

IRU AWARD TO THE BEST EU ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATOR REGULATION

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Description and objectives

1. According to the provisions of the present IRU Regulation, this IRU international distinction of prestige is attributed to the winner of a contest between road transport companies based in the European Union. In principle, this distinction is awarded on an annual basis.
2. This distinction is in the form of an IRU diploma and trophy entitled «IRU Award to the Best EU Road Transport Operator». It is attributed to road transport companies engaged in the national or international transport of goods by road which have done honour to their profession through their professionalism and have demonstrated considerable environmental, safety, economic, and social achievements.
3. The objectives of this award are to draw public attention to the crucial role of road freight transport in the EU, to enhance the positive image of international road transport operators in the EU, to raise to the European level the national contests organised by the IRU's EU Member Associations, and to promote the implementation of innovative technologies, improved safety, best management practices and corporate social responsibility of transport companies operating within the EU.

Nomination

4. To qualify for nomination for the «IRU Award to the Best EU Road Transport Operator», the road transport company
 - must have been regularly and continuously active in the national or international transport of goods by road for at least the last 5 years;
 - must be based in an EU Member State;
 - must have been a member of an IRU Member Association for at least the last 3 years and have regularly supported the actions and activities of the association;
 - must not have had its operating licence revoked or lost its 'good repute' standing with national transport authorities, nor committed a serious violation of traffic, customs or administrative regulations in the last 5 years.
5. A candidate road transport company must be nominated by the IRU EU Member Association to which it is affiliated, and ideally will be the latest winner of either an IRU Member Association goods transport award or of any other established national transport award.

A national IRU Member Association may nominate a maximum of 1 company.

The candidate shall be nominated in one of the following three categories based on the total number of vehicles in the company fleet:

Category I fleet of up to 10 vehicles

Category II fleet of between 11 and 50 vehicles 2

Category III fleet of more than 50 vehicles

Procedure

6. The contest will be managed at the national level by the IRU Member Associations which are members of the IRU Goods Transport Liaison Committee with the European Union (CLTM), under the responsibility of the IRU Permanent Delegation to the European Union, and, if possible, with the support and cooperation of national and international media partners.

7. The winning road transport companies (one in each group) will be awarded a diploma and a trophy at the IRU/EU Road Transport Conference, which is organised with the support of the European Commission and EU Presidency, or at another similar event organised by the IRU Permanent Delegation to the EU. The winners of this award may not be considered for subsequent IRU Best EU Road Transport Operator awards within a period of five years.

8. Applications by the candidate road transport companies must be transmitted by the IRU Member Associations to the IRU Permanent Delegation to the EU by means of the relevant questionnaire together with supporting documentation within the prescribed deadline, as indicated in the call for nominations.

9. Submissions of the candidates' files by the IRU Member Associations must include: a description of the main achievements of the company nominated as well as its transport specialities and areas of activity; size of the fleet; company profile; copies of the company's awards or certificates, as the case may be.

International jury

10. An international jury shall be appointed by the Board of the CLTM on the proposal of the IRU Permanent Delegation to the EU.

11. The jury shall be composed of between three and five personalities chosen from the road transport industry, clients of the road transport industry and public authorities and who are based in the European Union. The President of the CLTM, or his deputy, shall be the President of the jury. In the case of equal votes, the President shall have a casting vote.

12. The task of the jury shall be to evaluate the candidates' files and to select the Best EU Road Transport Operator in each of the three categories. The jury's decision is final and therefore no appeals may be made against its decision. The jury's decision shall be duly recorded and the results transmitted to the President of the awards ceremony.

Presentation and follow-up

13. It is the exclusive task of the IRU Member Associations to promote this IRU Award for the Best EU Road Transport Operator at national level, to publicise the call for nominations, to distribute the Regulation to potential candidates amongst their membership, and to collect,

evaluate and submit the nomination files to the IRU Permanent Delegation on the basis of the criteria laid down in this IRU Regulation.

14. By transmitting a nomination to the IRU Permanent Delegation to the EU, and in the case that it is successful, the IRU Member Association commits to cover the financial costs associated with the winner's attendance at the awards ceremony. Representatives of the IRU Member Association to which the winner is affiliated shall attend the IRU event and take an active role in the awards ceremony, and shall further promote the winner at the national level through the appropriate communication or ceremony.