

AGREED MINUTES

of the Latvian – Hungarian Joint Committee meeting on International Road
Transport held in Riga, 29 – 30 May, 2019

The following agenda was agreed by the delegations:

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of foreign trade and road transport between Latvia and Hungary.
2. Transport of goods by road including third country permits quota for 2019 and preliminary quota for 2020.
3. International passenger transport.
4. Exchange of views regarding the proposals under the EU Mobility Package I, II and III.
5. Miscellaneous (control of road transport operations, road user charges, further development of the ECMT multilateral quota, ERRU, introduction of smart tachographs, etc.).

The composition of both delegations is annexed to the Agreed Minutes.

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of foreign trade and road transport between Latvia and Hungary

The two delegations exchanged statistical information concerning trade relations between the two countries and about the organization of the road transport sector in each of them. The Latvian delegation presented information on passenger and goods transport by road in Latvia, as well as information on international trade between Latvia and Hungary.

The Latvian side noted that during the year 2018 export volume expressed in euros (EUR) from Latvia to Hungary exceeded 61 mil EUR and compared to the previous year it has risen by 26%, while import from Hungary has reached 162.9 mil EUR thus increasing by 0.8%. Export volume expressed in tons has reached 62.5 thsd tons and in comparison with 2017 increased by 45.4%, while import volume amounted to 26.8 thsd tons showing decrease by 17%, yet remaining well behind the volume of export.

Total trade turnover expressed in EUR between both countries increased by 6.7%, totalling over 224 mil EUR during 2018. While total trade turnover expressed in tons increased by 18.6% and reached 89.4 thsd tons.

The main types of goods imported from Hungary include machinery, mechanical appliance, electrical equipment, products of the chemical or allied industries, vehicle etc.

Export from Latvia to Hungary includes machinery, mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, wood and articles of wood, products of the chemical or allied industries etc.

The Hungarian delegation also presented statistical data on international trade between Latvia and Hungary and noted major increase of trade volume of import to Hungary during the year 2018 both in terms of EUR and tonnage. The export from Hungary decreased in terms of tonnage, but shows a moderate increase in the same period.

The Hungarian delegation noted that their data on the trade exchange volume in EUR differ from the data presented by the Latvian side possibly due to different approaches for collection and processing of data. Regardless of the methodologies used for processing of collected data, both delegations noted positive trend of increase in the volume of trade.

The Latvian delegation gave information about the structure of their heavy goods vehicle fleet and noted that the number of licensed Latvian companies involved in international goods transport operations has grown by 5.9% in the year 2018 comparing to the previous year, reaching 4300 companies. The number of vehicles involved in international carriage of goods has reached 16038 units and has grown by 1.2% during the year 2018. Additionally, the Latvian delegation noted the increase of the number of vehicles corresponding to EURO VI and EURO V standard amounting to 64% of the entire fleet involved in the international operations.

The Hungarian delegation presented to the Latvian side information regarding the number of companies and vehicles involved in international carriage of goods as well as statistics on transport of goods and passengers by road.

Both sides expressed their hope that the trade turnover and the number of international goods transport operations between Latvia and Hungary will continue upward trend in future.

2. Transport of goods by road including third country permits quota for 2019 and preliminary quota for 2020

Both delegations noted that in the year 2019 two hundred (200) permits valid for third country transport operations have been exchanged.

The delegations exchanged information on the usage of permits within the period from January 2017 to the middle of May 2019.

In view of constantly increasing demand for Hungarian third country permits by the Latvian hauliers largely emerging from different interpretation of the term "bilateral carriage" and "third country carriage", the Latvian delegation asked to exchange additional 100 permits valid for third country transport operations for the year 2019 and to increase the preliminary quota totalling 300 permits for the year 2020. The Latvian delegation noted that in determination of the type of

carriage, CMR waybill should be regarded as the main document. The Hungarian delegation emphasized that the CMR waybill is the main document but not the only, because other documentation (for example invoice) can be used as proof for the type of carriage.

The Hungarian delegation declined the request pointing at the necessity of meeting the requirement of reciprocity. The Hungarian side also noted that Latvian hauliers can use ECMT licences instead of third country transport permits.

The Hungarian delegation agreed to discuss the matter concerning the notion "bilateral carriage" and "third country carriage" with their control bodies and to provide its standpoint in writing for the Latvian side within a month from the moment of signing these Agreed Minutes.

The Latvian delegation also asked the Hungarian side to clarify the requirements for filling in of the Hungarian third country goods transport permits, namely, columns 4.3., 4.4. and 4.5. The Hungarian delegation provided the following clarifications:

- in column 4.3 Permissible maximum load – payload shall be indicated and it shall be calculated on the basis of the registration documents of a vehicle;
- columns 4.4. and 4.5. (place of loading/place of unloading) shall remain blank in the event that an empty journey is performed.

The delegations agreed:

- to establish the final quota of permits for third country transport operations in the amount of 200 permits for the year 2019;
- to establish the preliminary quota of permits for third country transport operations in the amount of 200 permits for the year 2020.

All permits of the current year shall be valid till 31 January of the following year.

The delegations agreed that in case of necessity the Parties can return to a discussion concerning an additional number of permits and such requests will be examined in the spirit of goodwill.

3. International passenger transport

The delegations noted that there is one regular passenger line Riga - Sofia operated in transit through Hungary with the stop in Budapest.

The Latvian side gave information about the long-standing problem with opening of the regular passenger line Riga - Budapest, because none of Budapest bus terminals gives entering permission. The Hungarian side

undertook to examine this problem in detail and to provide information in writing within a month from signing of these Agreed Minutes.

The Latvian delegation informed the Hungarian side that the competent authority for regular bus permits as well as occasional passenger transport operations by bus is Latvian Road Transport Administration, address: 30 Valņu Street, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia, e-mail: daiga.ancane@atd.lv, phone: +37167686493.

The Hungarian delegation informed the Latvian side that the respective competent authority for regular bus permits as well as occasional passenger transport operations by bus is Ministry for Innovation and Technology, Department for Road Vehicles Proceedings address: 188 Váci road, Budapest, H-1138, Hungary phone: +36 1 5100101, e-mail: kjhf@nfm.gov.hu.

4. Exchange of views regarding the proposals under the EU Mobility Package I, II and III

The delegations exchanged views on the proposals related to the EU Mobility Package I, II, III, including the latest European Parliament proposals. Both delegations pointed out that the two countries have a common position on the above proposals and the joining of efforts should be continued to present this position to other EU Member States.

5. Miscellaneous (control of road transport operations, road user charges, further development of the ECMT multilateral quota, ERRU, introduction of smart tachographs, etc.)

The Latvian delegation provided the Hungarian delegation updated information on road charging in Latvia, including that the system is extended to goods vehicles with permissible total weight over 3.0 tons. The Latvian side noted that the vignette is electronic. It is possible purchasing of it by a fuel card, a credit card, by mobile phone or by internet. The carriers are able to purchase a day, a week, a month and a year vignette. An electronic database is used for control of the vignette system. The vignettes are issued taking into consideration ecological standards of the vehicles, number of axles, etc. A more detailed information is available at: www.lv vignette.eu.

The Hungarian delegation informed the Latvian side about the Hungarian e-toll and e-vignette systems. More detailed information is available at: www.hugo.hu and www.toll-charge.hu.

Functioning of the ECMT quota system was discussed and the positive impact on quality of road transport services among ECMT Member countries and development of environmentally friendly fleet was noted by both delegations.



The delegations exchanged information on functioning of the ERRU system in their countries as well as on infringement notifications and follow-up procedures via the system.

The delegations exchanged information on competent authorities and bodies in the field of road transport in both countries.

The Latvian side pointed out that road transport control functions inside the country are executed by the State Police, Central Public Order Police Department, Traffic Safety Department, Traffic Surveillance and Coordination Bureau, Road Transport Supervision Unit. (address: Ezermalas Street 10B, Riga, LV-1014, phone: +371 67208377; email: kanc@vp.gov.lv).

It was noted that special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Latvia are issued by the State Joint Stock company "Latvian State Roads" (address: Torna Street 7/9, Riga, LV-1050; phone/fax: +371 67036412; e-mail: atlaujas@lvceli.lv).

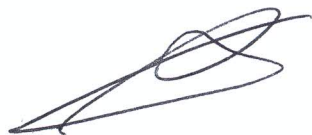
The Latvian delegation was informed that the main competent bodies performing control of road transport operations are the following: Ministry for Innovation and Technology, local transport authorities, Police, National Tax and Customs Administration.

The competent authority for providing information on obtaining permits for carriage of abnormal loads in the territory of Hungary is Magyar Közút Nonprofit Zrt. (Hungarian Public Road Nonprofit Pte Ltd Co.; <https://internet.kozut.hu/>).

The meeting was held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. Both delegations emphasized the usefulness of the meeting.

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