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The TIR Convention

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Overview

- Transit regimes
- The TIR system
 - Example of TIR transport
 - 5 pillars
 - Geographical scope
 - Administrative structure
- The eTIR project
 - Status of computerization
 - Main principles
 - Legal basis
 - Pilot projects



Transit regimes

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National transit

- Incoming, outgoing and through transit
- National guarantee system
- National specific documents (or electronic messages)
- Many examples

Bilateral or multilateral transit

- Closed system between two or more countries
- Sometimes based on customs union
- Avoid use of multiple national transit systems
- Possibly common or mutually recognized guarantees
- Common customs document (or electronic messages)
- Examples: Community and Common transit, US-Canada, TRIE, ...



Transit regimes

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International and global transit

- Open to all interested countries
- Close collaboration between neighbouring countries not required
- Internationally recognized guarantees
- Standards documents (or electronic messages)
- Example: TIR

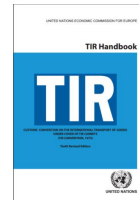


The TIR system



...the only global transit system

- An important **facilitation tool** for international trade and transport
 - Based on the TIR Conventions, 1975
 - 76 Contracting Parties
 - Intermodal



Example of a TIR transport



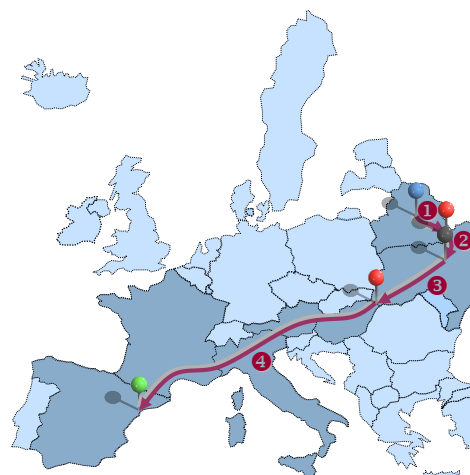
- 1 Customs office of departure (Minsk)
- 1 Customs office of destination (Barcelona)
- 1 intermediate Customs office of departure (Kiev)
- 2 Border crossings

1 TIR transport (1 Guarantee)

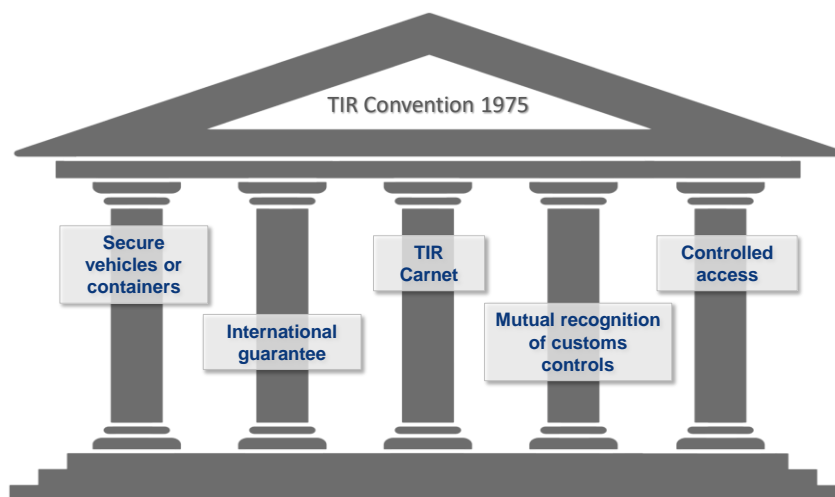
①..④ TIR operations

3 Customs territories

7 Countries



The 5 pillars of the TIR system



The 5 pillars of the TIR system

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Secure vehicles or containers

- No goods can be removed from or introduced into the sealed part
- Customs seal: simply and effectively
- No concealed spaces
- All spaces accessible for customs
- Detailed technical regulations in the Annexes of the Convention
- Certificate of approval

The 5 pillars of the TIR system

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International guarantee

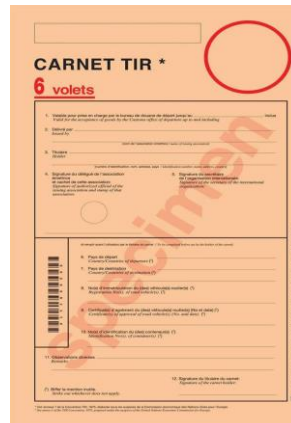
- Organized by the IRU
- Customs claim against the national association in their country
 - *When there is a problem in country C with a TIR Carnet issued in country A the customs of country C can claim the duties against the national association in country C (IRU organizes the settlement of claim between national associations of countries A and C and the insurers)*

The 5 pillars of the TIR system

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The TIR carnet

- One single document, security elements, proof of guarantee, printing and distribution by the IRU





The 5 pillars of the TIR system

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Mutual recognition of customs controls

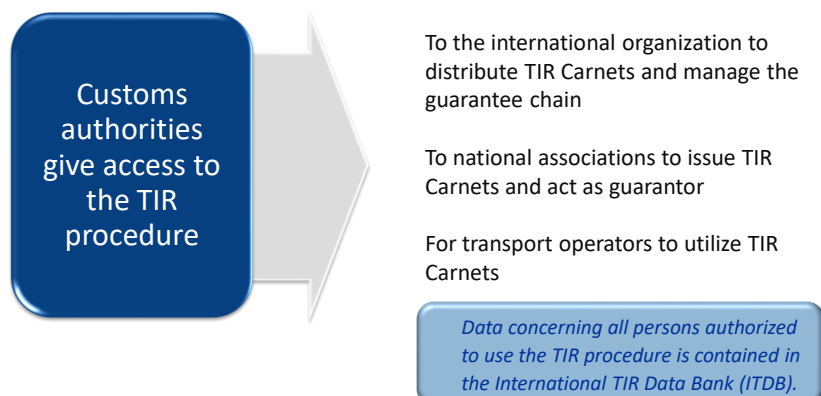
- Article 5:
 - Goods carried under the TIR procedure in sealed road vehicles, combinations of vehicles or containers shall not as a general rule be subjected to examination at customs offices en route

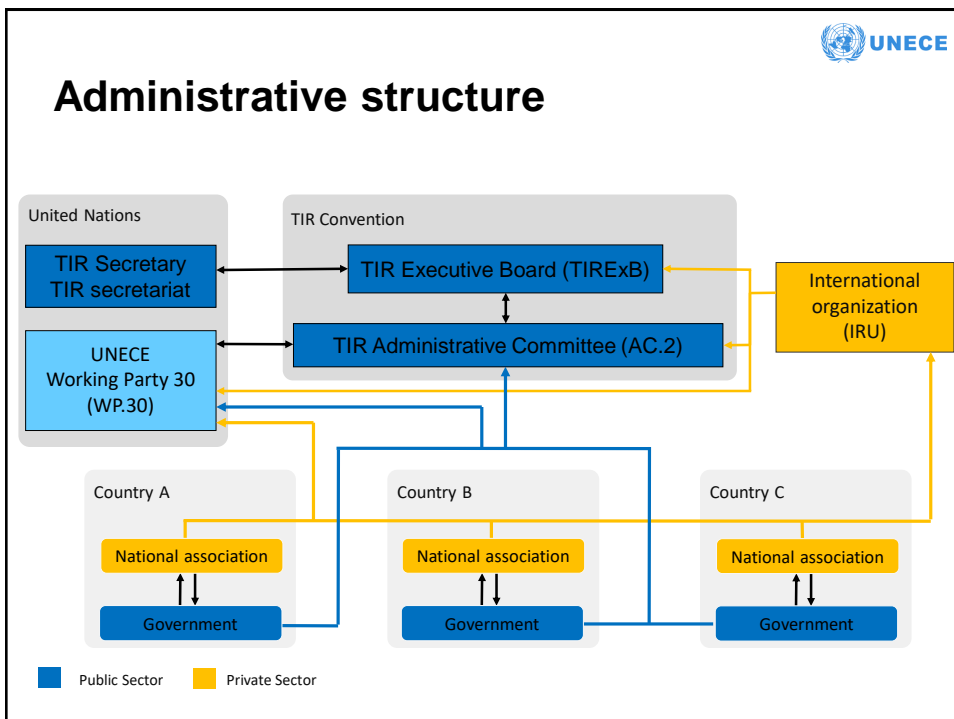
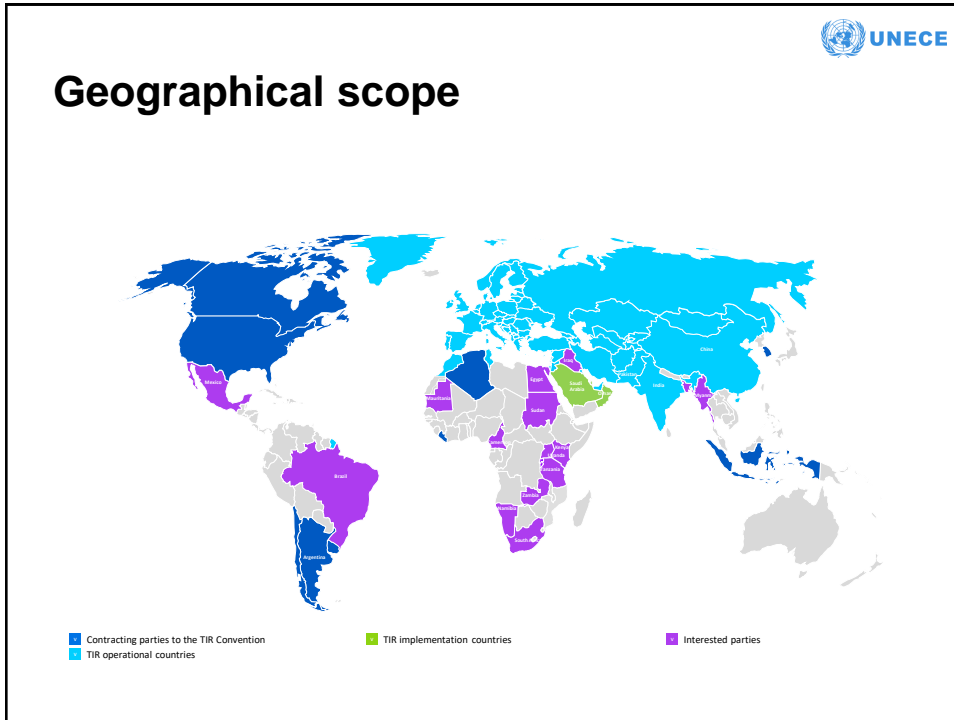


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Controlled access (Annex 9)



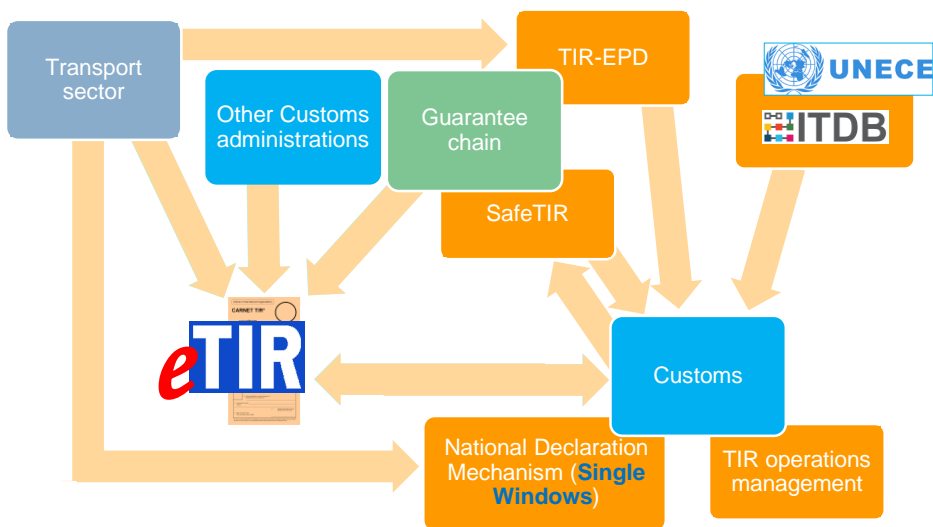


The **eTIR** project and pilots



Objective → Full computerization of the TIR procedure

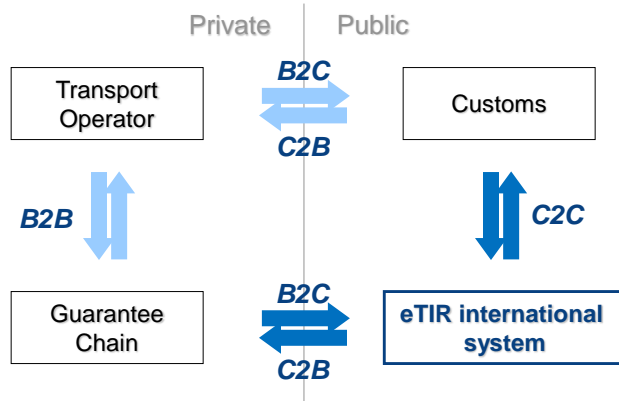
TIR computerization status





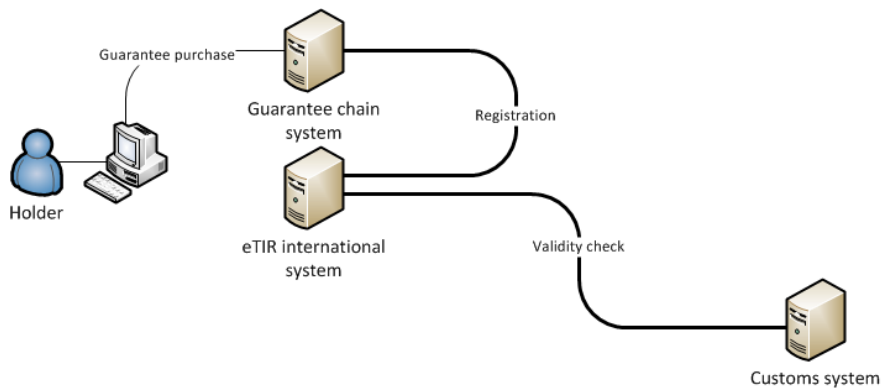
The eTIR system

a public private partnership



eTIR main principles

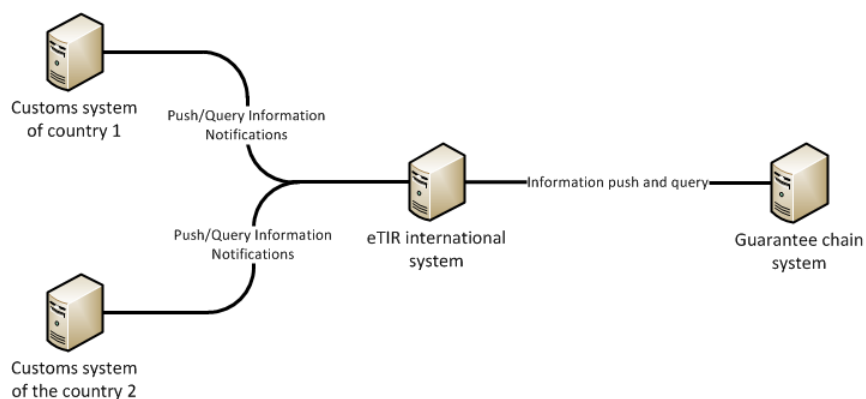
Management of guarantee data by customs





eTIR main principles

Customs to customs data exchange



The eTIR project: from theory to practice

- Informal Ad hoc Expert Group on Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.1) (2003-..)



eTIR specifications v.4.2

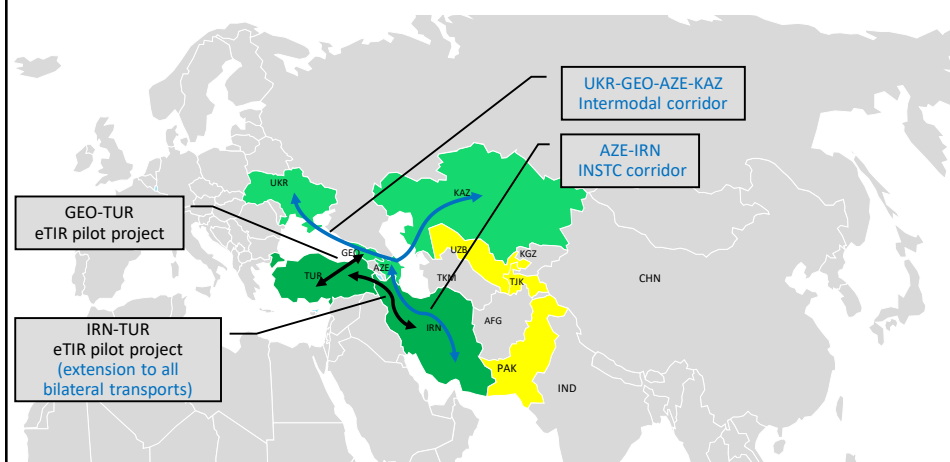
(conceptual, functional and technical)

- eTIR (pilot) projects
 - Georgia-Turkey
 - Iran-Turkey
 - ...
- Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure (GE.2) (2015-2017)
 - Optional Annex 11 to the TIR Convention (under discussion at AC.2)

Overview of Annex 11

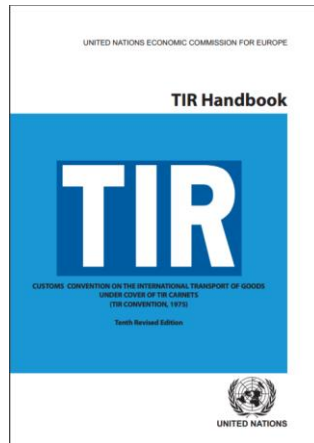
- Article 1 : Scope of application
- Article 2 : Definitions*
- Article 3 : Implementation of the eTIR procedure*
- Article 4 : Composition, functions and rules of procedure of the Technical Implementation Body
- Article 5 : Adoption and amendment procedures for the eTIR specifications*
- Article 6 : Submission of advance cargo information
- Article 7 : Authentication of the holder*
- Article 8 : Mutual recognition of the authentication of the holder*
- Article 9 : Additional data requirements
- Article 10 : Fallback procedure*
- Article 11 : Hosting of the eTIR international system
- Article 12 : Administration of the eTIR international system
- Article 13 : Publication of the customs offices capable of handling eTIR
- Article 14 : Legal requirements for data submission under Annex 10 of the TIR Convention
- Explanatory Notes to Articles 3, paragraph 2; 5, paragraph 3; 6, paragraph 2 and 11, paragraph 3

eTIR (pilot) projects





Thank you



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