

AGREED MINUTES

of the Latvian – Bosnian and Herzegovinian Transport Experts meeting held in Riga, 2nd -3rd June, 2011

The delegations agreed upon the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of road transport and trade between Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina;
2. Draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on International Transport by Road;
3. Quota of goods transport permits for 2011 and preliminary for 2012
4. Miscellaneous.

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

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of road transport and trade between Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

The delegations informed each other about trade relations between both the countries and organization of road transport sector in their countries. The Latvian delegation presented the information on passenger and goods transport by road in Latvia as well as information on international trade between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Latvia. The Latvian side noted that export to Bosnia and Herzegovina exceeds import to Latvia.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina noted that their statistical data differ but tendency of development is similar.

The delegations exchanged information on the structure of road transport industry and the legal preconditions for access to the road transport market in both the countries.

Both the delegations expressed their hope that international road transport operations between Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina will develop after the signing of the bilateral Agreement.

2. Draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on International Transport by Road

The Latvian side noted that the draft of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on International Transport by Road first time was discussed in the year 2001.

Both delegations noted that before negotiations the draft texts of the Agreement with insignificant amendments were exchanged by correspondence and agreed that the new version could be taken as the basis for drafting of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on International Transport by Road. The delegations discussed the draft of the Agreement article by article and agreed on the final version of the draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on International Transport by Road (Annex 2).

In order to meet the national legal requirements both the sides will coordinate the draft of the Agreement with their relevant competent authorities of their countries and by correspondence will inform each other about future steps for preparing of the Agreement for signing.

3. Quota of goods transport permits for 2011 and preliminary for 2012

The Latvian delegation informed that for the year 2011 Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina have exchanged the following number of international goods transport permits:

- 150 permits valid for bilateral and transit transport operations by road;
- 50 permits valid for third country transport operations by road.

The Latvian delegation noted that at the first meeting of both sides in Sarajevo at the year 2001 it was agreed that permits for the road transport operations to/from third countries will be valid also for the bilateral and transit transport operations.

Taking into account principles of the agreed draft of the Agreement the Latvian delegation proposed liberalizing of transit transport operations starting as from the first of July 2011.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation accepted the Latvian proposal and proposed to consider also liberalization of the bilateral transport operations. The

Latvian delegation suggested discussing this issue after signing of the Agreement.

Both delegations agreed that starting from the year 2012 third country transport permits will be valid also for bilateral transport operations.

After having discussed the proposals regarding number of permits for international goods transport operations in the year 2012 the delegations agreed to establish the following quota of permits:

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

Delegations noted that in case of necessity additional permits may be exchanged upon request by either party. The permits of current year will be valid till the 31 January next year. Permits for the next year will be exchanged till the 15th December current year.

4. Miscellaneous.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation informed about implementation of the digital tachograph and noted that the national legislation of their country is harmonized with the EU legislation.

Both the delegations exchanged opinions concerning organization of public transport in their countries.

The Latvian delegation informed that in accordance with the 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 Latvia was planning to introduce road vignette for trucks with permissible total weight over 3,5 tons starting from this year. Taking into account global economical situation it has been decided to delay introduction road vignette till first of January 2014. Latvian side noted that the vignette will be electronic. It is planned to organize purchasing of it by a fuel card, a credit card, by mobile phone or by internet. It is foreseen that the payment will be fixed in the amount of 11 EUR per day and applied only on main roads. The carriers will be able to purchase a day, a week, a month and a year vignettes. An electronic database will be used for control of the vignette system. The vignettes will be issued taking into consideration ecological standards of the vehicles, number of axles etc. The Latvian side will provide detailed information concerning this matter before the introduction of the vignette system.



Both the delegations informed each other about international agreements and conventions they are parties to.

Latvian side informed that starting as from the first April of this year road transport control functions are executed by the Traffic Control Bureau of the Prevention Department of the State Police Central Public Order Police Department (address: Stabu street 89, Riga, LV – 1009, Latvia; Phone: +371 67208108; fax: +371 67274789; email: inta.lujane@cpp.vp.gov.lv).

Special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Latvia are issued by 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).

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation will provide detailed information concerning special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation proposed to organize the next meeting on international road transport in Sarajevo in 2012. The exact time of which will be agreed by correspondence.

Done in Riga, on 3rd June 2011, in two originals in the English language.

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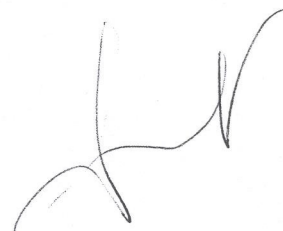
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