



International Transit Systems and Turkey's Position

- TIR Convention
- Common Transit Convention

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TURKEY'S POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

- 1985-became party to the Revised TIR Convention
- 1996-preparation works started for accession to the Common Transit Convention with the establishment of EU-Turkey Customs Union
- 01.01.2012-NCTS (New Computerized Transit System) has been implemented for domestic transit operations
- 01.12.2012- acceded to the Common Transit Convention



TIR CONVENTION

Turkey:

- is the biggest beneficiary country of the TIR System (68 Members) (385.500 TIR Carnets issued for TIR Operations of Turkish Transport operators in 2014 (totally 1.945.050 TIR Carnets issued)
- 75 billion US \$ guaranteed by National Guarantee Institution in Turkey: (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey)
- TIR-EPD (TIR Electronic Pre-arrival Declaration) has been implemented since 2012
- TIR-EPD Green Lane in Kapikule BCP since 1st November 2012



TIR CONVENTION

NUMBER OF TIR CARNETS ISSUED IN TURKEY (2011-2014)

Decreased globally and also in Turkey

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
TURKEY	674.439	654.750	555.136	385.500
TOTAL	3.074.500	3.158.300	2.920.150	1.945.050
PERCENTAGE	%22	%21	%19	%20



PERCENTAGE OF TIR CARNETS ISSUED IN TURKEY, RUSSIA, UKRAINE, POLAND, BULGARIA (2011-1014)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
1)	Turkey (%22)	Turkey (%21)	Turkey (%19)	Turkey (%20)
2)	Russia (%19)	Russia (%19)	Russia (%18,1)	Russia (%15,4)
3)	Ukraine (%12)	Ukraine (%12)	Ukraine (%14,8)	Poland (%14,5)
4)	Poland (%10)	Poland (%10)	Poland (%9)	Bulgaria (%6,4)



ADVANTAGES of TIR SYSTEM

- Less formalities
- Controlling just the vehicle and the seal externally
- Saving time and money
- Not needing separate national guarantee and documentation for every country passed
- Decreasing possibility of fraud thanks to standardized TIR Carnet.
- Increasing international trade



AVAILABLE MEASURES for the CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

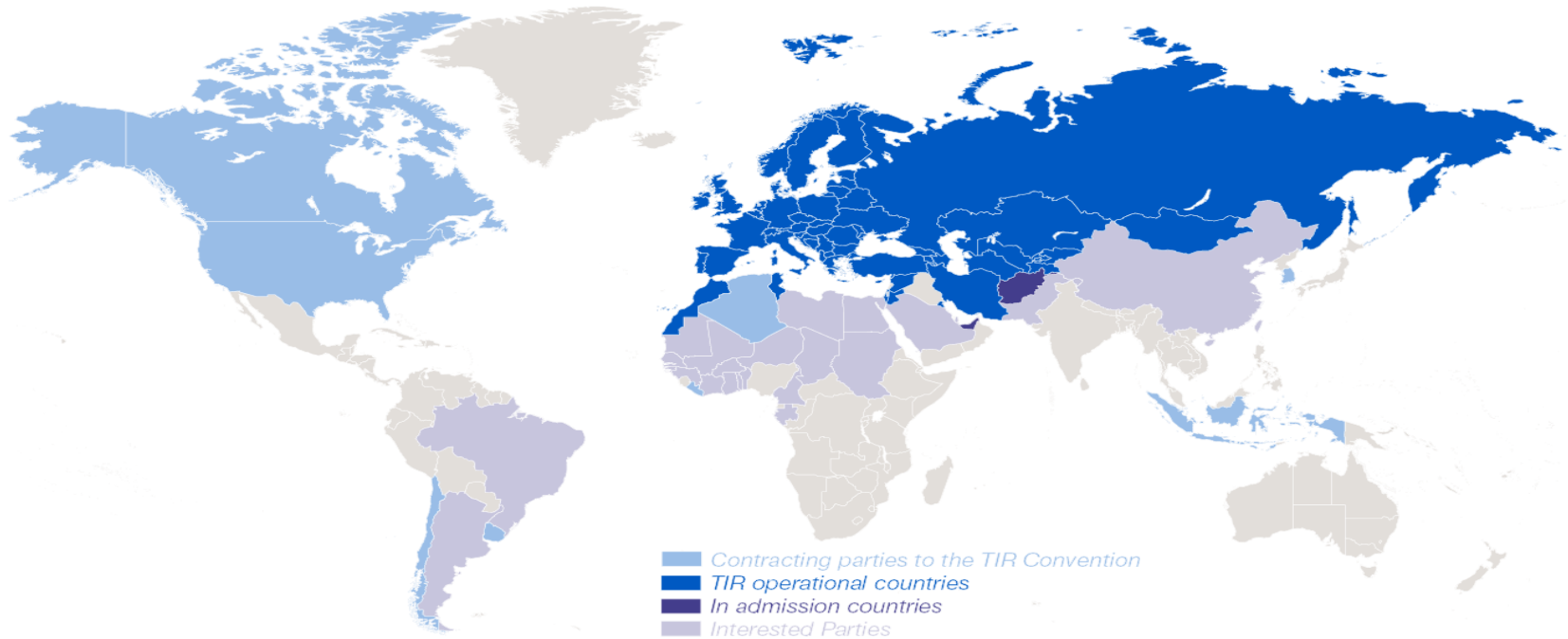
- In case of any violation/infracton Customs Administration may:
 - the relevant unit is informed for update in risk analysis system
 - transporter company is warned, temporarily or permanently excluded from TIR System



FUTURE OF THE TIR SYSTEM

HOW TO ENSURE FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS?

1) GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENSION (China, Pakistan, African States etc.)





FUTURE OF THE TIR SYSTEM

HOW TO ENSURE COMPETITIVENESS?

2) COMPUTERIZATION:



Integration of Computerized TIR Procedure in International Transport, Trade and Customs Procedures

- **International Cooperation Partnership:**

C2C - Turkey / Italy (UNECE)

C2C - Turkey / Georgia (UNDA)

C2B2C - Turkey / Islamic Republic of Iran (UNECE-IRU)



Common Transit Convention

Motivation factors for TURKEY

- Facilitation of border crossing
- Time and Cost saving
- Efficient controls
- Balance between the economic interest of operators and the interest of customs
- Safety/Security declaration can be combined with transit



Comparison Between TIR & Common Transit Systems

TIR System

- 68 Members (58 Active)
- Single amount of guarantee (60.000 Euro in Turkey)
- Mode of transport (for multimodal transport, one of them at least must be realized by road)
- Paper based TIR Operations
- Limited Loading and Unloading
- Inefficient use of Time and Cost

Common Transit System

- 28(EU)+4(EFTA)+Turkey= 33
- Comprehensive guarantee (100% of potential debt or reduced to 50% or 30%) or guarantee waiver (depending on specific criteria such as risk of the goods or trustability of transporter)
- Open to all modes of transport
- Computerized Transit Operations (NCTS)
- Unlimited loading and unloading
- Efficient use of time and cost



Common Transit System

Gains and Expectations

- cut down delays of transit activities,(3 days saving for transit operations to EU and EFTA)
- efficient border control and risk analysis, (contributing decrease in smuggling)
- Increase in Transit operations (154.000 operations from EU+EFTA to Turkey, 163.000 operations from Turkey to EU and EFTA Countries)
- Uninterrupted transit to EU and EFTA (with the accession of Serbia and Macedonia to Convention)
- decrease in costs of trade operators (More than 57 million Euro saving for traders per year)



THANK YOU!

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