

AGREED MINUTES

of the Latvian - Armenian Joint Committee meeting on International Road
Transport held in Riga, 9th – 10th July, 2015

The following agenda was agreed by the delegations:

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of trade and road transport between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Armenia.
2. Transport of goods by road and establishment of the quota of international road transport permits for the year 2015 and preliminary for 2016.
3. International passenger transport.
4. Miscellaneous (road user charges, digital tachograph issues, etc.).

The composition of both delegations is annexed to the protocol (Annex 1).

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of trade and road transport between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Armenia.

The 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 information on passenger and goods transport by road in Latvia, as well as information on international trade between Latvia and Armenia.

The Latvian side noted that during the year 2014 export volume to Armenia was about 3.1 mln EUR and in comparison with the previous year it increased by 38.3%. As to import from Armenia, it reached 1.9 mln EUR and increased by 102.5% in comparison with the previous year. Conversely in tons export volume in comparison with 2013 increased by 42.2% and reached 724 tons, but import volume increased by 81.8% and reached 408 tons.

Total trade turnover in EUR between both countries during 2014 increased by 57.1% and constituted almost 5 mln EUR. At the same time trade turnover in tons increased by 54.2%.

The Latvian side informed that main types of goods imported from Armenia are prepared foodstuffs (65.2%), base metals and articles of base metal (28.6.1%). Main types of goods exported to Armenia are prepared foodstuffs (33.2%),



products of the chemical or allied industries (25.6%) as well as machinery and mechanical appliances and electrical equipment (18.6%).

The Armenian delegations noted that their statistical data about annual international trade turnover volumes are reflecting the same volumes and tendencies.

The Latvian delegation informed about the structure of the heavy goods vehicle fleet and noted that in 2014, in comparison with the previous year, the fleet involved in international carriage of goods has decreased by 1,4% and reached 14309 units. The number of Latvian companies involved in international goods transport operations decrease by 3.5% and at the end of the year there were 3949 such companies.

The Armenian delegation informed that there is licensing system neither for access to goods nor for passenger transport business. There are around 800 units of goods vehicles involved in international transport operations.

Both sides expressed hope that the trade turnover and the number of international goods transport operations between Latvia and Armenia will increase in the nearest future.

2. Transport of goods by road and establishment of the quota of international road transport permits for the year 2015 and preliminary for 2016.

The delegations agreed that universal permits for bilateral, transit and third country operations exchanged by the competent authorities of both countries are in compliance with point 1 and point 2 of Article 8 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Armenia on international transport by road (further – Agreement).

It was noted that in 2015 the countries have exchanged 50 permits valid for bilateral, transit and third country transport operations. The usage of this type of permits in 2014 and the current year was analysed by the delegations.

Taking into consideration the increase in trade volume between the countries and dynamics of the usage of permits the Latvian side proposed in the year 2015 to exchange 30 additional permits that are valid for bilateral, transit and third country transport operations and to establish the preliminary quota for the year 2016 in amount of 100 permits valid for bilateral, transit and third country goods transport operations.

The Armenian side promised to analyse these proposals and to provide its decision in a written form within a month.



The sides agreed that any demand for additional permits will be dealt within the framework of good intentions.

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

The Armenian delegation noted that according to its national legislation it is possible to perform international transport operations without an Armenian permit and in this case paying road charge as described in point 4 of these Agreed Minutes.

3. International passenger transport.

The Latvian delegation informed that as from 30 September 2011 the competent authority for regular bus permits is the Latvian Road Transport Administration, Valnu street 30, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia, e-mail: daiga.ancane@atd.lv, phone: +37167686493, fax: +37167686490.

The Armenian delegation informed that the competent authority for regular international bus service is: Ministry of Transport and Communication, Transport Department, 28 Nalbandyan street, Yerevan 0010, Armenia, e-mail: davit.melkonyan@mtc.am , phone: +374 10 590104.

Both sides agreed to facilitate opening of regular passenger service between the countries.

The delegations agreed that with reference to point 3 of Article 7 of the Agreement when performing occasional passenger transport operations between both countries Latvian carriers shall use an INTERBUS passenger waybill and Armenian carriers shall present a signed and stamped list of passengers.

Both sides agreed to exchange 10 permits for occasional passenger services to be used within the year 2016 in cases falling under point 5 of Article 7 of the Agreement.

4. Miscellaneous (road user charges, digital tachograph issues, etc.).

Upon the request of the Latvian delegation the Armenian delegation informed about changes in their legislation and economic activities after becoming a member of the Eurasian Economic Union.

The Latvian delegation informed that in accordance with Directive 2006/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures starting as from July 1, 2014 Latvia introduced road vignette for trucks with permissible total weight over 3.5 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 via internet: www.lv vignette.eu. 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 is issued taking into consideration ecological standards of the vehicles, number of axles, etc.

The Armenian delegation pointed out that according to the Armenian Law on Road User Charges a foreign carrier has to pay a road charge when entering the territory of Armenia. The amount of the charge depends on the total permissible weight and number of axles. The average rate of the mentioned charge for a heavy goods vehicle is approximately 200 EUR, if not otherwise specified at bilateral agreements or national legal acts. More detailed information is available at the following link:

<http://parliament.am/legislation.php?sel=show&ID=1821&lang=rus>

The Latvian delegation informed that since Latvia joined the Schengen Agreement on 21st December, 2007 at the internal borders of Latvia with Lithuania and Estonia control authorities has been removed and, therefore, foreign drivers, when crossing the Latvian – EU internal border and performing transport operations for which the Latvian permits for international carriage of goods or occasional carriage of passengers are needed, should mark themselves in the column of a permit “date and stamp of the customs or border control authority” the place and date of border crossing. Without such records a permit is regarded as not valid.

Upon the request of the Latvian delegation, the Armenian delegation provided information regarding the implementation of Digital Tachograph system and possibilities to exchange information on issued digital tachograph driver cards.

The contact address concerning issued cards:

- in Latvia - Road Transport Administration, Valnu Street 30, LV-1050, Riga, Latvia, e-mail: atd@atd.lv, phone: +37167686462, fax: +37167686490
- in Armenia - Ministry of Transport and Communication, Transport Department, 28 Nalbandyan street, Yerevan 0010, Armenia, e-mail: ruben.ordanyan@mtc.am, phone: +374 10 590109.

Upon the request of the Latvian side the Armenian delegation informed about organization and the Law on transportation of dangerous goods. It was stressed that Armenia is at the final stage of joining the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road.

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

Haulage Supervision Unit. (address: Stabu street 89, Riga, LV–1009, Latvia; Phone: +371 67208377; fax: +371 67274789; email: kanceleja.cpp@vp.gov.lv).

The Armenian delegation informed that the competent institution performing control of road transport operations is Ministry of Transport and Communication, Transport Inspectorate 28 Nalbandyan street, Yerevan 0010, Armenia, e-mail: info@mtc.am , phone: +374 10 590144.

Under point 2 of Article 14 of the Agreement the competent authorities issuing special permits in cases when weight and dimensions of a vehicle exceed maximum permissible limits are:

- in Latvia - the State Joint – Stock company “Latvian State Roads”, address: Gogola street 3, Riga, LV–1743; phone/fax: +371 67036412; email: kadikis@lvceli.lv and lvceli@lvceli.lv;
- in Armenia - Ministry of Transport and Communication, “Armenian Roads Directorate” SNCO, 28 Nalbandyan street, Yerevan 0010, Armenia, e-mail: martin_kh@mail.ru, phone: +374 94 900524.

Both sides agreed to inform each other in a due time regarding any changes in their national legislation in the field of international road transport.

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

The Armenian delegation invited the Latvian delegation for the next Joint Committee meeting to Armenia in the year 2016. The exact dates of the meeting will be additionally agreed upon by correspondence.

Done at Riga, on 10th July, 2015 in two originals in the English language.

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