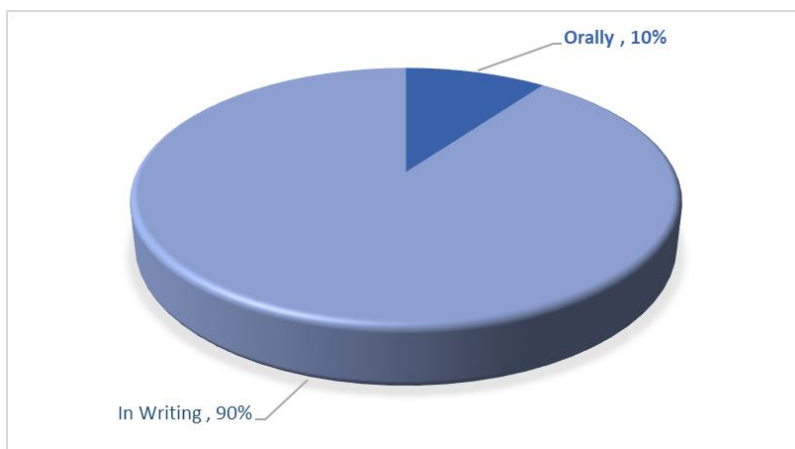


15. Question 10: In case approval is not granted, the reason for refusal is provided:

Replies from Customs Authorities



Replies from National Associations

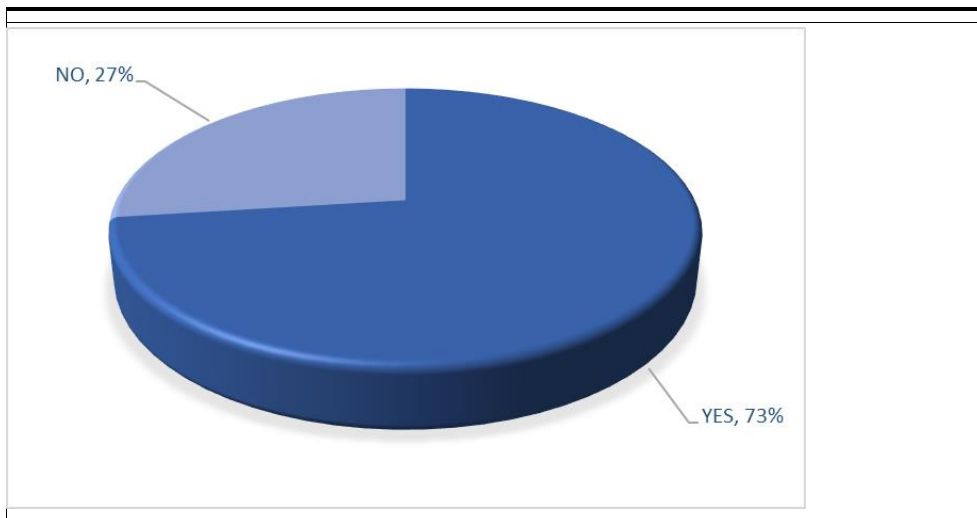


16. Question 11: There is a need for the digitalization of the certificate of approval (application procedure, application documents, and the certificate itself): / Customs replied

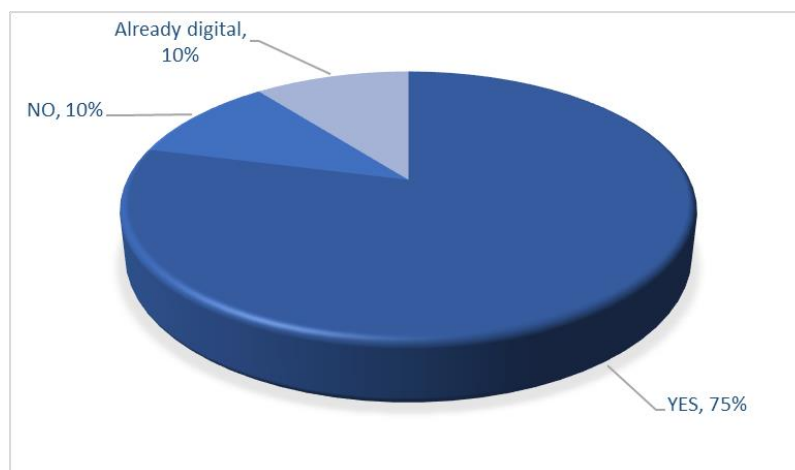


to the question: Are you in favor of digitally storing issued/renewed certificates of approval in the International TIR Database (ITDB)?

*Replies from Customs Authorities*

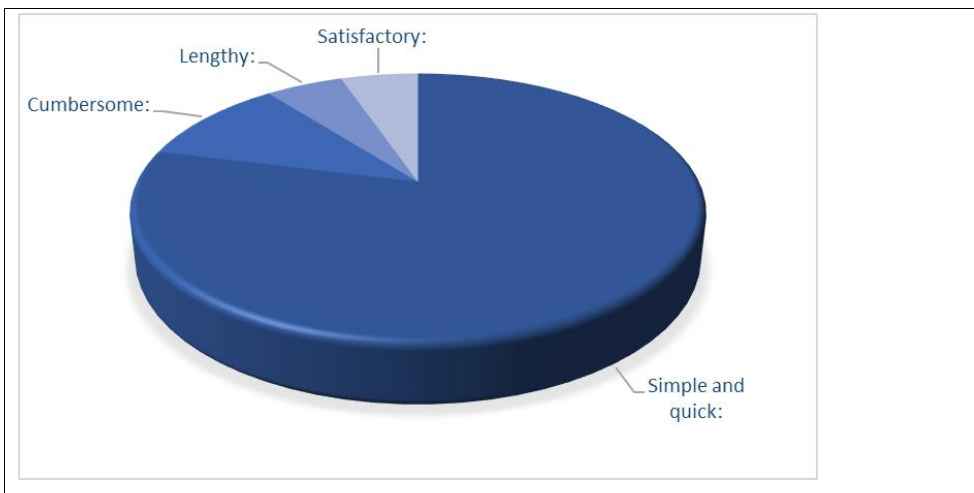


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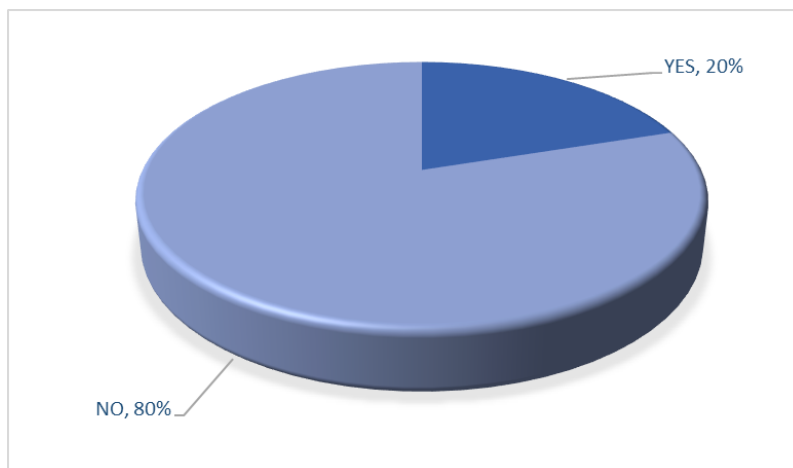
17. Question 12: The procedure at the national level is:

*Replies from National Associations  
(Customs Authorities were not asked this question)*



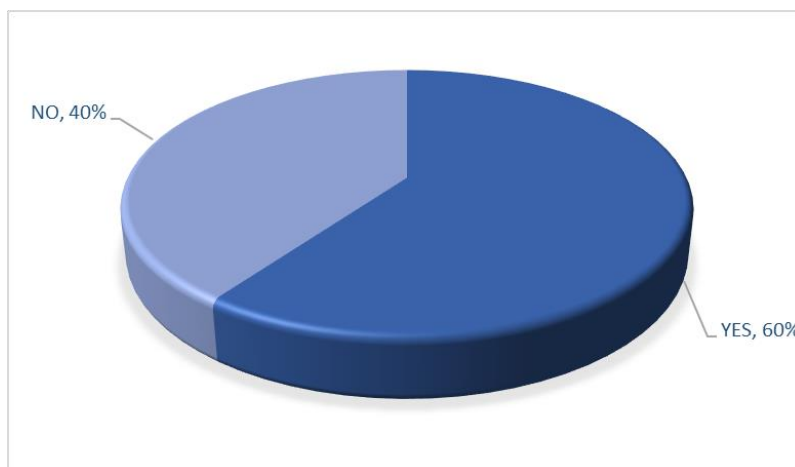
18. Question 13: In case approval is not granted, is there a specific timeframe for the road vehicle before being eligible of going through the procedure of approval again?

*Replies from Customs Authorities  
(National Associations were not asked this question)*



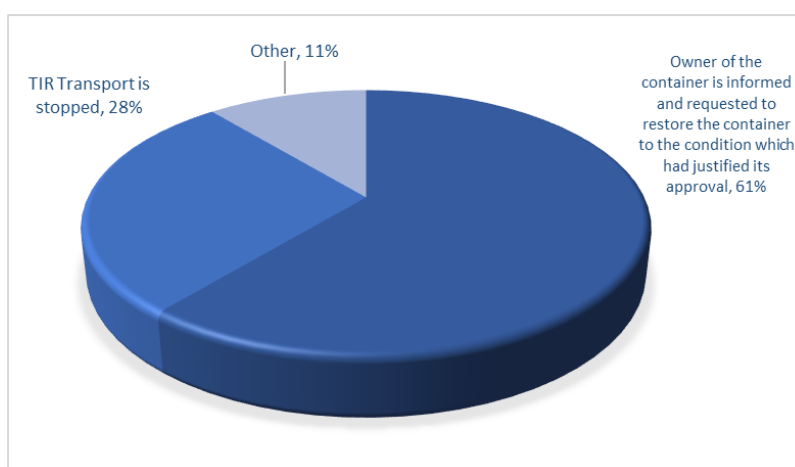
19. Question 14: Does your administration check the technical requirements of Annex 7, Part II for containers at the beginning of a TIR transport?

*Replies from Customs Authorities  
(National Associations were not asked this question)*



20. Question 15: What happens if a customs officer assesses that a container no longer complies with the technical conditions prescribed for its approval?

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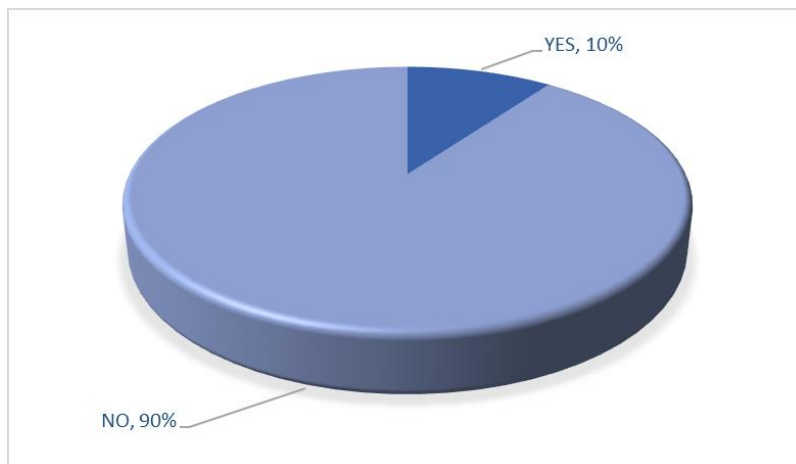


21. Question 16: Are you regularly confronted with particular difficulties in the procedure to issue/renew certificates of approval?

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(National Associations were not asked this question)*

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22. Question 17: Would your administration be willing to provide a technical expert to ECE in order to assist in workshops aimed at improving technical inspections for the issuance/renewal of certificates of approval?

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*Replies from Customs Authorities  
(National Associations were not asked this question)*

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