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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
OF GOODS UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION 1975)**

Application of the Convention

Amendment proposals for technical provisions of the Convention (TIR plate)

Note by the secretariat

A. BACKGROUND

1. At its one-hundredth session (12-15 February 2002), the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport discussed an amendment proposal to Annex 5, para. 2, submitted by the Liaison Committee of the Body and Trailer Building Industry (CLCCR) (TRANS/WP.30/2002/3), with regard to the blue background colour of the TIR plate.
2. Following a first round of discussion, the Working Party agreed that it would be useful, in order to strengthen the profile of the TIR system, to modify the comment to Annex 5 of the Convention concerning the layout of the TIR plate. The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a modified comment concerning colour and the font of the letters of the TIR plate (TRANS/WP.30/200, para. 80).

3. At the request of the Working Party, the secretariat had prepared document TRANS/WP.30/2002/14, containing three alternative proposals for the layout of the TIR plate. The document not only contained proposals for font and background colour of the TIR plate, but also provided some ideas on how to bring the TIR plate better in line with modern design concepts while, at the same time, using it as a tool to promote the fact that TIR stands for a joint effort by UNECE, IRU and its national associations. Although the Working Party was of the view that a description of font and background colour of the TIR plate would be very useful, as it would simplify its production, some delegations felt that the introduction of different logos on the TIR plate, even though optional, might complicate production procedures. The Working Party requested the TIR secretariat to prepare for its next session a document, which would include a description of the font and the background colour of the TIR plate (TRANS/WP.30/202, para. 58).

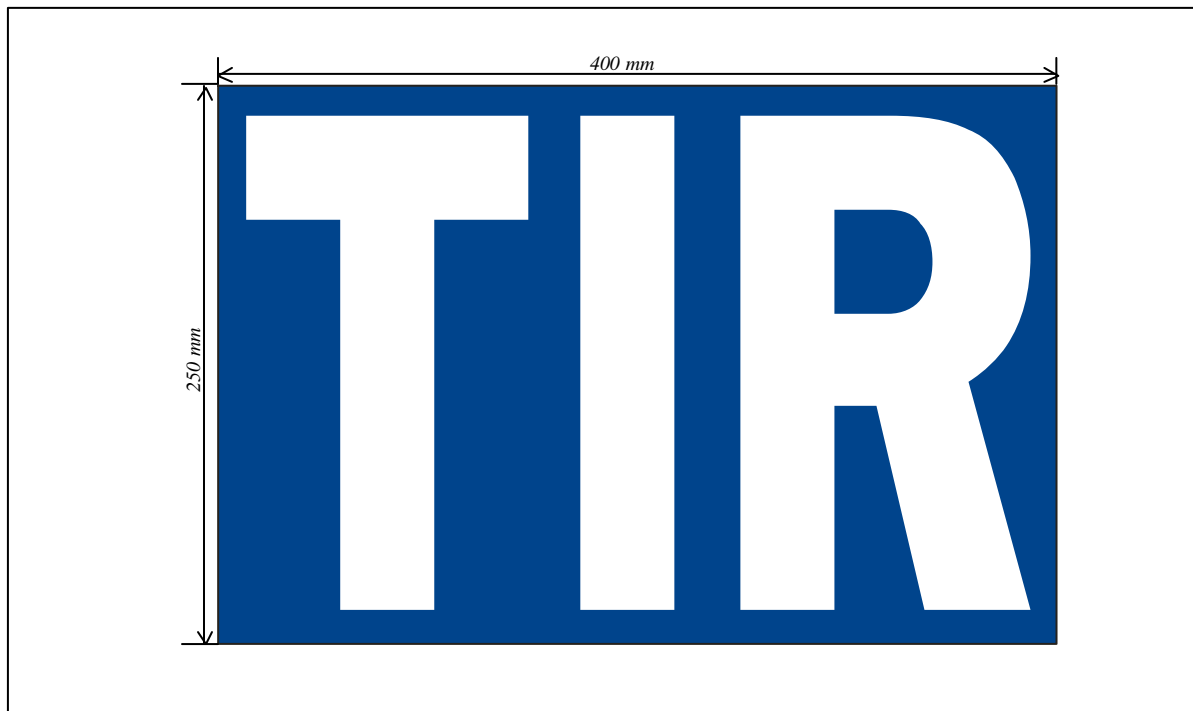
4. The underlying document reflects this request by the Working Party.

B. PROPOSAL

5. In order to give the TIR plate a uniform design, the secretariat proposes to replace the existing comment in Annex 5 by the following text:

Draft comment

The model of a TIR plate in conformity with Annex 5 is shown below.



White capital letters on blue ground (RAL 5017) [RAL 5005]

(Characters: 200 mm high; stroke width: at least 20 mm)

An electronic file (encapsulated postscript format – EPS) containing the TIR plate in conformity with Annex 5, as shown above, is available on the TIR web site (tir.unece.org) or can be obtained by contacting the TIR Secretary.
