(1) Fully or partially enclosed to constitute a compartment intended for containing goods;
(2) Of a permanent character and strong enough to be suitable for repeated use;
(3) Specifically designed to facilitate the carriage of goods by one or more modes of transport, without intermediate reloading;
(4) Designed for ready handling, particularly its transfer from one mode of transport to another;
(5) Designed to be easily filled and emptied; and
(6) Having an internal volume of 1 cubic meter (35.3 cubic feet) or more.

(d) Manufacturer. ‘‘Manufacturer’’ means an organization or person constructing containers or road vehicles for certification in accordance with this chapter.

(e) Prototype. ‘‘Prototype’’ means a sample unit of a series of identical containers or road vehicles all built, so far as practical, under the same conditions.

(f) Road vehicle. ‘‘Road Vehicle’’, as defined in Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), November 14, 1975 (TIAS), means not only any power-driven road vehicle but also any trailer or semi-trailer designed to be coupled to it.

(g) Customs and TIR/Container Plan. ‘‘Customs and TIR/Container Plan’’ means the designer’s drawing of a vehicle (for TIR purposes) or container (for TIR and Container Convention purposes) that illustrates each requirement in §§115.30, 115.40, 115.51, or 15.65, as appropriate to this part.

(h) The definitions in the subject Conventions shall be considered applicable to terms not specifically defined above.

§ 115.8 Certifying Authorities—Road Vehicles.

(a) General. Road vehicles may be approved individually or by design type.

(b) Individual approval. The Certifying Authority to whom a road vehicle is submitted for approval shall inspect such road vehicle produced in accordance with the general rules contained in Annex 3 of the TIR Convention, 1975.

(c) Design type approval. The Certifying Authority to whom a road vehicle is submitted for design type approval shall examine the drawings and detailed design specifications submitted with the application for approval. The Certifying Authority shall advise the applicant of any changes that must be made to the proposed design type in order that approval may be granted.

§ 115.9 Certifying Authorities—Containers.

(a) General. Containers may be approved individually or by design type.

(b) Individual approval. The Certifying Authority to whom a container is submitted for approval shall inspect such a container produced in accordance with the general rules contained in Annex 2 of the TIR Convention, 1975.

(c) Design type approval. The Certifying Authority to whom a container is submitted for design type approval shall examine the drawings and detailed design specifications submitted with the application for approval. The Certifying Authority shall advise the applicant of any changes that must be made to the proposed design type in order that approval may be granted.

§ 115.10 Certifying Authorities—Certification.

(a) Certification of containers. The Certifying Authority shall issue a certificate of conformity with the requirements of this chapter.

(b) Certification of road vehicles. The Certifying Authority shall issue a certificate of conformity with the requirements of this chapter.

§ 115.11 Certification of containers and road vehicles.

(a) General. Containers and road vehicles shall be certified in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Certification by designated certifying authorities. Containers and road vehicles shall be certified by the designated certifying authorities.

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