

AMENDMENT PROPOSALS TO THE TIR CONVENTION, 1975**Adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee on 15 October 2004**

Replace the first two paragraphs of Annex 2, Article 3, paragraph 9 by the following text:

“9 The following fastenings shall be used;

- (a) steel wire ropes of at least 3 mm diameter; or
- (b) ropes of hemp of sisal of at least 8 mm diameter encased in a transparent sheath of unstretchable plastic; or
- (c) ropes consisting of batches of fibre-optic lines inside a spirally wound steel housing encased in transparent sheath of unstretchable plastic; or
- (d) ropes comprising a textile cord surrounded by at least four strands consisting solely of steel wire and completely covering the core, under the condition that the ropes (without taking into account the transparent sheath, if any) are not less than 3 mm in diameter.

Ropes in accordance with paragraph 9 (a) or (d) of this Article may have a transparent sheath of unstretchable plastic.”

Delete Explanatory Note to Article 3, paragraph 9 (Textile cored steel fastening ropes)

Replace Annex 2, Article 3, paragraph 10 by the following text:

“10 Each type of rope shall be in one piece and shall have a hard metal end-piece at each end. Each metal end-piece shall allow the introduction of the thread or strap of the Customs seal. The fastener of each metal end-piece of ropes in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 (a), (b) and (d) of this Article shall include a hollow rivet passing through the rope so as to allow the introduction of the thread or strap of the Customs seal. The rope shall remain visible on either side of the hollow rivet so that it is possible to ensure that the rope is in one piece (see sketch No. 5 appended to these Regulations).”

Replace the first two paragraphs of Annex 7, Part I, Article 4, paragraph 9 by the following text:

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