

PROTOCOL
OF
THE MEETING BETWEEN DELEGATIONS FROM
THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
ON
INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT

HELD IN TIRANA, ON OCTOBER 19 - 20, 2005

The delegations representing the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Albania met on 19 - 20 October 2005, in Tirana, at the premises of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication of the Republic of Albania, in order to initiate the co-operation framework between the two countries in the field of International Transport by Road.

The list of the two delegations is attached as Annex A.

The two delegations reached the following understandings:

The two Parties have initialled the text proposed by the Latvian Party on the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of the Ministers of the Republic of Albania on the International Transport by Road, which is attached as Annex B.

Both Parties agreed to start transport operations under the provisions of this draft - Agreement starting from January 1st, 2006.

Each delegation undertook to do their utmost in order to prepare the Agreement for signing, in accordance with their respective national legislation, within the shortest time possible.

The Albanian Party proposed to the Latvian Party to remove permits for bilateral and transit transport. The Latvian Party took notice of this request and agreed to remove permits for transit transport. Whereas, for the permits of bilateral transport, agreed to treat this issue at the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

Both Parties agreed to exchange 70 permits per year for bilateral transport and 30 permits for the third countries. Both Parties agreed that third countries permits are also valid for bilateral transport operations. These permits will be valid until 31 January of the following year. The exchange of permits for the year 2006 will take place until December 15th, 2005.

Both Parties informed each other that the responsible institutions that issue special permits, if weights and dimensions of vehicles exceed the maximum permissible limits, are:

For the Republic of Latvia - Latvian State Road,
Tel.: +371 7028169; Fax.: +371 70 28 171.
For the Republic of Albania - General Directorate of Roads,
Tel./Fax. +355 4 223600;

Permits for occasional services are issued in compliance with the Interbus Agreement by:

For the Republic of Latvia – The Ministry of Transport
Tel.: +371 7028302; Fax: +371 70 28 304.

For the Republic of Albania – The Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication
Tel./Fax.: +355 4 258318;

Both Parties agreed to mention in the Agreement the occasional services as defined below:

*“Article 7
Occasional Services*

While carrying out occasional services, carriers who are registered in the territories of either Contracting Parties must comply with the provisions of the Interbus Agreement.”

Both Parties stated that no passenger transport between the two countries is performed at this moment.

Both Parties agreed to define the concepts of place of departure and destination on shuttle services, at the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

Both Parties exchange information on the number of operators that carry out national and international transport by road of goods and passengers in their respective countries.

The Latvian Party invited the Albanian Party to hold the next meeting on International Road Transport in Latvia.

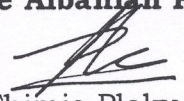
The negotiations were held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere with mutual understanding.

Done, on 20 October 2005, in Tirana, in two originals in the English language.

For the Latvian Party


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