

Seminar on the Development of a Comprehensive Transport and Logistics Network in North-East Asia Subregion

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The TIR Convention and the concept of its application in East and North-East Asia

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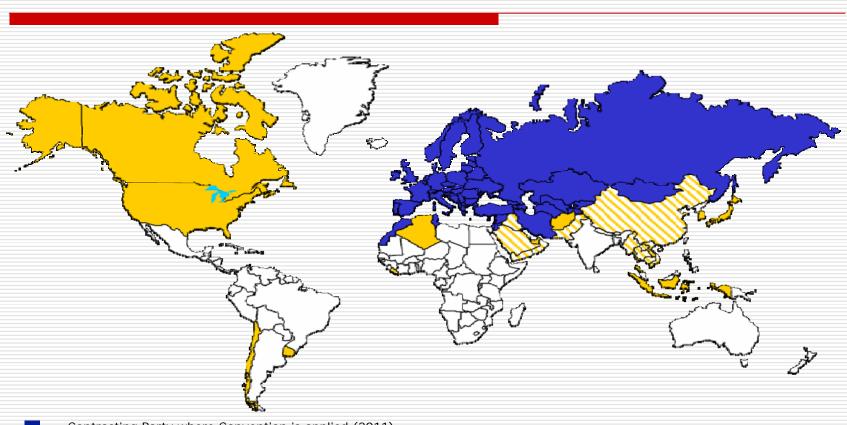
Outline

- The TIR Convention and TIR system: overall description and background
- □ Introduction to electronic TIR (eTIR) project
- Current status and application in ESCAP region
- □ TIR system and intermodal transport
- UNESCAP concept for application of TIR System for international intermodal transport in East and North-East Asia

The TIR Convention, 1975

- The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention, 1975) was elaborated under the aegis of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- ☐ After the entry into force the TIR Convention, 1975 replaced the old 1959 Convention
- □ 68 Contracting Parties worldwide
- One of the most successful international transport conventions with wide practical application

Geographical scope of the TIR Convention



- = Contracting Party where Convention is applied (2011)
- = Contracting Party where Convention is not applied (2011)
- = Potential Contracting Party

The TIR system

- The only universal Customs transit system existing at present
- Operational in 57 countries worldwide
- □ Allows to carry out goods transport operations in road transport vehicles or in containers from the customs of origin to the customs of destination without customs inspections at the borders without the need to deposit financial customs guarantees at each of the borders

The TIR System actors

- ☐ The UN TIR bodies
- The International Organization assigned to manage the system
- □ The governments of the Contracting Parties (mostly Customs authorities)
- The national issuing and guaranteeing associations
- The TIR Carnet holders (transport operators)

Key principles of the TIR System

- Secure vehicles or containers
- International guarantee chain
- □ TIR Carnet
- Mutual recognition of Customs control
- Controlled access to the TIR System

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