

Executive Note: Accelerating transit throughput into Afghanistan relies on mastering multilateral transport protocols. Utilizing the UN TIR Carnet system and SMGS Consignment Notes eliminates mid-route cash deposits and physical customs inspections at intermodal dry ports.

Mandatory Requirement: Under TIR Article 8, maximum guarantee coverage per TIR Carnet across Central Asian and Afghan transit corridors is capped at **€100,000** per transport unit.

1. KEY TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS & CRITICAL BOX FIELD ANNOTATIONS

SMGS Railway Consignment Note (Rail Transit)

OSJD Standard Document

Box 1 & 4 (Consignor & Consignee):

Must list full registered trade names, tax IDs, and exact terminal siding codes.

Box 8 (Border Crossing Stations):

Specify exact interchange dry port codes (e.g., Sarakhs-Exp, Hairatan-Exp).

Box 11 (Cargo Name & HS Code):

Requires mandatory 6-digit Harmonized System code + Harmonized Commodity Code (GNG).

Box 20 (Carriage Payment Notes):

Indicate exact transit tariff payment codes for each national rail segment.

TIR Carnet Notebook (Multimodal / Road-Rail)

IRU Guarantee System

Voucher No. 1 / No. 2 (Box 10):

Customs office of departure seal details & official customs clearance stamp.

Box 12 (Heavy / Bulky Goods):

Must be checked if cargo cannot be sealed in standard TIR-approved containers.

2. OPERATIONAL AFGHAN BORDER CUSTOMS POSTS DIRECTORY

Border Post	Customs Code	Connecting Country	Mode	Operating Hours	TIR Status
Hairatan	AF-HRT-01	Uzbekistan (Termez)	Rail & Road	08:00 – 20:00 (7 Days)	Fully Active
Rozanak / Khaf	AF-ROZ-04	Iran (Sarakhs link)	Rail Freight	08:00 – 17:00 (Mon–Sat)	Fully Active
Torghundi	AF-TRG-02	Turkmenistan (Serhetabat)	Rail & Liquid	08:00 – 18:00 (Mon–Sat)	Fully Active
Islam Qala	AF-ISQ-03	Iran (Dogharoun)	Road Freight	24 Hours (Rotational)	Fully Active
Torkham	AF-TRK-05	Pakistan (Peshawar)	Road Freight	06:00 – 22:00 (Subject to delays)	Intermittent

3. FINANCIAL GUARANTEES & CARRIER PRE-QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

To avoid cash duty deposits at transit borders, transport operators and GCC shippers must comply with the following compliance verification steps:

- National Association Admission:** Ensure the logistics carrier holds active admission to an IRU-affiliated national issuing association (e.g., ICCIMA in Iran, ABCC in UAE, AIRCUZ in Uzbekistan).
- Duty Guarantee Valuation:** For high-value commodities (electronics, machinery), verify that import duties + VAT do not exceed the €100,000 TIR Carnet limit. If exceeded, issue a supplementary national bank guarantee or split consignments.
- Electronic Pre-Declaration (TIR-EPD):** Submit advance cargo data electronically through the TIR-EPD system at least 24 hours prior to arrival at the border gate to secure priority green lanes.
- Vehicle Approval Certificate:** Verify that road trailers or intermodal containers possess a valid Approval Certificate for Transport under Customs Seal (renewed annually).
- SMGS Transit Tariff Pre-Payment:** Obtain official payment confirmation receipts from freight forwarders for rail transit tariffs across national railway accounts (RAIL-PAY) prior to dispatch.

