

Role of the IRU and of National Associations in the TIR System

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- For the International Organisation (IRU): **TIR Convention, Article 6 and Annex 8**
- For the National Association: **TIR Convention, Article 6 and Annex 9, part I; IRU Rules and Regulations**
- For the TIR Carnet Holder: **TIR Convention, Article 6 and Annex 9, part II; IRU Rules and Regulations**

TIR Convention, Article 6 and Annex 8

▪ **IRU is authorised: to print & distribute TIR Carnets, to take on responsibility for the organising and functioning of the guarantee system**

• **IRU performs its responsibilities with:**

- **Equity**
- **Neutrality**
- **Independence**

TIR Convention, Article 6 and Annex 9, part I

To become an authorised TIR Association:

- **Affiliated to the IRU**
- **Proven existence as representative of the transport sector**
- **Proof of financial standing**
- **Absence of serious or repeated offences against Customs or tax legislation**
- **Proven staff knowledge in the proper application of the TIR Convention**

TIR Convention, Article 6 and Annex 9, Part II

Minimum Conditions and Requirements for Holders

- a) Proven **experience** or, at least, capability to engage in regular international transport
- b) Sound **financial standing**
- c) Proven **knowledge** in the application of the TIR Convention
- d) **Absence of serious or repeated offences** against Customs or tax legislation

a) Proven Experience

The Association, when candidate Holder applies, shall:

- Check official company registration
- Verify the International Licence of the company
- Conduct active research for reputation
- Control the TIR certification of vehicles
- Check Certificate of Professional Competence of directors and main shareholders (CPC)
- Check proof of past business operations, CMR or similar documents, orders and other documents

Actions & documents required	Association	Competent Authorities
Registration	Collect documents	Validate
International Licence	Collect	Validate
Research Reputation	Collect and monitor	Provide information
Vehicles	Collect	Validate
CPC	Collect	Validate
CMR	Collect and analyse	...

Result of the cooperation : candidate is competent or not

b) Sound Financial Standing

The Association, when candidate Holder applies, shall:

- Demand proof of financial viability: Credit Rating (e.g. Moody's), Bank reference
- Verify company's financial status with National Authorities, Tax Office, Commercial Registers
- Check Annual Company Accounts, Reports
- Deposit of Bank Guarantees

Actions & documents required	Association	Competent Authorities
Viability	Collect and check	Validate as required
Credit rating	Request	Validate as required
Accounts Audit Report	Collect, analyse	Validate as required

Result of the cooperation: candidate is solvable or not

c) Proven knowledge in the application of the TIR Convention

The Association, when candidate Holder applies, shall:

- Check the knowledge of the future Holder of TIR Carnet
- Provide training for management and staff
- Keep informed of changes in directors, the main shareholders, the staff

Actions & documents required	Association	Competent Authorities
Holder of TIR Carnet	verify CPC and Interview	-
TIR Responsible Training	Provide	Co-operate
Register information about TIR responsible person	Monitor and check	Inform and confirm

Result of the cooperation: candidate knows the TIR procedures and how to apply them or not

d) Absence of serious or repeated offences against Customs or tax legislation

The Association, when candidate Holder applies, shall:

- Verify the absence of previous offences by all involved in the company
- Positive evidence of “clean sheet”
- Check the reputation
- Be aware, and keep verifying

Actions & documents required	Association	Competent Authorities
Check absence	Request	Confirm
Reputation	Interview	Confirm
Monitor with public information		

Result of the cooperation: candidate is trustworthy or not

TIR Convention, Annex 9, Part II, Article 6

“The authorisation for access to the TIR procedure does not constitute in itself a right to obtain TIR Carnets from the Associations”

Associations have the absolute right to suspend temporarily/definitively the issuance of TIR Carnet at any time...



**Continuous Monitoring of
status of Holders of TIR Carnets**



The Association must **constantly**:

- **Check credentials of person collecting TIR Carnets**
- **Inform Holder of his obligation to advise Association of any changes in his company**
- **Try to conclude an agreement with the bodies in charge of companies' registration to be automatically notified in case of changes**

The Association must **constantly apply Risk Management measures, in particular:**

- **Suspend (temporarily or definitively) the issuance of TIR Carnets to any Holder suspected of having committed infringements against Customs or other related legislation or IRU Rules and Regulations**
- **Check for regularity in Holders' TIR transports (performing physical checks & SafeTIR cross-checks)**
- **Suspend the issuance to Holder with very low activity, (Holder can only be readmitted after re-fulfilling admission conditions)**

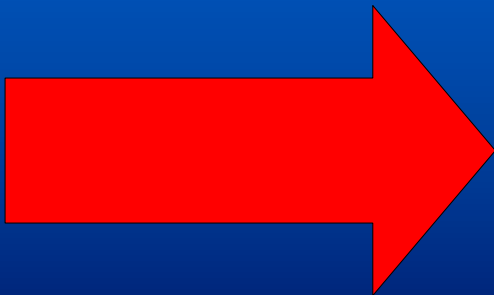
Customs must **constantly** apply Risk Management measures, in particular implement properly

TIR Convention, Articles 6 and 38

- Suspend or exclude from the TIR procedure the TIR Carnet Holder having committed infringements against Customs or other related legislation

Basic condition: Public and Private Partnership

- **Access controlled strictly by Customs, IRU and Associations**
- **Continuous monitoring (Customs, IRU, Associations)**



**Risk Management,
Secure and efficient transit
system for all involved**

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