

UNOFFICIAL IRU TRANSLATION of WP.30 document

Mandatory submission of electronic advance information to the Customs Authorities in the Customs Union

Presented by the delegation of the Russian Federation¹

I. General Requirements

1. On 17 June 2012, in accordance with the Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 899 of 9 December 2011, *mandatory submission of electronic advance information* to the Customs Authorities on the goods transported by road was introduced in the Member States of the Customs Union between Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.
2. The obligation to submit electronic advance information is imposed on the haulier.
3. The advance information shall be submitted to the Customs Authorities of the Customs Union State, where the border crossing point is located, 2 hours before the arrival of the vehicle. Besides, it is not required to provide an electronic copy of the transit/TIR declaration at the checkpoint.
4. The Customs officer at the checkpoint shall take a decision to release the goods in accordance with the procedure of Customs transit *not later than two hours* from the time of registration of the documents, provided that the advance information on the transportation corresponds to the documents provided by the driver, and there are no risks of infringement of the Customs Union legislation.
5. In case of failure to submit the advance information by the time the vehicle arrives at the checkpoint, the information on goods and vehicles shall be submitted electronically to the Customs information system within the next two hours. In this case the submitted information is not considered as advance information and the time rules for the release of goods, which are in line with the procedure of Customs transit, are not applied.
6. Hauliers or their agents can submit the electronic advance information to the Customs Authorities through free web-based applications.

II. IRU TIR-EPD application (for TIR procedure only)

7. As of November 2011 it can be used for the submission of advance information to the Customs Authorities of the Republic of Belarus, as of March 2012 – to those of Russia and Ukraine.
8. Its connection to the Customs IT system of Kazakhstan is planned.
9. Access to the application is provided to TIR Carnet Holders further to their request to ASMAP.

¹ In line with the request made by the Working Party, this document reproduces the informal document No. 9 (2012), earlier presented by the delegation of the Russian Federation

10. TIR-EPD application can be accessed at <http://www.tirepd.org>.
11. Instruction for the use of the application are posted on the website of ASMAP and the IRU website [http://www.iru.org/index/en iru tir epd](http://www.iru.org/index/en%20iru%20tir%20epd).
12. An e-mail address of the IRU Russian-speaking experts, who provide technical support, can be found on the application home page (link - "Contact us").
13. Some practical recommendations on how to use the application are provided in Russian under the link "Help".

III. EPS Portal - the application of the FCS of Russia

14. The EPS Portal (Portal for electronic data submission) can *only* be used for submission of advance information to the *Customs Authorities of the Russian Federation*.
15. In order to use of the EPS Portal, the operator has to register himself and create his personal account.
16. The access to the EPS Portal and the Instructions on how to use this application can be found on the official web-site of the FCS of Russia at <http://edata.customs.ru/Pages/Default.aspx>.
17. The phone numbers of technical support are provided on the home page of the EPS Portal, in the section Notices.

IV. Use of web-based applications

18. Free-of-charge web-based applications – IRU TIR-EPD and the EPS Portal of the FCS of Russia, require neither special expertise nor equipment and can be accessed by any Internet user.
19. Besides the haulier, any *operator* having Internet access (expeditor, consignor, consignee) can submit electronic advance TIR information on haulier's behalf.
20. In practice, it takes from 2 to 10 minutes to fill in an electronic TIR declaration (standard for an operator) based on the previously made declarations' templates.
21. The operator can retrieve the TIR declarations, which he made before, from the application archive.

V. Procedure

22. The operator of advance information shall do the following:
 - obtain transport documents or their copies;
 - prepare and submit the electronic TIR declaration to the IT system of the Customs Authorities of the State, in which the transit permission will be effectuated;
 - obtain the registration number of submitted electronic TIR declaration;
 - give the driver a print-out of the electronic TIR declaration accepted by the IT system of the Customs Authorities, and/or its registration number.

23. At the checkpoint *the driver* has to present to Customs Authorities, along with transport documents, a print-out of the electronic TIR declaration and/or its registration number.
24. The Customs *officer*, after the check of the documents presented by the haulier and of the data indicated in the electronic TIR declaration, will issue the permit for transit.

VI. Advantages of using the web-based applications

25. The use of web-based applications allows hauliers to:
 - waive the broker's paid services at the border;
 - reduce the clearance procedure time at the checkpoint;
 - reduce the waiting time at the border;
 - fulfil the legal requirement of the country of entry.

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