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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER  
CONTROLS OF GOODS, 1982 ("HARMONIZATION CONVENTION")**

Draft questionnaire concerning the implementation of Annex 8

Note by the secretariat

**INTRODUCTION**

1. At its 121st session, the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) requested the secretariat to conduct a survey of Contracting Parties to the Harmonization Convention on the implementation of Annex 8 on road transport. The results of the survey should be reported both to WP.30 and to the Administrative Committee of the Convention (AC.3) (ECE/TRANS/WP.30/242, para. 17). Following the above request, the secretariat has prepared a draft questionnaire, as contained in the annex to this document. The sequence of the questions follows the structure of Annex 8.

2. The Working Party may wish to comment on the questions. In addition, WP.30 is invited to provide guidance to the secretariat as to which governmental authorities the questionnaire should be sent to and which deadline should be set up for the replies.

**Annex**

**DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF ANNEX 8 TO THE HARMONIZATION CONVENTION**

Please return the filled-in questionnaire\*  
by 15 September 2009 to the UNECE secretariat:

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Your name is \_\_\_\_\_

You work for the following competent authority: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Customs, Ministry of Finance, etc.)

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please provide information regarding the publication of Annex 8 in your country.

☐ It has been published on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of publication)

☐ It is scheduled to be published on \_\_\_\_\_ (expected date of publication)

☐ It has neither been published nor scheduled to be published

☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Has your country taken measures to facilitate the granting of visas for professional drivers in accordance with national best practice for all visa applicants, national immigration rules and/or international commitments?

☐ Yes. Please briefly describe these measures: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Please do not reply at this stage, as it is a draft only.

☐ No. Please briefly explain the reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Does your country regularly exchange information with other Contracting Parties on best practices with regard to the facilitation of visa procedures for professional drivers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How does your country regularly inform all parties involved in international transport operations:

(a) on border control requirements for international road transport operations in force?

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(b) on border control requirements for international road transport operations planned?

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(c) on the actual situation at borders?

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5. Which control procedures have been transferred to the places of departure and destination of the goods transported by road so as to alleviate congestion at the border crossing points?

- ☐ None;
- ☐ Medico-sanitary inspection;
- ☐ Veterinary inspection;
- ☐ Phytosanitary inspection;
- ☐ Controls of compliance with technical standards;
- ☐ Quality controls;
- ☐ Vehicle inspections;
- ☐ Weighing of vehicles;
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Which measures have been undertaken at the border crossing points in your country in order to give priority to urgent consignments, e.g. live animals and perishable goods?

- ☐ Waiting times for vehicles transporting such goods have been minimized;
- ☐ Required controls are carried out as quickly as possible;
- ☐ Refrigerating units of vehicles carrying perishable foodstuffs are allowed to operate during the time of crossing the border;
- ☐ Cooperation with other Contracting Parties regarding sanitary inspections of such goods.

7. Is your country a Contracting Party to the Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections (1997)?

- ☐ Yes (go to question 9)
- ☐ No (go to question 8)

8. Does your country accept the International Technical Inspection Certificate as provided for in the above Agreement (also reproduced in Appendix 1 to Annex 8)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. Is your country a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (1970)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Does your country accept the International Vehicle Weight Certificates (please refer to Appendix 2 to Annex 8) issued in other Contracting Parties?

☐ Yes (go to questions 11 and 12)

☐ No (go to question 13)

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Has your country published a list of all weighing stations authorized to issue the International Vehicle Weight Certificates?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Has your country transmitted this list to UNECE?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Which of the following infrastructure requirements for border crossing points open for international goods traffic does your country meet?

- ☐ Facilities for joint controls with neighbour States (one-stop technology), 24 hours a day;
- ☐ Separation of traffic for different types of traffic on both sides of the border allowing to give preference to vehicles under cover of valid international Customs transit documents or carrying live animals or perishable foodstuffs;
- ☐ Off-lane control areas for random cargo and vehicle checks;
- ☐ Appropriate parking and terminal facilities;
- ☐ Proper hygiene, social and telecommunications facilities for drivers;
- ☐ Adequate facilities for forwarding agents, so that they can offer services to transport operators on a competitive basis.

Any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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