

AGREED MINUTES

- **from the first meeting of the Joint Commission for International Road Transport**
between the delegations of
Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Latvia
held in Sarajevo, 20.-21. March, 2014

The delegations agreed upon the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information concerning trade between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Latvia and the development of road transport in both countries.
2. Transport of passengers.
3. Transport of goods and negotiations to agree on the final quota of permits for 2014 and preliminary quota for 2015.
4. Miscellaneous.

The composition of both delegations is annexed to this Agreed Minutes.

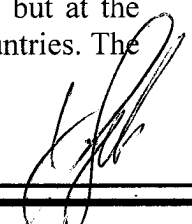
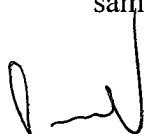
1. Exchange of information concerning trade between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Latvia and the development of road transport in both countries

At the beginning of the meeting the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed Latvian delegation that since early January 2014 the Agreement on International Road Transport between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Government of the Republic of Latvia has become effective in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The two delegations exchanged statistical information on the volume of trade exchange between the two countries. The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina presented the other side with the brochure containing the data on trade exchange between the two countries for the period 2009-2013. The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina noted that the volume of trade exchange in 2013 increased in comparison to 2012, and it almost reached the level of trade exchange from the critical 2011.

The Latvian delegation informed the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the volume of trade exchange between Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and presented the booklet on the number of licenced carriers and vehicles which have EU licence to perform domestic and international transport of goods, as well as the data on the number of carriers per vehicles they own.

The two delegations noted that their data on the trade exchange volume partly differ which may be ascribed to different methodologies used for processing of collected data, but at the same time they show the equal tendency of development trade between the two countries. The



two delegations noted that the trend of increase in the level of trade exchange volume is evident.

The Latvian delegation asked for information on regulations applying in the area of access to market, registration of carriers, the number of registered carriers, etc. The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed Latvian delegation that the EU „Road Package“ has been implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the area of transport, regulating the area of access to market, registration of carriers, etc. A BiH carrier must be licenced in order to perform international transport of goods.

In total, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the day of this meeting, there are 1464 licenced carriers, out of which 1261 are freight carriers and 203 passenger carriers. Bosnia and Herzegovina has in total 11158 vehicles, 5217 tractor units and 4943 trailers, and 998 buses. Bosnia and Herzegovina has 7065 licenced drivers.

The Latvian delegation informed Bosnian delegation that starting from March 21 2014 the Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Government of the Republic of Latvia comes into force in the territory of Latvia.

The Latvian delegation asked information on the manner of issuing ECMT licences and individual bilateral licences that are exchanged with other countries. The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed the Latvian delegation on the manner of distribution of ECMT licences and individual bilateral licences for transport of goods, and on the applicable administrative fee rate (charged for submission of application) as well as the ECMT licence and individual bilateral licence issuance fee.

2. Transport of passengers

The delegations noted that currently there are no registered regular bus lines for international transport of passengers between the two countries. It has been mutually agreed that both countries should continue with efforts to facilitate for their carriers to perform the transport of passengers between the two countries.

The Latvian delegation informed that as from September 30, 2011 the competent authority to issue 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 two delegations noted that occasional transport of passengers shall be performed in accordance to the provisions of INTERBUS Agreement and it has been already performed by the carriers of both countries.

Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed the Latvian delegation that the competent authority to issue authorisations for international passengers transport in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1, Sarajevo, e-mail: transport@mkt.gov.ba, phone: + 387 33 707 610, fax: + 387 33 707 694.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina asked information on the possibility of introducing stop points in a country other than Latvia or Bosnia and Herzegovina which is located along

the regular bus line between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Latvia. The Latvian delegation replied that from Latvian side there were no obstacles to introducing such stop points and it should be done in accordance with relevant agreements with countries in which such stops are planned.

3. Transport of goods and negotiations to agree on the final quota of permits for 2014 and preliminary quota for 2015

It has been noted that under the Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on the International Road Transport transit transport is not subject to the regime of permit requirements.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina proposed that the bilateral transport between the two countries should be exempted from the regime of permit requirements, and, if need may be, either side may reintroduce the regime of permit requirements. In that case it has been suggested that only regime of permits to/from third countries should be applied.

Both the delegations exchanged information on the usage of road transport permits in 2012 and 2013.

After some discussion, the delegations agreed to establish the following final quota of permits for 2014 which were already exchanged:

- 150 permits valid for bilateral transport
- 50 permits valid for bilateral transport and transport to/from third countries.

The delegations agreed that in case of necessity additional permits may be exchanged upon request by either party.

All the permits issued for the current year will be valid till January 31 of the following year.

On the basis of number of used permits in the previous two years the delegations agreed on the following preliminary quota of permits for the year 2015:

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

Delegations also agreed to consider the possibility of liberalization of bilateral transport operations between the two countries at the following meeting of the Joint Commission.

4. Miscellaneous

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 Latvia is going to introduce road vignette for trucks with permissible total weight over 3.5 tons starting as from July 1, 2014. The Latvian delegation noted that the vignette will be electronic. It is foreseen to organize purchasing of it by a fuel card, a credit card, by mobile phone or internet. It is planned 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, week, a month and a year wignettes. 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 delegation will provide detailed information concerning this matter before introduction of the vignette system.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina stated that, at the moment, foreign carriers are not subject to payment of road user charges in Bosnia and Herzegovina. However, a regulation under which the carriers of the countries in which BIH carriers are not exempted from payment of concerned charges shall be required to pay such charges is under preparation now.

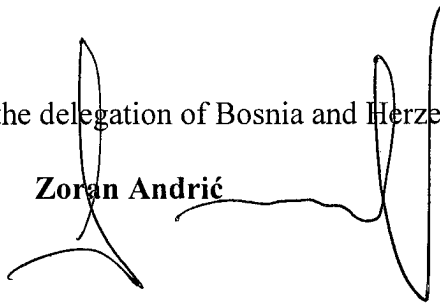
The Latvian delegation informed that starting as from April 1, 2011 road transport control functions are executed by the Road Haulage Supervision Unit of Traffic Surveillance and Coordination Bureau of Traffic Safety Department of State Police Central Public Order Police Department (address: Stabu street 89, Riga, LV-1009, Latvia, phone: + 37167208377, fax: + 371 67274789, e-mail: kanceleja.cpp@vp.gov.lv).

The meeting was held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. The Latvian delegation has invited the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the next meeting to be held in Riga in 2015. The exact time of the meeting will be agreed by correspondence.

Done in Sarajevo, March 21, 2014 in two originals in the English language.


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