

PROTOCOL
of the Latvian-Turkish
Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport

The Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport was held between the delegations of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Turkey in Ankara on 3rd-4th of October 2017 for developing of further cooperation in road transport between the two countries.

The delegations have agreed on the following agenda:

1. Exchange of statistical information
2. Transport of goods
3. Miscellaneous

The Members of both delegations are listed in the Appendix.

1. Exchange of statistical information

The delegations exchanged views and statistical information regarding the trade and current situation of road transport between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Latvia and confirmed their satisfaction that the foreign trade and accordingly the road transport operations showed increase. The delegations expressed their sincere belief that trade will further develop in the future.

The delegations presented the information related to the organization of road transport operations and the statistical data concerning the structure of the fleet being at the disposal of carriers of both countries as well as concerning the latest developments in the legal regulation of the road transport sector.

Both delegations also exchanged their views on the middle and north corridors of the Euro-Asian road transport links, for the transport operations to the Central Asian and Far East countries.

2. Transport of goods

The Turkish delegation asked the approach of the Latvian side on amendment of the existing bilateral agreement as regards liberalization of bilateral and transit road transport operations between two countries. Turkish side also expressed that both countries already initialized a draft agreement for that purpose and added that she is ready to liberalize bilateral and transit operations except unloaded entry and third country operations.

The Latvian delegation welcomed this proposal and asked the Turkish side to include the unloading entry transport operations to this liberalization. Turkish side, as a reply, said that this can not be possible at this stage since a big part of the international transport operations carried out to/from Turkey is performed by foreign hauliers.

After discussions, both delegations agreed to liberalize the bilateral and transit transport operations (except unloading entry/third country operations). Turkish side will send a draft for amending the existing bilateral agreement on road transport to the Latvian side via diplomatic channels within one month period. Delegations agreed to end the evaluation procedures for



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this draft by the end of the first quarter of 2018, intended to be initialized in the next Joint Committee meeting that is foreseen to be held in April 2018.

As for as the exchange of quota is concerned, the Latvian delegation asked additional 200 permits for unloaded entry, bilateral, transit and third country transport operations.

After discussions, delegations agreed that the Latvian side will deliver 200 additional permits for bilateral and transit operations for the Turkish hauliers, and the Turkish side will deliver 25 additional permits for unloaded entry, bilateral, transit and third country transport operations to the Latvian side, valid for the year 2017. The additional permits will be exchanged until 20th of October, via diplomatic channels.

The delegations agreed to set the preliminary quota of international goods transport permits for the year 2018 as follows:

- 900 permits for bilateral and transit goods transport operations;
- 450 permits for unloaded entry, bilateral, transit and third country transport operations.

The delegations agreed that any demand for additional permits during the course of the year will be considered within the framework of good intentions.

The delegations decided that all the permits shall be valid until 31st January of the following year.

3. Miscellaneous

The Latvian delegation gave information about the time-based road user charges (vignette) in Latvia, introduced as of 1st January 2017 with some amendments in the existing system. The Turkish side informed that she also introduced the same charges for the Latvian hauliers, on the basis of reciprocity.

The delegations exchanged also their views on the matters of UNECE Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1), ECMT Multilateral Quota system and the smart tachograph.

The meeting took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere and both delegations expressed their satisfaction over the results.

The Latvian delegation invited the Turkish delegation to Latvia for the next Joint Committee Meeting intended to be held in April 2018. The Turkish delegation accepted the invitation with pleasure. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined via diplomatic channels.

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