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CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF
GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS
(TIR CONVENTION)

GENEVA, 14 NOVEMBER 1975

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BODY OF THE CONVENTION
AND INTRODUCING NEW ANNEX 11

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 18 February 2020, the Administrative Committee of the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) transmitted to the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of article 59 (1) and (2) of the Convention, the above-mentioned proposal of amendments, adopted at its seventy-second session held in Geneva on 5 and 6 February 2020.

The text of the proposed amendments is contained in Annex I to document ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/145 and is available on the website of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division at the following addresses:

<https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/2019/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-145e.pdf> (English);

<https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/2019/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-145f.pdf> (French);

<https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/2019/ECE-TRANS-WP30-AC2-145r.pdf> (Russian).

In connection with above-mentioned proposed amendments, reference is made to the procedure set forth in article 59 (3), of the Convention, which reads as follows:

“3. Except as provided for under Article 60, any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall come into force with respect to all Contracting parties three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of communication of the proposed amendment during which period no objection to the proposed amendment has been communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by a State which is a Contracting Party.”

Reference is also made to the procedure set forth in article 60 bis (1) of the above-mentioned proposal of amendments which reads as follows:

“1. Annex 11, considered in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 59 shall come into force with respect to all Contracting Parties three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of communication by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties, except for those Contracting Parties that have notified the Secretary-General in writing, within the aforementioned period of three months of their non-acceptance of Annex 11. Annex 11 shall enter into force for Contracting Parties which withdraw their notification of non-acceptance six months after the date on which withdrawal of such notification has been received by the depositary.”

In accordance with the provisions of article 59 (3) of the Convention, the proposed amendments shall come into force with respect to all Parties to the Convention three months after the expiry of a period of twelve months following the date of this communication during which no objection to the proposed amendments has been communicated to the Secretary-General by a Party. Annex 11 shall come into force in the absence of any objection to the proposal of amendments within the above-mentioned twelve month period, except for those States which notify the depositary of their non-acceptance of Annex 11 between 25 February and 25 May 2021.

25 February 2020

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