

# Implementation of TIR Convention: India's experience

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# Background

- India acceded to TIR Convention on 15th June 2017 and the convention entered into force on 16th Dec 2017.
- Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has been appointed by CBIC as the National Guaranteeing Association (NGA) for issuance of Carnets under the Convention in India.

# Procedure for Movement of TIR

- CBIC issued **circular 48/2018 dated 03.12.2018** detailing the Procedure for movement of goods under TIR Carnets.
- Procedural aspects broadly covering the following are included in the Circular requirements at the Customs office of Departure and at the Customs office of Transit and Country of destination including:
  - ❖ checking the cargo on the basis of information contained in the TIR Carnet
  - ❖ sealing the load compartment
  - ❖ reporting it in the TIR Carnet through white and green vouchers
  - ❖ role of FICCI as the NGA
  - ❖ ascertaining the authenticity of movement or certifying reservations
  - ❖ Indian ports through which such movement can take place
  - ❖ Qualifying logistics operators allowed to handle such consignments
- No TIR Carnet can be issued or accepted for movement of alcohol or tobacco in India.

# Perceived Benefits of TIR

- TIR convention is expected to help in boosting trade with Central Asian/Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries. Most of the Central Asian Republics/CIS Countries/Iran are signatories to the TIR convention. The TIR Convention can also be deployed for facilitating the movement of goods along the International "North-South" Transport Corridor (INSTC)
- The trade with the above regions/countries would entail movement of cargo in containers, with India being either the country of export or the country of import. The cargo would transit through one more countries during its journey from/to India. The beneficial impact of TIR operations in relation to facilitating transit can be leveraged by domestic trade.

# Authorized Customs Stations

Ports	Inland Container Depots (ICDs)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nhava Sheva</li><li>2. Mundra</li><li>3. Kolkata</li><li>4. Chennai</li><li>5. Cochin</li><li>6. Visakhapatnam</li><li>7. Krishnapatnam</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tughlakabad</li><li>2. Patparganj</li><li>3. Dadri</li><li>4. Ahmedabad</li><li>5. Hyderabad</li><li>6. Pune</li><li>7. Durgapur</li></ol>

# Authorization of Operators

- Several operators have been accorded with the status of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) in India. The grant of AEO status is based on criteria specified in **Circular 33/2016- Customs dated 22nd July, 2016** that include record of legal compliance; managing commercial and transport records; financial solvency; safety and security protocols etc.
- Such entities having the status of AEO - LO shall inform CBIC and FICCI(NGA) of their intention to use TIR and deposit a written declaration with FICCI . Thereafter, they shall be entitled to apply for TIR document.

# Pilots under TIR

- In March 2019, using 08 physical carnets, 03 imports consignments of Moth Beans were made from Afghanistan to India ( Nhava Sheva, Mumbai) via Chabahar port in Iran.
- In 2020, Exports of Lead Recycling Project or Soda Ash Light was done using 02 physical carnets from India (Nhava Sheva, Mumbai) to Afghanistan via Chabahar port in Iran.
- The TIR Carnets were duly closed in the IRU Customs Portal.

# e-TIR Pilot

- Last year a successful pilot run on e-TIR was conducted in the month of September from Nhava Sheva, Mumbai to Iran bearing carnet no. MX 96000742
- The pilot was conducted using IRU portal and training for the same was provided by IRU in association with FICCI in June 2022.
- The processing was done online on TIR Portal and the reported working of the Portal was smooth with certain suggested future improvements by the Customs Field formations such as more trainings, provision of user manuals on operating the system and linkage of arrival of the container at the parking plaza directly with the e-TIR modality etc.



# Way Forward

- CBIC is currently working towards digitization of TIR, e-TIR.
- The report shared by IRU on e-TIR pilot conducted between India and Iran in September, 2022 is under examination by CBIC.
- It is recommended that IRU may conduct more pilot TIRs on longer routes through other major sea ports and ICDs of India
- More training workshops may be conducted for wider experience sharing. Guidelines/Training modules or user guide manuals may be issued in this matter.

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