

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

*Geneva, 14 November 1975*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE**  
**REGISTRATION:**  
**STATUS:**  
**TEXT:**

20 March 1978, in accordance with article 53(1).

20 March 1978, No. 16510.

Signatories: 16. Parties: 72.<sup>1</sup>

United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1079, p. 89, vol. 1142, p.413 (amendments to annexes 2 and 6), depositary notifications C.N.199.1980.TREATIES-4 of 25 July 1980 (amendments to annexes 1 and 6); vol. 1252, p. 332; vol. 1291, p. 298 (amendments proposed by France to annex 6); vol. 1365, p. 348 (amendments proposed by Czechoslovakia to annex 6); C.N.280.1984.TREATIES-5 of 21 November 1984 (amendments to annex 6); C.N.328.1985. TREATIES-4 of 3 February 1986 (amendments to annexes 1, 2 and 6); C.N.45.1987.TREATIES-1 of 31 March 1987 and C.N.99.1987.TREATIES-2 of 10 June 1987 (amendments to annexes 1, 6 and 7); C.N.341.1987.TREATIES-5 of 23 February 1988 (amendments to article 18 and to annexes 1 and 2) and C.N.41.1988.TREATIES-1 of 13 May 1988 (corrigendum to C.N.341.1987. TREATIES-5 of 23 February 1988); C.N.136.1987.TREATIES-4 of 12 August 1987 (corrigendum to C.N.328.1985.TREATIES-4 of 3 February 1986 and C.N.45.1987.TREATIES-1 of 31 March 1987); C.N.18.1989.TREATIES-1 of 30 March 1989 (amendments to annexes 2 and 7); C.N.352.1989.TREATIES-6 of 26 March 1990 (amendments to annexes 2, 6 and 7); C.N.313.1990. TREATIES-2 of 15 February 1991 (amendments to annex 6); C.N.465.1992.TREATIES-4 of 24 March 1993 (amendments to article 16 and annexes 6 and 8); C.N.47.1994.TREATIES-1 27 April 1994 (amendments to annexes 1, 2, 6 and 7); C.N.14.1995.TREATIES-1 of 5 April 1995 (amendments to annexes 1, 4 and 6); C.N.433.1997.TREATIES-1 of 17 November 1997 (amendments proposed to the Convention and annexes 6 and 8; C.N.336.1999.TREATIES-1 of 26 May 1999 (corrections); C.N.36.2001.TREATIES-1 of 12 February 2001 (proposal of amendments to the Convention and to annexes 1 and 6) and C.N.123.2002.TREATIES-3 of 13 February 2002 (entry into force of the amendments); C.N.37.2001.TREATIES-2 of 12 February 2001 (proposal of amendments to article 3 and to annexes 2 and 7), C.N.503.2001.TREATIES-4 of 23 May 2001 (Entry into force of amendments to annexes 2 and 7), C.N.142.2002.TRE 19 February 2002 (Entry into force of the proposal of amendments to article 3); C.N.688.2001.TREATIES-4 of 24 July 2001 (proposal of corrections to the amendments relating to annexes 2 and 7), C.N.1106.2001.TREATIES-5 of 23 October 2001 (acceptance of the proposed corrections of the amendments relating to annexes 2 and 7 of the Convention); C.N.14.2002.TREATIES-1 of 9 January 2002 (proposal of corrections relating to the French text of the amendments to annex 2 and to article 3 of the Convention) and C.N.328.2002.TREATIES-3 of 9 April 2002 (acceptance of the proposed corrections relating to the French text of the amendments to annex 2 and article 3 of the Convention); C.N.17.2002.TREATIES-2 of 9 January 2002 (proposal of corrections to the French text of the amendments to articles 11, 26 and 40 of the Convention) and C.N.329.2002.TREATIES-3 of 9 April 2002 (acceptance of the proposed corrections relating to the French text of the amendments relating to articles 11, 26 and 40 of the Convention); C.N.623.2003.TREATIES-1 of 19 June 2003 and doc. TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/63 (proposal of amendments to article 26, paragraph 1 of the Convention) and C.N.648.2004.TREATIES-1 of 21 June 2004 (Entry into force); C.N.630.2003.TREATIES-2 of 20 June 2003 and doc. TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/67 (proposal of amendments to annex 6 relating to article 38, paragraph 1 of the Convention) and C.N.807.2003.TREATIES-5 of 7 August 2003 (Entry into force); C.N.645.2003.TREATIES-3 of 23 June 2003 and doc. TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/69 and Corr.1 [proposal of amendments to annex 6 relating to article 2, paragraph 1(B) of annex 2 of the Convention] and C.N.809.2003.TREATIES-5 of 7 August 2003 (Entry into force); C.N.216.2005.TREATIES-1 of 25 March 2005 and doc. Trans/WP.30/AC.2/71, Annex 2 [proposal of amendments to Article 1(b) of the Convention] and C.N.519.2005.TREATIES-5 of 6 July 2005 (entry into force); C.N.218.2005.TREATIES-2 of 24 March 2005 and doc. TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/75, Annex 2, Corrigendum) and C () (proposal of amendments to Annex 2, Article 3, paragraphs 9 and 10 and to Annex 7, Part 1, Article 4, paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Convention) [ see also C.N.218.2005.TREATIES-2 (Re-issued) of 30 September 2005 ] and C.N.520.2005.TREATIES-6 of 6 July 2005 (Entry into force); C.N.367.2005.TREATIES-3 of 12 May 2005 (proposal of amendments to Annexes 1 and 9 of the Convention) and C.N.1350.2005.TREATIES-6 of 5 January 2006 (Entry into force); C.N.370.2005.TREATIES-4 of 12 May 2005 (proposal of amendments with regard to the introduction of a new Article 42 ter and the amendment of Article 60 of the Convention, together with the introduction of a new Annex 10) and C.N.383.2006.TREATIES-2 of 17 May 2006 (Entry into force); C.N.99.2006.TREATIES-1 of 30 January 2006 [Proposal of amendments regarding the addition of two new Explanatory Notes to Article 6.1.bis and Annex 8, Article 10 (B)] and C.N.397.2006.TREATIES-3 of 17 May 2006 (Entry into force); C.N.364.2008.TREATIES-1 (Reissued) of 6 August 2008 ((Proposals of amendments to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 13 of annex 8 together with proposals to introduce new

explanatory notes 8.13.1-3 and 8.13.2 to annex 6 of the Convention) and C.N.734.2008.TREATIES-2 of 2 October 2008 (Entry into force); C.N.736.2008.TREATIES-3 of 2 October 2008 (Correction to the French text of the Amendments to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 13 of annex 8 together with proposals to introduce new explanatory notes 8.13.1-3 and 8.13.2 to Annex 6 of the Convention); C.N.48.2009.TREATIES-1 of 23 January 2009 (Proposals to introduce new explanatory note 0.3 (A)(III) to Annex 6 of the Convention) and C.N.387.2009.TREATIES-3 of 2 July 2009 (Entry into force); C.N.198.2009.TREATIES-2 of 8 April 2009 (Proposal of amendment to Annex 6, explanatory note 0.8.3); C.N.722.2009.TREATIES-10 - Reissued of 13 November 2009 (Non-acceptance of the proposal of amendment to Annex 6, explanatory note 0.8.3); C.N.321.2011.TREATIES-1 of 13 June 2011, re-issued on 3 August 2011, (Proposals of amendments to Annex 6 and Annex 9, Part I) and C.N.659.2011.TREATIES-3 (Entry into force of amendments to Annex 6 and to Annex 9, Part I); C.N.326.2011.TREATIES-2 of 13 June 2011, re-issued on 2 August 2011, (Proposals of amendments to Article 1, 8, 10 and 11 and to Annex 6 to the text of the Convention); C.N.264.2012.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 30 May 2012 (Proposal of corrections to the french text of the proposed amendments to Articles 1, 8 and 11 and Annex 6 of the Convention) and C.N.324.2012.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 18 June 2012 (Entry into force of amendments to articles 1, 8, 10 and 11 and to Annex 6 to the Convention); C.N.358.2012.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 10 July 2012 (Proposal of amendments to Article 6.2 bis and Annex 9 to the TIR Convention) and C.N.433.2013.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 12 July 2013 (Entry into force of amendments to Article 6.2 bis and Annex 9 to the TIR Convention); C.N.426.2014.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 24 June 2014 (Proposal of amendments to Annex 1, Annex 6 and Annex 9 to the TIR Convention) and C.N.661.2014.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 7 October 2014 (Entry into force); C.N.124.2016.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 4 April 2016 (Proposal of amendments to Annexes 2, 6 and 7) and C.N.742.2016.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 7 October 2016 (Entry into force); C.N.698.2017.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 3 November 2017 (Proposals of amendment to the body of the Convention); C.N.699.2017.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 3 November 2017 (Proposal of amendment to article 2 of the Convention); C.N.700.2017.TREATIES-XI.A.16 of 3 November 2017 (Proposal of amendments to annexes 6, 8 and 9 to the Convention).<sup>2</sup>

**Note:** The Convention was adopted by a revising Conference convened in accordance with article 46 of the TIR Convention of 15 January 1959 (see chapter XI.A-13). In accordance with its article 52(2), it was opened for signature from 1 January 1976 until 31 December 1976 inclusive at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Afghanistan.....		23 Sep 1982 a	Denmark <sup>5</sup> .....	21 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982
Albania.....		4 Jan 1985 a	Estonia.....		21 Sep 1992 a
Algeria.....		28 Feb 1989 a	European Union.....	30 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982 AA
Armenia.....		8 Dec 1993 a	Finland.....	28 Dec 1976	27 Feb 1978
Austria.....	27 Apr 1976	13 May 1977	France.....		30 Dec 1976 s
Azerbaijan.....		12 Jun 1996 a	Georgia.....		24 Mar 1994 a
Belarus.....		5 Apr 1993 a	Germany <sup>6,7</sup> .....	30 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982
Belgium.....	22 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982	Greece.....	30 Dec 1976	15 May 1980
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>3</sup> .....		1 Sep 1993 d	Hungary.....	23 Nov 1976	9 Mar 1978
Bulgaria.....		20 Oct 1977 a	India.....		15 Jun 2017 a
Canada.....		21 Oct 1980 a	Indonesia.....		11 Oct 1989 a
Chile.....		6 Oct 1982 a	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....		16 Aug 1984 a
China.....		5 Jul 2016 a	Ireland.....	30 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982
Croatia <sup>3</sup> .....		3 Aug 1992 d	Israel.....		14 Feb 1984 a
Cyprus.....		7 Aug 1981 a	Italy.....	28 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup> .....		2 Jun 1993 d	Jordan.....		24 Dec 1985 a

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Kazakhstan.....		17 Jul 1995 a	Slovakia <sup>4</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
Kuwait .....		23 Nov 1983 a	Slovenia <sup>3</sup> .....		6 Jul 1992 d
Kyrgyzstan.....		2 Apr 1998 a	Spain .....		11 Aug 1982 a
Latvia.....		19 Apr 1993 a	State of Palestine .....		29 Dec 2017 a
Lebanon .....		25 Nov 1997 a	Sweden.....		17 Dec 1976 s
Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a	Switzerland <sup>1</sup> .....	4 Aug 1976	3 Feb 1978
Lithuania.....		26 Feb 1993 a	Syrian Arab Republic ...		11 Jan 1999 a
Luxembourg.....	23 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982	Tajikistan .....		11 Sep 1996 a
Malta.....		18 Feb 1977 a	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>3,10</sup> .....		2 Dec 1993 d
Mongolia.....		1 Oct 2002 a	Tunisia .....	11 Jun 1976	13 Oct 1977
Montenegro <sup>8</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d	Turkey.....		12 Nov 1984 a
Morocco.....	15 Oct 1976	31 Mar 1983	Turkmenistan .....		18 Sep 1996 a
Netherlands <sup>9</sup> .....	28 Dec 1976	20 Dec 1982 A	Ukraine <sup>11</sup> .....		11 Oct 1994 d
Norway .....		11 Jan 1980 a	United Arab Emirates ....		20 Apr 2007 a
Pakistan.....		21 Jul 2015 a	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	22 Dec 1976	8 Oct 1982
Poland .....		23 Dec 1980 a	United States of America.....		18 Sep 1981 a
Portugal.....		13 Feb 1979 a	Uruguay .....		24 Dec 1980 a
Republic of Korea.....		29 Jan 1982 a	Uzbekistan .....		28 Sep 1995 a
Republic of Moldova.....		26 May 1993 a			
Romania.....		14 Feb 1980 a			
Russian Federation .....		8 Jun 1982 a			
Serbia <sup>3</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d			

### ***Declarations and Reservations***

***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon definitive signature, ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession. For objections thereto see hereinafter.)***

#### **AFGHANISTAN**

Pursuant to article 58 (1), [...] Afghanistan will not be bound by the provisions of article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6, of the Convention.

#### **ALBANIA**

The Council of Ministers of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania does not consider itself bound by article 57, paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 6, of the Convention, which provide for recourse to compulsory arbitration for the interpretation and application of the Convention, and declares that in order for a dispute to be submitted to arbitration the agreement of all the parties to the dispute is necessary in each case.

#### **ALGERIA**

Pursuant to article 58, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by paragraphs 2 to 6 of article 57 concerning arbitration.

#### **BULGARIA<sup>12</sup>**

The People's Republic of Bulgaria declares that article 52, paragraph 1, which restricts the participation by a certain number of States in the Convention, is in contradiction with the generally accepted principle of sovereign equality of States.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria declares also that the possibility envisaged in article 52, paragraph 3, for customs or economic unions to become Contracting Parties to the Convention, does not bind Bulgaria with any obligations whatsoever with respect to these unions.

#### **CHINA**

The People's Republic of China does not accept the constraints imposed in article 57, paragraphs 2 through 6, of the 1975 Convention on the International Transport of Goods.

Pending further notification by the Government of the People's Republic of China, the 1975 Convention on the

International Transport of Goods shall not apply within the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

#### **CZECH REPUBLIC<sup>3</sup>**

##### **HUNGARY**

"The Hungarian People's Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions on compulsory arbitration contained in article 57 of the Convention."

"The Hungarian People's Republic draws attention to the fact that the provisions of paragraph 1 of article 52 of the Convention are at variance with the fundamental principles of international law. It follows from the generally accepted principle of sovereign equality of States that the Convention should be open for adherence by all States without any discrimination and restriction."

##### **INDIA**

"The Republic of India declares that it does not consider itself bound by Article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975), concerning the settlement of disputes, arising out of the interpretation or application of its provisions, through arbitration by the arbitration tribunal."

##### **KUWAIT<sup>13</sup>**

Excluding the application of article 57 (2) to (6).

It is understood that the accession by the State of Kuwait to the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets concluded at Geneva on 14 November 1975 does not mean in any way recognition of Israel by the State of Kuwait. Furthermore, no treaty relations will arise between the State of Kuwait and Israel.

##### **PAKISTAN**

"The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan declares, in terms of Article 58 of the Convention, that it would not be bound by the provisions of Article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6 of the Convention."

##### **POLAND<sup>14</sup>**

The Polish People's Republic declares that the provisions of article 52, paragraph 3, of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), concluded at Geneva on 14 November 1975, under which customs or economic unions may become Contracting Parties to that Convention, does not in any way alter the position of the Government of the Polish People's Republic with regard to the international organizations in question.

##### **ROMANIA**

The Socialist Republic of Romania brings to knowledge that according to the provisions of paragraph 1, article 58 of the Customs Convention on the

International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), concluded at Geneva, on November 14, 1975, it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraphs 2-6 of article 57 of this Convention.

The Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the differences between two or more contracting parties on the interpretation or implementation of the Convention, which had not been settled by negotiations or in any other way, could be submitted to arbitration only with the consent of all parties in dispute, in each individual case.

The Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the provisions of article 52, paragraph 1 of the Convention do not concur with the principles according to which the international multilateral treaties, whose object and aim interest the international community in its entirety, should be opened to the universal participation.

#### **RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

(a) *Declaration in respect of article 52, paragraph 1:*

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics considers that the provision of article 52, paragraph 1, of the 1975 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), which restricts the participation of certain States in the Convention, is contrary to the generally recognized principle of the sovereign equality of States;

(b) *Declaration in respect of article 52, paragraph 3*

The participation of customs or economic unions in the 1975 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) does not change the Soviet Union's position regarding different international organizations;

(c) *Reservation in respect of article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6:*

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6, of the 1975 Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), which provide for the submission of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention to a court of arbitration at the request of one of the Parties in dispute, and declares that the agreement of all the Parties in dispute is required in each particular case for the submission of the dispute to a court of arbitration.

#### **SLOVAKIA<sup>3</sup>**

##### **SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

The accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Convention and its conclusion doesn't imply in any way a recognition of Israel or the involvement of the Syrian Arab Republic on matters administrated by this Convention with it.

The Syrian Arab Republic has acceded to the [said Convention], with a reservation concerning paragraphs 2 to 6 of Article 57 of the Convention.

#### **Objections**

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were made upon definitive signature, ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession.)*

#### ARMENIA

“Pursuant to the procedure set forth in Article 60, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Government of the Republic of Armenia wishes to express its objection with respect to the decision of the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) regarding a proposal of amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted at its forty-seventh session, held in Geneva on 5 February 2009.”

#### BELGIUM

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### DENMARK

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### EUROPEAN UNION

16 August 1978

... On behalf of the Member States of the European Economic Community and of the Community itself, of the reaction on the Community side to this statement by the People's Republic of Bulgaria. It should be recalled that the conference which took place in Geneva, from 8 to 14 November 1975 under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for the purpose of revising the TIR Convention decided that customs or economic unions might become contracting parties to the Convention at the same time as all their Member States or at any time after all their Member States had become contracting parties to the Convention.

In accordance with this provision as contained in article 52 (3) of the Convention the European Economic Community, which participated in the above-mentioned conference, signed the Convention on 30 December 1976.

It shall also be recalled that the TIR Convention prohibits any reservation on the Convention, with the exception of reservations to the provisions contained in article 57 paragraphs (2) to (6) thereof on the compulsory settlement of disputes arising from the interpretation or application of the Convention. The statement made by Bulgaria concerning article 52 (3) has the appearance of a reservation to that provision, although such reservation is expressly prohibited by the Convention.

The Community and the Member States therefore consider that under no circumstances can this statement be invoked against them and they regard it as entirely void.

*[Same objection, mutatis mutandis, as the one made by Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the European Economic Community with respect of the declaration made by Bulgaria.]*

#### FRANCE

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### GEORGIA

“Pursuant to the procedure set forth in paras 1 and 2 of the Article 60 of the Convention, the Government of Georgia would like to express its objection with regard to the decision of the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), regarding the proposal to amend Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted at its forty-seventh session, held in Geneva on 5 February 2009.”

#### GERMANY<sup>7</sup>

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

“Pursuant to the procedure set forth in Article 60, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to express its objection with respect to the decision of the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) regarding a proposal of amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted at its forty-seventh session held in Geneva on 5 February 2009.”

#### IRELAND

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### ITALY

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### KYRGYZSTAN

Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 60 of the Convention, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic wishes to express its objection to the decision taken by the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) regarding a proposal of amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted at its forty-seventh session, held in

Geneva on 5 February 2009.

#### LUXEMBOURG

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### NETHERLANDS

[See objection under "European Community"]

#### SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

“Pursuant to the procedure set forth in Article 60, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic wishes to express its objection with respect to the decision of the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) regarding a proposal of amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted at its forty-seventh session held in Geneva on 5 February 2009.”

#### TAJIKISTAN

According to Article 60, Paragraph[s] 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan disagrees with the decision made by the Administrative Committee of the TIR Convention 1975 of the UN European Economic Commission, with regard to the amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3 that was adopted in the city of Geneva on February 5, 2009.

#### THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

“Pursuant to the procedure set forth in Article 60, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention, [the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia] has the honour to notify of the objection of the Republic of Macedonia with respect to the decision of the Administrative Committee for the 1975 TIR Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) regarding a

proposal of amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted at its forty-seventh session, held in Geneva on 5 February 2009.”

#### TURKEY

" ... [W]ith reference to Depositary Notification (Ref.: C.N. 198.2009.TREATIES-2) dated 8 April 2009 ... [the Government of Turkey] objects to the proposed

amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets."

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

[See objection under "European Community"]

***Territorial Application***

<b><i>Participant</i></b>	<b><i>Date of receipt of the notification</i></b>	<b><i>Territories</i></b>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8 Oct 1982	Bailiwick of Guernsey, Bailiwick of Jersey, Gibraltar and Isle of Man

***Notes:***

<sup>1</sup> On depositing the instrument of ratification, the Government of Switzerland declared that the provisions of the Convention will apply to the Principality of Liechtenstein, so long as it is linked to Switzerland by a customs union treaty.

<sup>2</sup> Amendments to the Convention and annexes were adopted as follows:

<b><i>Amendments to:</i></b>	<b><i>Author of the proposal:</i></b>	<b><i>Date of circulation:</i></b>	<b><i>Date of entry into force:</i></b>	<b><i>Amendments to:</i></b>	<b><i>Author of the proposal:</i></b>	<b><i>Date of circulation:</i></b>	<b><i>Date of entry into force:</i></b>
				Annex 7	Germany	27 Apr 1994	1 Oct 1994
				Annexes 2, 6 and 7	Sweden	27 Apr 1994	1 Oct 1994
				Annexes 1, 4 and 6***	Germany, Sweden and European Community	5 Apr 1995	1 Aug 1995
				Convention and annexes 6 and 8	Administrative Committee	17 Nov 1997	17 Feb 1999
Annexes 2 and 6	Sweden	22 Dec 1978	1 Aug 1979	Article 3 and annexes 2 et 7	Administrative Committee	12 Feb 2001	12 Jun 2001****
Annexes 1 and 6	Federal Republic of Germany	7 Jan 1980	1 Oct 1980	Convention and annexes 1 and 6	Administrative Committee	12 Feb 2001	12 May 2002
Annex 6	France	8 Dec 1980	1 Oct 1981	Annex 6 relating to article 38, paragraph 1	Administrative Committee	20 Jun 2003	7 Nov 2003
Annex 6	France	15 Mar 1982	1 Oct 1982	Annex 6, relating article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of annex 2	Administrative Committee	23 Jun 2003	7 Nov 2003
Annex 6	Czechoslovakia*	19 Dec 1983	1 Aug 1984	Annex 26, paragraph 1	Administrative Committee	29 Jun 2003	19 Sep 2004
Annex 6	United Kingdom	21 Nov 1984	1 Aug 1985	Article 1 (b)	Administrative Committee	24 Mar 2005	1 Oct 2005
Annex 1	European Economic Community	3 Feb 1986	1 Aug 1986	Annex 2, Article 3, paragraphs 9 and 10 and to Annex 7, Part 1, Article 4, paragraphs 9 and 10	Administrative Committee	24 Mar 2005	1 Oct 2005
Annex 2	Sweden and Federal Republic of Germany	3 Feb 1986	1 Aug 1986	Annexes 1 and 9	Administrative Committee	12 May 2005	1 Apr 2006
Annex 6	Federal Republic of Germany	3 Feb 1986	1 Aug 1986	Introduction of a new Article 42 ter	Administrative Committee	12 May 2005	12 August 2006
Annexes 1, 6 and 7	Belgium, European Economic Community, Germany, Federal Republic of, and Sweden	31 Mar 1987	1 Aug 1987	and the amendment of Article 60 of the Convention, together with the introduction of a new Annex 10			
Annex 2	Federal Republic of Germany	23 Feb 1988	1 Aug 1988	Amendments regarding the	Administrative Committee	30 Jan 2006	12 August 2006
Article 18 and annex 1	Austria	23 Feb 1988	23 May 1989**				
Annexes 2 and 7	Various Parties	30 Mar 1989	1 Aug 1989				
Annexes 2, 6 and 7	Various Parties	26 Mar 1990	1 Aug 1990				
Annex 6	Sweden	15 Feb 1991	1 Aug 1991				
Annexes 2 and 7	Sweden	21 Jan 1992	1 Aug 1992				
Annex 6	Sweden	24 Mar 1993	1 Aug 1993				
Article 16	Sweden	24 Mar 1993	24 Jun 1994				
Annex 8	Netherlands	24 Mar 1993	24 Jun 1994				
Annexes 1 and 6	Netherlands	27 Apr 1994	1 Oct 1994				

<b>Amendments to:</b>	<b>Author of the proposal:</b>	<b>Date of circulation:</b>	<b>Date of entry into force:</b>
addition of two new Explanatory Notes to Article 6.2.bis and Annex 8, Article 10 (B)].			
Amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3	Administrative Committee	5 February 2009	*****

\*\* As for the entry into force of the amendment to Annex 1 (model of the TIR Carnet, Rules regarding the use of the TIR carnet, Rule 5), which was proposed as a consequence of the proposed amendment to article 18 of the Convention, the Administrative Committee decided, in accordance with article 60 (1) of the Convention that the said amendments should come into force on the same date as the amendment to article 18 of the Convention, i.e., 23 May 1989.

\*\*\* The Secretary-General received objections from the the Government of Czech Republic on 1 May 1995 and Romania on 28 April 1995 with respect to Annex 6. None of the Contracting Parties to the above Convention having expressed an objection by 1 May 1995 to the amendments to Annexes 1 and 4, and less than one-fifth of the Contracting Parties having informed the Secretary-General that they reject the amendments to annex 6 by 1 May 1995, the amendments in question, in accordance with the decision of the Administrative Committee, taken at its seventeenth session held in Geneva on 20 and 21 October 1994, entered into force on 1 August 1995.

\*\*\*\*Annexes 2 and 7 only. By 12 February 2002, none of the Contracting Parties to the above-mentioned Convention hadated an objection to the proposal of amendments to Article 3 the Secretary-General. Consequently, in accordance with the provisions of article 59 (3) of the Convention, the amendments to Article 3 of the Convention will enter into force on 12 May 2002 for all Contracting Parties.

\*\*\*\*\*By 1 October 2009, more than five of the States which are Parties to the above Convention (Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) have notified the Secretary-General of their objection to the proposed amendment to Annex 6, Explanatory Note 0.8.3, adopted by the Administrative Committee at its forty-seventh session held in Geneva on 5 February 2009.

Consequently, in accordance with the provisions of article 59 (4) of the above Convention, the amendment is deemed not to have been accepted and has no effect.

<sup>3</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 28 April 1976 and 20 September 1977, respectively. See also note 1 regarding “Bosnia and Herzegovina”, “Croatia”, “former Yugoslavia”, “Slovenia”, “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and “Yugoslavia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Convention on 25 February 1981, with a reservation and a declaration. For the text of the reservation and the declaration, see United Nations,

*Treaty Series*, vol. 1216, p. 327. See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>5</sup> The ratification does not extend to the Faeroe Islands. Subsequently, the Secretary-General received, on 13 April 1987, from the Government of Denmark a communication declaring that the Convention will apply to the Faeroe Islands as from 10 April 1987.

<sup>6</sup> See note 1 under “Germany” regarding Berlin (West) in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Convention on 21 July 1978 with a reservation and a declaration. For the text of the reservation and the declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1098, p. 368. See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> See note 1 under “Montenegro” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles. See also note 1 under “Netherlands” regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antilles in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>10</sup> On 12 April 1994, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Greece the following communication:

“Succession of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), concluded at Geneva on 14 November 1975, does not imply its recognition on behalf of the Hellenic Republic.”

See also note 1 under “Greece” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>11</sup> The Government of Ukraine informed the Secretary-General that although, being a part of the USSR, Ukraine as one of the States Members of the United Nations since its inception, a number of provisions set forth in the Convention pertained solely to the competence of the Government of the Soviet Union. Furthermore, the Government of Ukraine specified that, from the time of the Soviet Union's participation in the TIR Convention, its provisions were extended also to the territory of Ukraine because Ukraine was an inalienable part of the USSR and also Ukraine, as a former Soviet Republic, shared borders with other States, and the relevant customs agencies of the Soviet Union were located in its territory. In accordance with the Act proclaiming the succession of Ukraine of 12 September 1991 and the Act of 15 July 1994 proclaiming the participation of Ukraine in the Convention, Ukraine reaffirmed its participation in the TIR Convention as from 12 September 1991.

<sup>12</sup> In a notification received on 6 May 1994, the Government of Bulgaria notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation made upon accession with respect to article 57 (2) to (6). For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1079, p. 296.

<sup>13</sup> On 9 January 1984, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Israel, the following communication:

"The Government of the State of Israel has noted that the instrument by Kuwait contains a declaration of political character in respect of Israel. In the view of the Government of the State of Israel this Convention is not the place for making such political pronouncements. Moreover, the said declaration cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon the Government of the State of Kuwait under general international law or under specific Conventions.

"The Government of the State of Israel will, in regard to the substance of the matter, adopt towards the Government of the State of Kuwait an attitude of complete reciprocity."

<sup>14</sup> On 16 October 1997, the Government of Poland notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw its reservation with regard to article 57, paragraphs 2 to 6 of the Convention made upon accession. For the text of the reservation see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol.1208, p.549.



