





**REDUCE** BORDER WAITING TIMES **FACILITATE** TRADE **INCREASE** RISK ASSESSMENT EFFICIENCY **IMPROVE CUSTOMS CONTROLS SECURE** TRADE AND TRANSPORT



any countries cannot benefit from trade development due to unacceptably long border waiting times that range from many hours to several days. These unpredictable, huge delays entail additional transport time and costs, negatively impacting trade, and thus national economies' growth and employment.

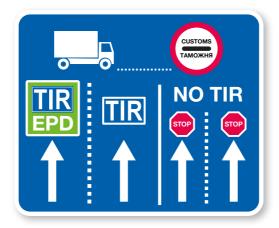
The IRU, with its Members, provides an effective and simple solution for all customs authorities: the new IRU TIR Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD) Green Lanes.

## TIR transport operations benefitting from the free of charge TIR-EPD will:

- » Provide customs all the required TIR data well in advance of the TIR truck's arrival at the border crossing point;
- » Allow customs to undertake the appropriate risk assessment in advance, thus improving customs procedures and control efficiency;
- Ensure that digitally signed, encrypted and fully secure cargo and transit data are sent only by duly identified and authorised TIR operators;
- » Facilitate the work of customs authorities both in the central office and at border crossing points.



This IRU solution, based on this unique modern TIR-EPD IT application (advance transmission of electronic pre-declarations of the cargo data), is fully compliant with the requirements of the TIR Convention, the UN Harmonization Convention and with the World Customs Organization's (WCO) SAFE Framework and should therefore be implemented by competent national authorities and customs to further facilitate and secure trade by reducing punitive border waiting times!



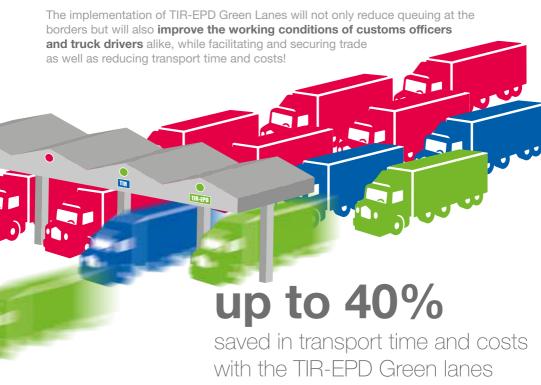


## HOW DO TIR-EPD GREEN LANES WORK...WHAT ARE THEIR BENEFITS?

TIR-EPD Green Lanes are dedicated lanes on both sides of the border.

The transmission of electronic pre-declarations containing all the required cargo and transit data through the TIR-EPD IT application by duly identified and authorised fleet/ trade operators, prior to the truck's arrival at the customs border, allows customs authorities to assess risks and determine in advance which truck should be subject to a specific control.

TIR trucks transporting goods under TIR customs seals and permitted by customs to use TIR-EPD Green Lanes will only be subject to the scanning and stamping of their TIR Carnet, thus enjoying **very speedy customs control** allowing for a **massive reduction of border waiting times and transport costs**.



Developing TIR-EPD Green Lanes is particularly vital to facilitate and secure trade required to expedite economic recovery and drive economic development and employment. The geographic scope of this unique modern TIR-EPD IT application, which is available free of charge to all TIR operators, is constantly expanding. For the benefit of your customs officers and trade operators, implement TIR-EPD Green Lanes now!



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#### **NEXT STEP: IMPLEMENTATION!**

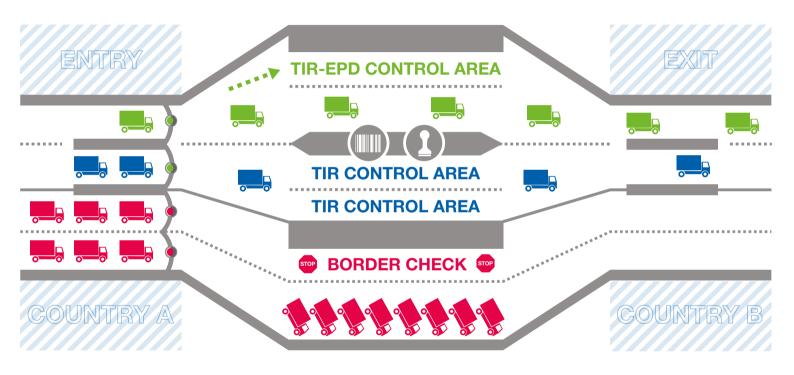
- Mandate appropriate Government agencies, such as customs and border police, to implement the concept of TIR-EPD Green Lanes on all the main trade arteries;
- 2. Select, on the main trade arteries, the most appropriate border-crossing points, based on traffic volume, available infrastructure and waiting times, where the TIR-EPD Green Lanes should be implemented on both sides of the selected border(s), if needed jointly with the IRU and its national Member Association;
- 3. **Design** a detailed action plan for customs authorities and the national TIR Association with concrete deadlines for the effective implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes concept until completion of the process;
- 4. Issue appropriate instructions to customs officers on the best use of the advanced cargo information provided by the TIR-EPD IT application, in order to benefit fully not only from the improved working conditions but from the enhanced customs risk assessment and control efficiency resulting from the advance and speedy customs control on TIR-EPD Green Lanes;
- 5. Display, for each TIR-EPD Green Lane, well ahead of the customs check point, where appropriate and in a visible manner for all TIR-EPD truck drivers, the required new signs "TIR-EPD Green Lane":
- **6. Install**, for each TIR-EPD Green Lane, the required basic equipment allowing the scanning and stamping of TIR Carnets by customs officers duly informed on the TIR-EPD Green Lane procedure;
- 7. **Provide** an appropriate control area to allow the removal from the Green Lane of any truck for which the risk assessment, based on the advance cargo information, has identified the need for a specific customs control;
- 8. Open your TIR-EPD Green Lanes to all the international transport of goods under TIR customs sealed vehicles by duly identified and authorised TIR operators using TIR-EPD!



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