

## AGREED MINUTES

of the Latvian – Bosnian and Herzegovinian Joint Committee meeting on  
International Road Transport held in Riga, 26 – 27 February, 2019

The following agenda was agreed by the delegations:

1. Exchange of information regarding the development of trade and road transport between Latvia and Bosnia Herzegovina.
2. Transport of goods by road, including establishment of the road transport permit quota for 2019 and preliminary for 2020.
3. International passenger transport, including INTERBUS agreement and passenger rights in bus transport.
4. Exchange of information on the development of road transport and the harmonization of national legislation with the European law and the Quality Charter as well as exchange of views concerning further development of the ECMT quota system.
5. Miscellaneous.

The composition of both delegations is annexed to the Agreed Minutes (Annex1).

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

The two delegations exchanged statistical information concerning trade relations between the two 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Latvian side noted that during the year 2018 export volume from Latvia to Bosnia and Herzegovina in terms of money exceeded 3 mil EUROS, and compared to the previous year it has risen by 1.3%, while import from Bosnia and Herzegovina has reached 726.3 thousand EUR thus increasing by 35.5%. Export volume expressed in tons in comparison with 2017 declined by 15.2%, while import volume amounted to 194 tons showing growth by 14.6%, yet remaining well behind the volume of export both in terms of money and tonnage.

Total trade turnover expressed in EUR between both countries increased by 6.6%, totalling over 3.7 mil EUR during 2018. While total trade turnover expressed in tons declined by close to 14%.

In regard to the entire period from the previous Latvian and Bosnian and Herzegovinian Joint Committee meeting held in 2014, export cargo turnover in terms of tons has increased by 37%, while import cargo turnover has grown in terms of money reaching as much as 163% growth.

The main types of goods imported from Bosnia and Herzegovina include machinery, mechanical appliance, electrical equipment, base metals, timber, toys, footwear, inorganic chemicals etc.

Export from Latvia to Bosnia and Herzegovina includes glass and glassware, machinery, mechanical appliances, live animals, beverages and alcoholic drinks etc.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation also noted major increase of trade volume between the two countries during the reference period from 2013 thru 2018. According to the statistical data volume between the two countries show that the volume of goods exchange has grown 4 times in terms of tons and 3 times if expressed in terms of money.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation noted that their data on the trade exchange volume differ from the data presented by the Latvian side possibly due to different approaches for collection and processing of data. Regardless of the methodologies used for processing of collected data, both delegations noted positive trend of increase in the volume of trade development.

The Latvian delegation informed about the structure of their heavy goods vehicle fleet and noted that the number of licensed Latvian companies involved in international goods transport operations has grown by 6% in the year 2018 comparing to the previous year, reaching 4300 companies. The number of vehicles involved in international carriage of goods has reached 16038 units. Additionally, the Latvian delegation noted the increase of the number of vehicles corresponding to EURO VI and EURO V standard amounting to 64% of the entire fleet involved in the international operations.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation introduced to the Latvian side website of the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina [www.transportnedozvole.gov.ba](http://www.transportnedozvole.gov.ba) having an open access for the public to an extensive information regarding companies involved in international and domestic carriage of goods, good repute, ECMT licence holders, as well as statistics on transport of goods and passengers.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation also noted that 64% of heavy goods vehicles correspond to EURO V standard and about 35% - EURO VI standard.

Both sides signified their satisfaction in the positive development of trade between the two countries and expressed hope that the trade turnover and the number of international goods transport operations between Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue upward trend in future.



## **2. Transport of goods by road, including establishment of the quota for 2019 and preliminary for 2020**

Both delegations noted that in the year 2019 one hundred (100) permits valid for the bilateral and third country transport operations have been exchanged.

The delegations exchanged information on the usage of permits within the period 2016 - 2018.

Referring to the item 3 of the Agreed Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting on International Road Transport between the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Latvia held in Sarajevo on 20 – 21 March 2014 the Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation reiterated its proposal to abolish permit regime for bilateral transport operations. After discussions and taking into account the positive development of trade between the two countries, as well as the underlying ambition of the two delegations to facilitate carriage of goods by road between Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the delegations agreed:

- to liberalize bilateral transport operations as from 1 January, 2020;
- to establish the preliminary quota of permits for third country transport operations in amount of 100 permits for the year 2020.

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

The delegations agreed that in case of necessity any of the Parties can request an additional number of permits and such requests will be examined in the spirit of goodwill.

On the request of the Latvian delegation, the Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation clarified certain requirements for filling out Bosnian and Herzegovinian permits and noted that only a licence plate number of a tractor unit of a vehicle as well as the payload of the vehicle used for the carriage shall be indicated in the respective boxes of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian road carriage permits.

## **3. International passenger transport, including INTERBUS agreement and passenger rights in bus transport**

The proposed amendments to the INTERBUS agreement were discussed covering organization of regular passenger transport operations by coach and bus as well as bus passenger rights as set out at Regulation No 181/2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport. The Bosnian and

Herzegovinian delegation informed that it is planned to accede to the additional Protocol amending the INTERBUS agreement in April this year.

The Latvian delegation informed that the competent authority for regular bus permits as well as occasional passenger transport operations by bus is Latvian Road Transport Administration, 30 Valņu Street, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia, e-mail: [daiga.ancane@atd.lv](mailto:daiga.ancane@atd.lv), phone: +37167686493.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation informed that the respective competent authority for regular bus permits as well as occasional passenger transport operations is the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zgrada prijateljstva između Grčke i Bosne i Hercegovine Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the designated person Miroslav Derić, expert adviser for international cooperation, phone: + 387 33 704 551, e-mail: [miroslav.djeric@mkt.gov.ba](mailto:miroslav.djeric@mkt.gov.ba).

#### **4. Exchange of information on the development of road transport and the harmonization of national legislation with the European law and the Quality Charter as well as exchange of views concerning further development of the ECMT quota system**

It was noted that in October 2018 Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted the official letter to the International Transport Forum stating their full compliance with the provisions of the Quality Charter for the international haulage under the ECMT Multilateral Quota.

The possibilities of further development of the ECMT quota system were discussed, pointing out that the main problem is the territorial restrictions maintained by some ECMT Member countries. Both delegations agreed to make any possible efforts in developing the ECMT Quota in the future.

Upon request of the Latvian delegation the Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation informed on the process of harmonization of Bosnian and Herzegovinian national legislation with that of the *acquis communautaire* under the framework of negotiations of accession to the EU.

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

The Latvian delegation provided the Bosnian and Herzegovinian 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.lvzvignette.eu](http://www.lvzvignette.eu).

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation informed that Bosnia and Herzegovina has no road vignette system, however there are toll roads. A more detailed information is available at: <http://www.jpautoceste.ba/en/toll/#> and <https://www.autoputevirs.com>.

The delegations exchanged information on competent authorities and bodies in the field of road transport in both countries.

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 Transport Supervision Unit. (address: Ezermalas Street 10B, Riga, LV-1014, phone: +371 67208377; email: [kanceleja.cpp@vp.gov.lv](mailto:kanceleja.cpp@vp.gov.lv)).

It was noted that special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Latvia are issued by the State Joint Stock company "Latvian State Roads" (address: Torna Street 7/9, Riga, LV-1050; phone/fax: +371 67036412; e-mail: [atlaujas@lvceli.lv](mailto:atlaujas@lvceli.lv)).

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation informed about the competent institutions performing control of road transport operations, namely, Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inspectorate and Police.

The competent authority for providing information on obtaining permits for carriage of abnormal loads in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trg BH 1, 71000 Sarajevo, [www.mkt.gov.ba](http://www.mkt.gov.ba).

Upon the request of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation to provide information on the requirements for international shipments of general waste by road in Latvia it was noted that such type of shipments should be carried out in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste having on the board of a vehicle the contract referred to in Annex VII of the mentioned Regulation between the person who arranges the shipment and the consignee for recovery of the waste.

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

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian delegation invited the Latvian delegation for the next Joint Committee meeting to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The exact dates of the meeting will be additionally agreed upon by correspondence.

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