

AGREED MINUTES

of the Latvian – Kosovan Road Transport Experts meeting held in Riga, 24-25 April, 2019

The delegations agreed upon the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of trade and road transport in Latvia and Kosovo.
2. Drafting of the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on International Transport by Road and provisional measures for performing international goods transport operations.
3. Discussion on the Transport of Passengers.
4. Miscellaneous.

The composition of the two delegations is annexed to the Agreed Minutes (Annex 1).

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of trade and road transport in Latvia and Kosovo

Both delegations informed each other about trade relations between both countries and about the organization of the road transport sectors in each of them. The Latvian delegation presented statistics on goods transport by road in Latvia.

The Latvian delegation informed about the structure of the heavy goods vehicle fleet and noted that in 2018, in comparison with the previous year, the fleet involved in international carriage of goods increased by 1.2% and reached 16038 goods transport vehicles. The number of Latvian companies involved in international goods transport operations decreased by 5.9% and at the end of the year there were 4300 such companies. The distribution of the fleet by emission standards involved in the international road transport operations generally is distributed in two groups: EURO IV and less polluting vehicles constitute 70% but vehicles with emission standard EURO 0 - EURO III constitute 30%.

The Kosovan delegation informed that in its country there are registered approximately 300 international goods transport companies by road having at their disposal about 800 goods transport vehicles with emission standard EURO IV and higher.



2. Drafting of the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on International Transport by Road and provisional measures for performing international goods transport operations

Both delegations expressed their hope that international road transport operations between Latvia and Kosovo will develop after signing of the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on International Transport by Road (hereinafter – the Agreement).

It was noted that before the negotiations the draft versions of the text of the Agreement were exchanged by correspondence. The delegations agreed to examine the draft texts article by article and the initialled version of the draft Agreement in the English language is annexed to these Agreed Minutes (see Annex 2).

In order to facilitate international road transport operations between Latvia and Kosovo, the delegations agreed to apply the provisions of the initialled Agreement and to exchange permits for international goods transport already in the year 2019.

The delegations agreed on the following quota of goods transport permits to be exchanged annually and applied up to the date of signing of the Agreement:

- 50 permits valid for bilateral transport operations and transport operations to/from the third countries.

The delegations also agreed to liberalize transit transport operations.

The permits issued for the current year will be valid till 31 January of the following year.

The delegations agreed to exchange the above number of permits before 1 July 2019 by post stipulating that the exchanged permits will be valid as from 15 July 2019. As to annual exchange of permits the procedure shall be finalized by 15 December of a particular year.

Both sides expressed their intention to finalize all the relevant national procedures for preparing of the Agreement to be signed as soon as possible.

3. Discussion on the Transport of Passengers

Both delegations discussed issues concerning transport of passengers and exchanged information on competent authorities in their countries.

The Latvian delegation informed that the competent authority for regular bus permits as well as occasional passenger transport operations by bus is Latvian



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The Kosovan delegation informed that the respective competent authority for regular bus permits as well as occasional passenger transport operations is the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, square "Nene Tereza", ex Germia building, 10000 Prishtina, Kosovo, phone: +3833820028597, e-mail: xheme.veseli@rks-gov.net.

Both delegations exchanged information on operation of bus terminals and organization of public transport.

4. Miscellaneous

The Latvian delegation provided to the Kosovan 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 vignettes. 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 Latvian delegation pointed out that road transport control functions inside the country are executed by the State Police, 89 Stabu Street, Riga, LV-1009, Latvia; Phone: +371 67208377; fax: +371 67274789; email: kanc@vp.gov.lv.

The Kosovan delegation informed that road transport control is performed by Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport www.mit-ks.net and Police of Kosovo www.kosovopolice.com.

It was noted that special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Latvia are issued by the State joint – stock company "Latvian State Roads", 3 Gogola Street, Riga, LV – 1743; phone/fax: +371 67036412; email: lvceli@lvceli.lv.

The Kosovan delegation informed that special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Kosovo are issued by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, square "Nene Tereza", ex Germia building, 10000 Prishtina, Kosovo, phone: +3833820028597, e-mail: xheme.veseli@rks-gov.net.

The Latvian delegation provided a sample of Latvian international goods transport permit and explained the main rules for filling-in the mentioned document.

The Kosovan delegation is going to send samples of Kosovan documents to be used when performing international transport operations by road at a later stage.



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

Done in Riga, on 25 April, 2019, in two originals in English language.

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