

EU Commission clarifies transit rules for vehicles under Article 3 of TIR Convention

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EU Commission – decision on TIR transit procedure

The EU Commission has adopted a new explanatory note concerning the application within the EU of Article 3 of the TIR Convention on the transit of vehicles between TIR member states.

Article 3 of the TIR Convention allows vehicles to transit other TIR Convention member states with a TIR certificate. The EU Commission's ruling has made clear that this certificate is not valid for vehicles which travel by their own means, and only applies to those transported on another vehicle (such as a transporter truck or a railway freight wagon).

Prior to this decision some contracting parties to the TIR Convention had accepted that passenger cars traveling by their own means could be covered by

the TIR certificate, and issued such certificates, which, in the absence of a clear ruling from the European Commission, had allowed transit of such vehicles through any other TIR Convention member, including EU member states. Now this practice has been clearly defined as not being permissible within the EU.

The EU Commission's decision follows discussions with the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention which were held to clarify the different interpretations of Article 3.

The decision has been sent to the EU Council, where it is expected to be approved. Agreement by the Parties to the TIR Convention to this clarification is expected shortly afterwards.

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