



# From paper TIR to eTIR

Caroline Zuidgeest (Netherlands).  
&  
Hugo Mayer (Austria)



# Time for eTIR

- For decades paper TIR
- TIR is the only GLOBAL transit system.
- Paper TIR Carnet will not be used in the near future
  
- Time for eTIR.
- Only electronic global transit system
- Safe and reliable.



# Increase Trade central Asia – China -Europe

- Only option is eTIR
- Central Asia will be pioneer.
- Modern ports do not rely on paper based proceedings, for example Rotterdam largest port of Europe;
- Key words: smart, digital, safe.



# Legal Basis: Annex 11 TIR Convention

- Took 20 years to get eTIR
- Revolutionary
- Annex 11 of the TIR Convention
- Since July 2021 into force.



# eTIR international system

- Electronically and paperless
- TIR information electronically available for all actors en route;
- also prior to the arrival of the goods.
- Risk analyses: Customs receives advanced cargo data.
- However, if necessary for safety and security, customs can always require more data.
- Secure exchange of data between customs and the guarantee system (risk analyses)
- Authorized TIR Carnet holders can submit declaration in electronic format at distance (efficiency).



# TIR EPD is not eTIR

- Intermediate solution between analog (paper TIR) and digital (eTIR)
- Linked to the paper carnet
- Just to check some things like validities of the guarantee.
- To say it bluntly EPD = outdated system.
- So do not focus on TIR EPD corridors.
- If we would like to move forward to eTIR
- We must get rid of the paper TIR and this includes **a limitation of the use of TIR EPD.**



# Intermodal transport

- Article 2 of the TIR Convention:
- As long as part of the journey between the beginning and the end of a TIR transport is made by road, other modes of transport (railways, inland waterways, etc.) could be used.
- During a non-road leg, the holder of a TIR Carnet may either:
  - Ask the customs authorities to suspend the TIR (Article 26, par 2). And resume the suspended TIR transport later on.
- Or:
  - Use the TIR procedure.



# Simplifications

- Authorised Consignor / Consignee
- Expl. Note art. 49:
- Contracting Parties may grant, in line with national legislation, duly authorized persons greater facilities in the application of the provisions of the Convention. The conditions will be prescribed by the competent authorities.





# European “regional” transit system NCTS

- Within the customs territory of the Union, the termination/discharge of the TIR operation between the customs office(s) of departure/entre and the customs office(s) of destination/exit is accelerated by replacing the return of the voucher 2 of the TIR Carnet with an exchange of message in NCTS.
- So NCTS is already kind of partly used to handle electronically TIR operations in the EU.



# NCTS -eTIR

- Within one of the next phases of NCTS: NCTS/eTIR.
- As soon as any other party has eTIR up and running and operational we would like to connect ourselves to it.
- However: NCTS for TIR (paper carnet) and the new NCTS for eTIR (eTIR exchange of data) will coexist.

So eTIR may be used for trade within the EU.

# Resume: start with eTIR now

- Increase trade Central Asia-China-Europe
- Advantage for trader of digital TIR
- Advanced information
- Risk analysis
- Fast
- eTIR is fully electronically
- Safe
- Global
- TIR EPD is analog.
- TIR EPD is NOT eTIR
- So just connect to eTIR and gain the advantages of eTIR.

- Thank you for your attention!
- Caroline Zuidgeest - [c.Zuidgeest@minfin.nl](mailto:c.Zuidgeest@minfin.nl)
- Hugo Mayer - [hugo-richard.mayer@bmf.gv.at](mailto:hugo-richard.mayer@bmf.gv.at)