

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the Turkish –Lebanese**  
**Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport**

In accordance with Article 7 of the International Road Transport Agreement between Republic of Turkey and Republic of Lebanon, the Turkish-Lebanese Joint Committee on Road Transport held its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Ankara.

The Delegations discussed the transport of goods by road between their countries on the basis of the following agenda:

- 1) Exchange of statistical information
- 2) Goods transport
- 3) Other issues

The Members of both delegations are listed in the appendix.

**1. Exchange of Statistical Information**

The Delegations exchanged statistical information regarding the trade and current situation of road transport between Republic of Turkey and Republic of Lebanon and expressed their satisfaction over the development of the trade volume and consequently the road transport.

The Delegations agreed to hold Joint Committee Meetings on Road Transport periodically in order to further facilitate road transport operations between both countries, to evaluate the cooperation opportunities in the field of road transport and further strengthen the current relations.

The Delegations expressed their appreciation to periodically exchange statistics concerning road transport between both countries, and through them in transit. This should form the basis to work jointly on enhancing and developing the road transport between them.

**2. Transport of Goods**

The Lebanese Delegation stated that since year 2002 and in accordance with the International Road Transport Agreement the Turkish trucks were exempted from any permit and from any charges on the transport operations to and from Lebanon and through Lebanon in transit.

The Turkish Delegation explained that no charges were imposed on the Lebanese trucks performing bilateral transport operations between both countries for years and upon the request of the Lebanese side, the fees collected from Lebanese trucks performing transit transport operations were eliminated on the basis of reciprocity as of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

The Delegations confirmed once again that in accordance with the current International Road Transport Agreement between both countries, bilateral and transit transport operations are not subject to permit system and no charges are collected from both bilateral and transit transport operations between and through their countries.

The Lebanese Delegation requested exchanging certain number of permits (for instance 100 pcs) for the Lebanese vehicles which enter Turkey without load at three months' periods. The Turkish Delegation, emphasizing that transport operations from Turkey to Lebanon are



realized with loaded vehicles whereas these vehicles return from Lebanon without load, did not reply to the request of the Lebanese side positively.

### 3. Other Issues

Concerning road transport operations to Lebanon, the Turkish Delegation requested from Lebanese side to:

- ensure that no charges are collected from transit transport operations by customs agencies,
- eliminate departure fees from Turkish vehicles while leaving Lebanon,
- introduce X-rays at Tripoli port to ensure high level of security,
- apply 90 days of actual stay in Lebanon for professional drivers and/or eliminate the one month period between two consecutive visa.

The Lebanese Delegation expressed their willingness to provide all kinds of assistance in order to resolve problems encountered by Turkish hauliers in Lebanon and stated that they will discuss those matters with the relevant authorities to take the necessary measures to maximize facilitation of transport between both countries and through them in transit. The Lebanese side will inform the Turkish side about the progress to be made on those matters.

Concerning the transport of dangerous goods by road, the Delegations emphasized the importance of cooperation in the field of legislation, training and technical assistance as well as sharing the experiences.

The Delegations agreed on preparing a Memorandum of Understanding which covers cooperation in all fields of transport including Ro-Ro transport, rail-ferry, Ro-La and short sea shipping in order to develop multimodal transport between Turkey and Lebanon. For this purpose, the Turkish Delegation will prepare a Draft Memorandum of Understanding and convey it to Lebanese side through diplomatic channels as soon as possible.

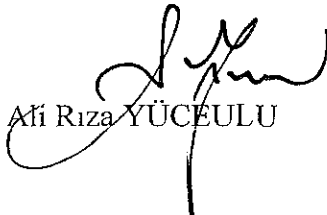
The Delegations emphasized the importance of cooperation in different modes of transport (road, maritime, railway, civil aviation etc.) and expressed that holding a Joint Committee Meeting on Transport for this purpose in near future will be beneficial.

The Lebanese Delegation invited Turkish Delegation to Lebanon for the next Joint Committee Meeting. Turkish Delegation accepted the invitation with pleasure. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined via diplomatic channels.

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

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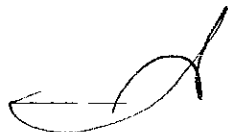
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