

TIR keeps borders open
Tried and tested since 1949

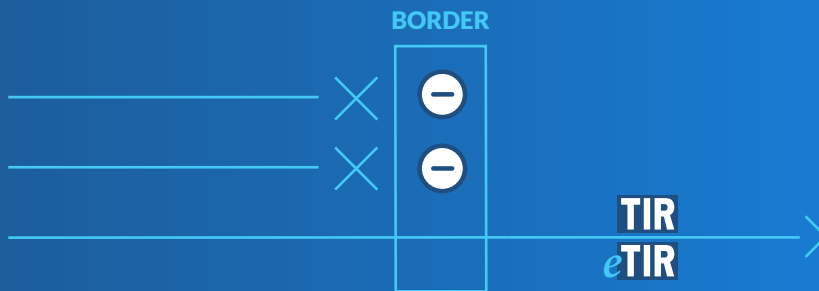


Border crossings in the age of COVID-19

Using tried and tested UN Conventions

Without TIR/eTIR

Border crossing restrictions: each driver and load compartment is checked, increasing the risk of spreading the virus to customs officers and drivers



With TIR/eTIR

Border crossing facilitation, no need to check every driver and load compartment, reducing the risk of spreading the virus

What is TIR?

TIR is the only global transit system. It enables goods to be shipped from a country of origin, through transit countries, to a country of destination in sealed load compartments that are controlled by customs via a multilateral, mutually recognised system.

It is the easiest, most secure and reliable way to move goods across multiple international borders, saving time and money for transport operators and customs authorities.

Benefits

Protects drivers

No disruption of supply chains

Seamless, contactless border crossing operations

Electronic exchange of data

Protects customs officers

No cargo handling en route

Continuous cargo flows



Recommendations for border crossing operations during the pandemic:

- Encourage the use of the TIR system, particularly **eTIR** to ensure seamless and paperless border crossing.
- Implement measures in a **coordinated and harmonized** way by:
 - (i) promoting cross border customs cooperation as well as cooperation with other national border agencies.
 - (ii) collectively preventing discriminatory measures.
- Establish **green lanes** for freight transport.



Observatory on Border Crossing Status due to COVID-19

A practical tool designed by the United Nations regional commissions, international organizations and the transport industry containing updated information from 115 countries all over the world

<https://wiki.unece.org/display/CTRSBC>

IRU Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Hub

In close cooperation with its members and partners, IRU has established the COVID-19 Info Hub, a global source of first-hand, real-time updates and latest updates on the crisis by, and for, the commercial road transport sector

<https://www.iru.org/covid19>



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