

PROTOCOL

of the Meeting of the Joint Committee on International Road Transport between the Republic of Latvia and the Slovak Republic

Bratislava, 29 – 30 June 2006

Meeting of the Latvian – Slovak Joint Committee on International Road Transport, established in accordance with the bilateral Governmental Agreement of 2001, took place in Bratislava on 29 – 30 June 2006 with the aim to discuss issues concerning performance of international transport of goods and passengers by road between Latvia and Slovakia, application and changes of national legislation as well as application of Resolution and Directives of the European Union.

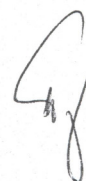
List of participants of the meeting is attached to the Protocol.

Members of the two delegations agreed upon the following agenda:

1. Discussions on development of trade relations on road transport between the Republic of Latvia and the Slovak Republic
2. Goods transport - Cabotage
3. Passenger transport
4. Miscellaneous.

1. Discussions on development of trade relations on road transport between the Republic of Latvia and the Slovak Republic

Both delegations exchanged information on statistical data concerning the development of trade relations between Latvia and Slovakia. It was concluded that mutual turnover has steadily increasing tendency. Significantly increased especially export of goods from the Slovak Republic to the Republic of Latvia which in 2005 reached 67,045 million USD (according to the information of the Ministry of Economy of the SR). Competitiveness of Slovak enterprises on Latvian market was thus proved.



The Latvian delegation presented detailed review of development in the field of international and national goods transport operations in Latvia, distribution of international and national road carriers by number of goods vehicles and compliance of international goods vehicles holding Community authorizations with ecological standards.

Both delegations stated with satisfaction that carriers of both states did not infringe provisions of the bilateral Agreement within the last year.

2. Goods transport - Cabotage

In accordance with the mutual agreement reached during the last Joint Committee meeting the delegations discussed the issues of cabotage transport between both countries and their relations with other countries in this field. They informed each other about consideration of the matter with former member states of the European Union and their positions towards the cabotage.

After profound analysis of the attitudes of individual states to cabotage the delegations agreed not to allow providing of cabotage transport to carrier of one Contracting Party on the territory of the other Contracting Party. They made a decision to prolong the transitional period for another two years as far as the cabotage concerns.

Slovak side informed the Latvian delegation about the last CEMT meeting in Paris and the decisions taken concerning quota of CEMT permits, the system of coefficients and bonuses. Both delegations exchanged information about further procedure in this matter.

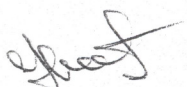
3. Passenger transport

Both delegations noted that from the last Joint Committee meeting no problems occurred in providing regular and non-regular bus services by carriers of their states.

Delegations exchanged their experience with performance of passenger transport in different European states.

4. Miscellaneous

Slovak delegation informed Latvian delegation about the legislative procedure concerning introduction of digital tachographs in the Slovak Republic and the plans on introduction of



electronic collection of toll. Information on preparation of the new act on driving and resting time of drivers was given as well.

Latvian delegation handed over to the Slovak side the specimen of the document introduced in Latvia, which is used in connection with application of the Resolution No. 3820/1985 on social harmonization in road transport, in cases when driver is not able to prove 15 days continual working time. The Latvian delegation asked to recognize the document by the competent Slovak authorities. The Slovak delegation promised to send the information to the National Labour Inspectorate which provides controls on roads of the Slovak Republic.

The Latvian delegation informed the Slovak delegation about its system of controls on roads of Latvia and about the establishment of the Road Transport Inspectorate.

Delegations exchanged information on systems of basic qualification and further regular training and education of professional drivers.

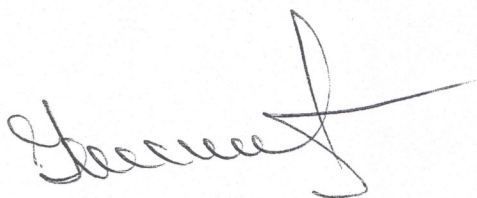
Slovak delegation handed over to the Latvian delegation information about payment of road user charges (vignettes) and the section of roads subject to payments.

Delegations informed each other about transposition of some Directives to their national legislation.

Latvian delegation invited the Slovak side to the next meeting to Latvia.

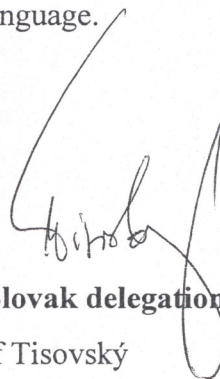
Negotiations were held in friendly and constructive atmosphere.

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