

Status of the TIR system implementation in CAREC

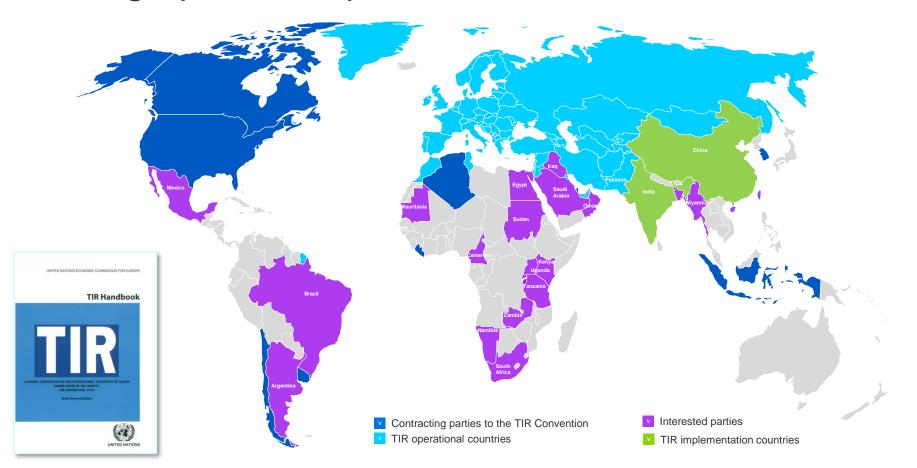
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Geographical scope of the TIR Convention





CAREC. TIR coverage



CAREC countries	TIR Convention membership
Afghanistan	1983
Azerbaijan	1996
China	2016
Georgia	1994
Kazakhstan	1995
Kyrgyzstan	2000
Mongolia	2003
Pakistan	2015
Tajikistan	2003
Turkmenistan	2001
Uzbekistan	1995

From 16th CAREC TSCC Meeting in 2017:

"...With the joining of Pakistan and PRC into TIR by January 2017, all CAREC countries are now covered by TIR. Attention now needs to be given to implementing TIR in full. IRU offered to support such efforts, including with respect to use of electronic systems and making border crossings paperless..."

TIR implementation process worldwide





TIR in China





- Customs intend to start the 1st TIR operations on 8 May
- 5 BCPs are expected to be opened for the 1st phase of TIR
- Guarantee Agreement shall be signed next week
- 1st expected corridors: CHN KAZ; CHN – KGZ – UZB; CHN – MNG – RUS

TIR in Pakistan





- All implementation steps are completed
- TIR is operational from 18 April 2018
- All TIR IT tools are implemented – ready for digital TIR

TIR in India





- India is expected to be operational in May 2018
- 1st TIR operations: IND-IRN-AFG; IND-IRN-AZE; IND-IRN-TKM; IND-IRN-TUR
- India will use intermodal TIR – new routes and opportunities for CAREC

INSTC corridor and existing TIR countries (dark grey)



TIR Intermodal. Slovenia-Iran









- Starting in Slovenia's Ljublana and arriving in Bandar Abbas in Iran, the container transited through Italy and Turkey, crossing the Mediterranean.
- Demonstrating <u>TIR</u> as the best transit tool for the long-haul intermodal transport of goods, the pilot initiative highlights the potential for full cross-modal operations in this and other regions.
- Newly ratified countries in particular, can benefit from the intermodal standard at the outset of TIR implementation.

Intermodal TIR pilots and corridors in progress Ulaanhaatar Almaty Urumai Batumi Istanbul Tashkent Ashqabat Dushanbe Tanger Tehran Kabul International North-South Transit Chabahar Corridor and India- Afghanistan Slovenia-Iran via Italy(Trieste) UAE- EU/Albania/Turkey Iran- UAE France/EU- Morocco- with possible digitalisation Azerbaijan-Georgia- Ukraine-Kazakstan (digital)



Conclusions and recommendations*



- UNECE-IRU eTIR pilot project: Iran Turkey was a success from multiple perspectives
- Project demonstrates that the full computerisation of TIR is feasible and that procedures implemented in this pilot could serve as a basis for similar projects in any TIR Contracting Party wishing to make progress towards the full computerisation of TIR
- Iran and Turkey, and by extension any other TIR Contracting Party, are strongly encouraged to join or launch new projects to make further progress in the full computerisation of TIR
- In light of the first 64 successful eTIR transports, and pending signature of a new IRU-UNECE MoU to ensure the sustainability of the "lightweight" eTIR international system allowing further developments, stakeholders in Iran and Turkey are encouraged to continue eTIR transports between both countries, involving more transport operators and additional customs offices

Long-term cooperation agreement with UNECE



- Memorandum of Understanding
 - 5 years
 - Signed on 6 October 2017
- Contribution Agreement
- Yearly workplans



TIR is digital



TIR has fully digital capabilities and IRU urges users to benefit from the already available digitalised procedures.

All new TIR countries are technically ready to go fully digital because TIR IT tools are implemented in full scope.

Full range of TIR IT tools is already implemented in Turkey, Pakistan, Kazakhstan. China, Georgia, Azerbaijan – in process. Good opportunity for digital TIR corridors.

Conclusions



- TIR being promoted in SASEC countries can enhance and facilitate trade between countries of CAREC and SASEC region
- Full scope of TIR IT tools should be considered for implementation as it will allow application of digital TIR between the countries of the region
- TIR and digital TIR can be a universal transit tool on existing and newly created corridors both within CAREC and with adjacent countries

Thank you!

