





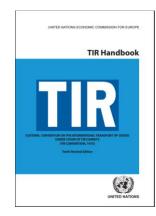
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...the only global transit system

- An important facilitation tool for international trade and transport
 - Based on the TIR Convention, 1975
 - 77 Contracting Parties
 - Intermodal













Customs Transit

National transit



or



International transit (e.g. TIR)

Doc/seal/guarantee

Country A

Doc/seal/guarantee

Doc/seal/guarantee

Country A Country B
Same documents /seals/guarantees

Country C

Country D





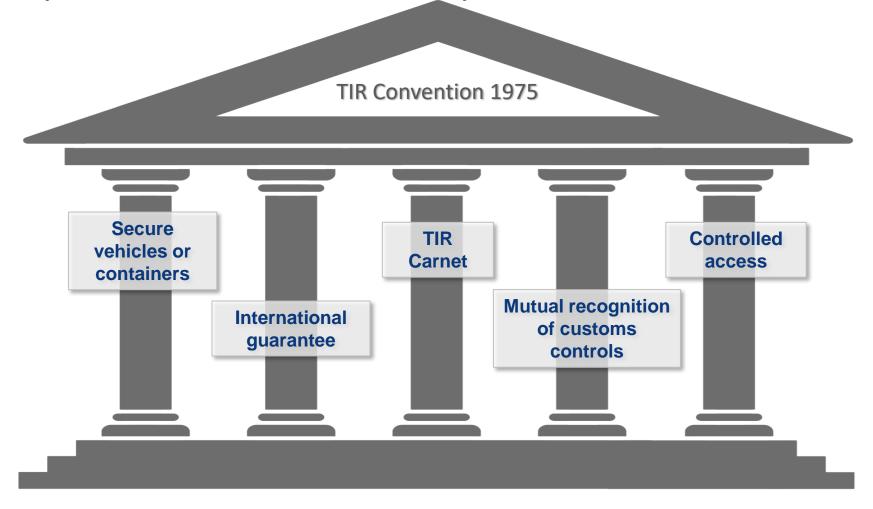
The only globally applicable international Customs transit and guarantee system

Cuts transport time by up to 80% and costs by up to 38%

1 million TIR Carnets annually, 76 contracting parties, 1 single guarantee system An international guarantee covers customs duties and taxes at risk (up to EUR 100,000)

TIR O TOO

The 5 pillars of the TIR system





TIR

FIGURES

https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/TIRCarnets2001-2021.pdf

In 2006 - 3,6 Million TIR carnets (Turkey, Russia, Romania)

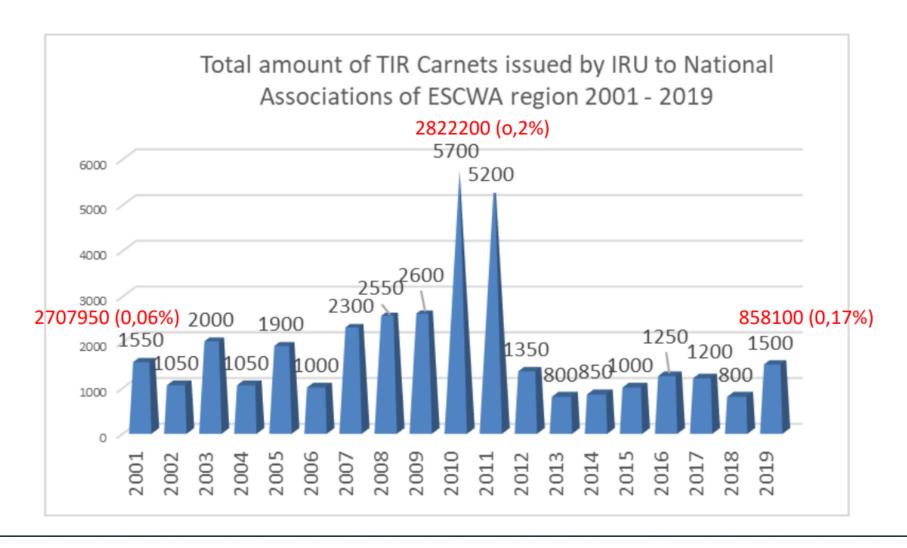
In 2021 • 0,7 Million TIR carnets (Turkey, Iran, Ukraine)

Reasons: extension EU, political, NCTS, no electronic

FUTURE: eTIR, new countries

TIR Carnet issuance

TIR Carnets issued in the UN-ESCWA region



Geographical scope

TIR in the UN-ESCWA region



Agreement on International Roads in The Arab Mashreq https://treaties.un.org/doc/source/RecentTexts/11 B 33E.pdf









Connection to the eTIR international system - Annex 11

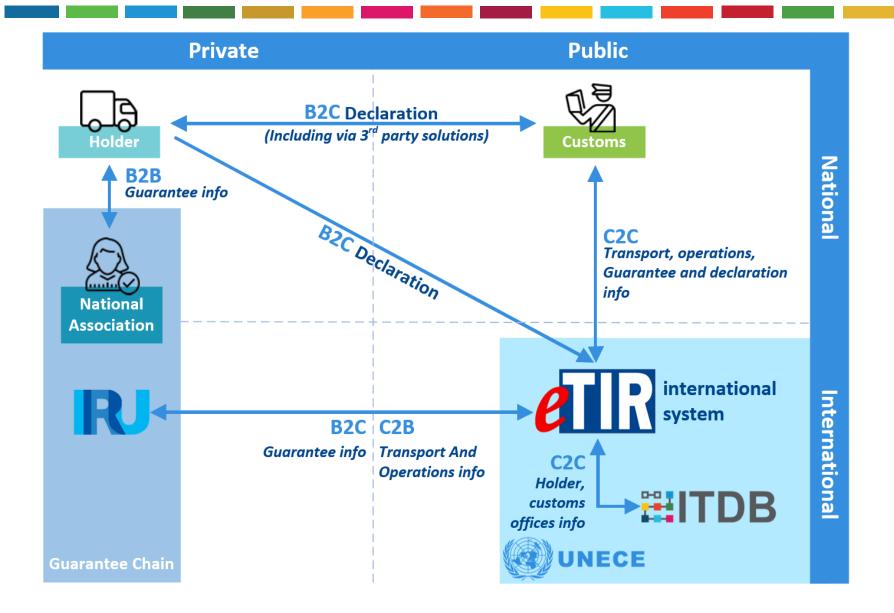
 Article 3 para. 1 - Contracting Parties bound by Annex 11 shall connect their customs systems to the eTIR international system in line with the eTIR specifications.

• Article 3 para. 2 - Each Contracting Party is free to establish by which date it connects its customs systems to the eTIR international system. The date of connection shall be communicated to all other Contracting Parties bound by Annex 11 at least six months prior to the effective date of connection.



Architecture overview









Standard use cases

Guarantee issuance

Submission of advance TIR data

Acceptance of the declaration

Start a TIR operation

Terminate a TIR operation

Discharge a TIR operation

Query the guarantee

Checks/validations in ITDB

Special use cases

Guarantee cancellation

Cancel advance data

Acceptance of the amendments to the declaration

Amending the declaration data

Refusal to start a TIR operation



Get ready to implement the eTIR procedure now that Annex 11 has come into force

How?

- Analyse/compare existing customs ICT system and eTIR processes and data
- Implement all eTIR messages between customs ICT system and the eTIR international system
- Carry out conformance tests
- → ASYCUDA regional project ???



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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