

PROTOCOL

of the Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Hungary Budapest, 25-26 September 2013

The Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport was held between the Delegations of the Republic of Turkey and Hungary in Budapest on 25-26 September 2013 in accordance with the Agreement on International Road Transport signed between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Hungary on 14 September 1968.

The Members of both delegations are listed in the appendix.

Items of the agenda are as follows:

1. Presentation on the electronic distance-based toll system introduced in Hungary from the 1st of July 2013
2. Exchange of statistical information concerning road transport between Hungary and Turkey
3. Transport of goods
4. Transport of passengers
5. Miscellaneous

1. Presentation on the electronic distance-based toll system introduced in Hungary from the 1st of July 2013

The Hungarian Delegation informed the Turkish Delegation how the electronic distance-based toll system introduced in Hungary from the 1st of July 2013 operates. They discussed all open questions coming from the Turkish Delegation.

The Turkish Delegation stated that the amount collected from the hauliers through the new Hungarian toll system is very high and increased the transport costs of the Turkish hauliers. Within this context they asked to remove all the taxable permits allocated to Turkish transporters.

2. Exchange of Statistical Information

The delegations exchanged information on the statistical data on foreign trade relations and freight transport between the two countries concerning the volume and the value. It was noted that the Hungarian-Turkish relations in foreign trade have been developing year by year which was welcomed by both sides.

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The Hungarian Delegation reported about a slow increase in the export in the recent years. The Turkish Delegation noted that the number of the Hungarian vehicles crossing the Turkish border is increasing year by year.

3. Transport of Goods

The Hungarian Delegation stated that the transit permit quota for 2013 for the Hungarian hauliers are sufficient.

The Turkish Delegation insisted on its request to increase the quota for bilateral/transit non-taxable permits to 44.000.

The Turkish Delegation stated that the Turkish hauliers are mainly in transit in Hungary and underlined that the greatest demand on the permits were about the transit permits and emphasized on the importance of increase in this quota by introducing a new permit system for transit only or a bilateral/transit permits for vehicles Euro V or higher categories.

The Hungarian Delegation noted that 2.500 additional permits have been transmitted for the Turkish hauliers due to the agreement made in the Joint Committee Meeting in Ankara, on the 27th March 2013. The Hungarian Delegation proposed to increase the number of the quota by 1500 transit permits. As a result the Turkish Delegation received 15% more permits from the Hungarian Delegation for the year 2013.

Despite the fact that various proposals were presented during the course of the meeting and after intensive and long discussions the Delegations reached an agreement.

Due to these, the permit quota for 2013 and the preliminary quota determined for 2014 for the Turkish Side are agreed as follows:


- 20.000 bilateral/transit non-taxable permits for Euro3 vehicles and higher
- 5.500 bilateral/transit non-taxable permits for Euro4 and higher
- 2.000 non-taxable permits for third country transport
- 16.400 taxable permits

The permit quota for 2013 and the preliminary quota determined for 2014 for the Hungarian Side are as follows:

- 13.000 bilateral/transit non-taxable permits (permits for Euro2, Euro3 vehicles)
- 6.250 non taxable permits for third country transport
- 16.400 taxable permits

The Delegations agreed that in case of any demand for additional permits will be considered with good will.

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The Delegations agreed that the duration of all the permits shall be valid until 31st January of the following year.

4. Transport of Passengers

The Delegations noted that there are currently two international regular (scheduled) bus services line between Turkey and Hungary. Both Delegations were agreed, that the number of the bus services will be increased, if required. The Delegations agreed that the permit quota for passenger transport services, which was 200, will remain the same.

5. Miscellaneous

Hungarian Delegation proposed to establish a working group for railway freight transport in the framework of the Joint Committee on Road Transport. The first meeting is proposed to take place in Budapest, latest in the first half of December 2013.

The Turkish Delegation stated that it would be much more appropriate that this working group is established as a separate new group with the relevant Turkish authorities.

The Hungarian Delegation informed the Turkish Delegation that the drafts of the bilateral agreement on double taxation (VAT) have been transmitted to the Turkish Embassy in August 2013 and the reply of the Turkish Side is expected.

The Hungarian delegation thanked for the seal and signature samples which were presented by the Turkish Side in order to check the permits.

The Hungarian Delegation requested the Turkish Delegation for the official commitment of the current Agreement, particularly amendment of Article 14 and 18.

The Turkish Delegation expressed its wish to get all the permits once yearly from the Hungarian Side. The Hungarian Delegation promised to fulfil it from 2015.

The Turkish Delegation informed the Hungarian Delegation about the new Communique 68 which was entered into force as of 1st September 2013 in Turkey and expressed that the passage fees will not change, but with a new article 6 of this Communique, a new passage fee system was introduced for the cases of infringements, where the transporters come to the Turkish border gates without permit, forged permits including ECMT licenses or with a permit which is not appropriate for third country operations.

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

The Turkish Delegation invited the Hungarian Delegation to Turkey for the next Joint Committee Meeting to be held in first quarter 2013. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through bilateral contacts.

Done on 26th September 2013 in Budapest in English in two original copies.

For the Turkish Delegation

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Nurhan TUFEKÇIOĞLU

For the Hungarian Delegation

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a stylized 'S' and 'Z' followed by a horizontal line, with the name 'András SZÉKELY' written below it.

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