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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 ARTICLE 1(B) OF THE TIR CONVENTION

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

On 22 March 2005, the Administrative Committee for 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, a proposal of amendments of a new Explanatory Note 0.1. (b) to Article 1 (b) of the above Convention adopted at its thirty-fifth session held in Geneva on 25 and 26 September 2003.

Annex 2 to the report of the Administrative Committee (document TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/71, Annex 2) contains the text of the proposal of amendments in the English, French and Russian languages. This document is available on the website of the UNECE Transport Division at the following address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/r71e.pdf> (English version)
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/r71f.pdf> (French version)
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In connection with the amendments to Article 1 (b) of the Convention, reference is made to the procedure set forth in article 60 of the Convention, which reads as follows:

- “1. Any proposed amendment to annexes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 considered in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 59 shall come into force on a date to be determined by the Administrative Committee at the time of its adoption, unless by a prior date determined by the Administrative Committee at the same time, one-fifth or five of the States which are Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the amendment. (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/75, paragraph 58).
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/TRANS-WP30-AC2-75e.pdf>
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/TRANS-WP30-AC2-75f.pdf>
<http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/TRANS-WP30-AC2-75r.pdf>
Determination by the Administrative Committee of the dates referred to in this paragraph shall be by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

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2. On entry into force, any amendment adopted in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1 above shall for all Contracting Parties replace and supersede any previous provisions to which amendment refers.”

In accordance with the provisions of article 60 (1) of the Convention, the Administrative Committee decided that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should be notified of objections to the proposed amendment not later than 1 July 2005 and that, unless there were a sufficient number of objections, the amendment would enter into force on 1 October 2005.

24 March 2005

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