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**IRU ELECTRONIC PRE-DECLARATION (IRU TIR-EPD) NOW OPERATIONAL IN MOLDOVA
AS FROM 21.04.2011**

IRU TIR-EPD extends its geographical scope to Moldova as from 21.04.2011

The IRU TIR-EPD is expanding its geographical scope and for the first time is deployed in a country which is not a Member of the European Union: **TIR-EPD is now available in Moldova.**

This achievement is the result of the fruitful partnership between the Moldovan Customs, UNCTAD, AITA and the IRU.

The IRU TIR-EPD, through UNCTAD ASYCUDA World / TIR, is operational in Moldova as from today, 21 April 2011 and will allow TIR Carnet Holders to lodge their electronic TIR data with the Moldovan Customs free of charge for any:

- TIR transport entering Moldovan territory;
- TIR transport starting on Moldovan territory.

The IRU TIR-EPD application is accessible via the following link:

www.tirepd.org

To date, the IRU TIR-EPD is operational and **FREE OF CHARGE** for TIR Carnet Holders wishing to lodge TIR Electronic Pre-Declarations in the following countries:

- **MOLDOVA**
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Lituania
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia

In this context, the IRU will intensify its efforts in partnership with its national Associations and the Customs Authorities of Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Morocco, Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, so that this FREE OF CHARGE service facilitating the lodging of Electronic Pre-Declarations becomes operational in these countries also.

REFERENCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

TIR-EPD user guides and training materials are available via the following link:

http://www.iru.org/index/en_iru_tir_epd

In order to facilitate the IRU National Associations provision of appropriate information and training to their TIR Carnet Holders, a training server has been established at the IRU and can be accessed by national Associations via the following link:

<http://194.209.227.203/tir-epd>

Please contact the IRU Secretariat if you require access to the above-mentioned training server.

Please do not hesitate to contact the IRU Secretariat with any questions you may have regarding the information provided above.

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ACTION BY MEMBERS:

- National Associations are requested to inform their TIR Carnet Holders of the expansion of the geographical coverage of the IRU TIR-EPD application, and encourage them to continue to use and actively promote the TIR-EPD service.
- In the interests of the road transport industry as a whole, the IRU TIR-EPD should continue to be deployed in as many countries as possible. It is therefore essential that Members urge their respective Governments to encourage their Customs Authorities, or other Customs Authorities where the IRU TIR-EPD is still not implemented, to arrange for the integration of the IRU TIR-EPD technology into their national customs systems at the earliest possible opportunity.
