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CHANGES IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF TIR CARNETS IN BELAURS

As of 8 July 2016 Belarusian Customs will not accept TIR Carnets if customs duties and taxes at risk exceed EUR 60,000

I. BACKGROUND

Since early July 2016, IRU has received several enquiries from its Member Associations concerning the situation surrounding the acceptance of TIR Carnets in Belarus, which seems to have changed. Upon IRU's request, the Belarusian member Association BAMAP addressed an official enquiry to its national customs authorities in order to clarify the situation.

II. ANALYSIS

According to the official reply received by BAMAP from the State Customs Committee of Belarus, as of 8 July 2016, the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus will not accept TIR Carnets for transit operations where the customs duties and taxes at risk exceed EUR 60,000, based on the provisions of the art. 201.1 of the Customs Code of the Customs Union (CCCU). In such a case the customs authorities shall fill in the box "For official use" of the Volets 1 and 2 of TIR Carnet: "Refused with reference to Article 216.5 of the CCCU".

For Members' reference, art. 201.1 of the CCCU refers to the failure to comply with conditions for the release of goods for transit; art. 261.5 of the CCCU refers to compliance with requirements to guarantee the customs transit of goods.

The IRU continues its work to enable the increase of TIR guarantee level in Belarus up to EUR 100,000.

III. ACTIONS OF MEMBERS

Members are requested to inform their TIR Carnet Holders of the above-mentioned changes. For any additional questions or comments, please send an email to IRU Secretariat at svetlana.digiorgio@iru.org.

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