

Protocol
Turkish – Jordanian
Land Transport Joint Committee
March 24-25 , 2015, Amman

Desirous to broaden further the friendly relations between the Republic of Turkey and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and to facilitate transport of passengers and goods by road between the two countries, and in transit through their territories.

A meeting of the Turkish – Jordanian Land Transport Joint Committee was held in Amman on March 24-25, 2015 (Attached list of Participants).

The Turkish Side was headed by H. E. Mr. Hüseyin YILMAZ , Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications Acting Deputy Director General for Road Transport Regulation.

The Jordanian Side was headed by H. E. Eng. Laith Dababneh, Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport, and

Both Sides are aware of the current situation in the region that affected negatively the transport operations between the two countries and via their territories in transit, and started their discussions of finding ways and solutions to facilitate the operations.

The delegations agreed on the following agenda:

1. Exchange of information and statistical data concerning road transport operations between the two countries.
2. Goods / freight transport
3. Passengers transport
4. Railway transport
5. Other issues

- 1. Exchange of information and statistical data concerning road transport operations between the two countries.**

The delegations exchanged statistical information concerning trade and road transport operations between the two countries and expressed their worries in regard with the decrease of trade and transport volumes.

The Jordanian side clarified the current situation in regard with the closure of transport routes via the Syrian territories to Turkey and via its territories in transit to the rest of the European countries.



2. Goods / freight transport:

The Jordanian side explained the business Arab Bridge Maritime Company which is a Joint State-owned company and has its own fleet consists of seven vessels, and suggested a solution for trucks transport with their drivers by the company Ro-Ro vessels on the route Port Said – Turkish Ports like Iskenderun or Mersin.

The Turkish side welcomed the Jordanian suggestion and stated that there is a Turkish company operating on the same route and expressed the importance of such solution to be studied by Turkish Authorities for the possibility of facilitation this operations.

The Turkish side requested the Jordanian side to officially inform them of the suggestions via diplomatic channels and via the Embassy of Turkey in Amman, and suggested a Jordanian delegation with participation of the Arab Bridge Company representatives to visit Ankara as soon as possible for conducting meeting with all related stakeholders.

The Jordanian Side informed the Turkish side that the Jordanian Land Transport Regulatory Commission facilitates issuing permissions to the Turkish trucks for empty coming to transport from Jordan back to Turkey or to a European countries.

The Turkish side thanked the Jordanian side and agreed to provide similar facilitating for the Jordanian trucks.

The Turkish side raised the issue of Jordanian authorities imposing fees and tolls on the Turkish trucks coming to Jordan and via its territories in transit, and requested to decrease the fees, or eliminate them as the Turkish side does not impose fees or tolls on Jordanian trucks operating bilateral transport.

The Jordanian side clarified that the government of Jordan has the responsibility of the maintenance of roads network and those fees are used for this purpose. All trucks are required to pay the fees for using the road network including Jordanians.

The Jordanian side suggested to postpone negotiations on cancelling or reducing fees because of the current situation of transport between the two countries to be discussed in the future until the situation gets better.

3. Passengers Transport:

Both sides stated that passengers transport operations cannot be discussed in the meantime due to the current situation in the region.

4. Railway Transport:

The Jordanian side appreciates the good continuous cooperation between the Jordan Hedjaz Railway Corporation and Turkish State Railways and TIKA and their support, and asked the Turkish side support for the Hedjaz Railway projects previously discussed with Turkish State Railways and TIKA.

5. Other issues:

- Turkish Experiences on Joining the International Agreement on Dangerous Goods Transport by Roads (ADR):

The Jordanian side asked for the Turkish experience on joining and implementing ADR provisions.

The Turkish side declared that a new department called directorate general of dangerous goods and combined transport within the Turkish Ministry of Transport organizational structure has been established with the power of regulating the transport of dangerous goods, and has issued new instructions on dangerous goods transport complying with ADR articles.

The Turkish side invited the Jordanian technical committee that has been formed for studying the Jordan joining ADR to a tour visit to Ankara to share the Turkish experience in all processes taken up till now, and the processes are to be taken soon. The tour visit date will be determined via official correspondences.

- Trucks Traffic Violations on Jordanian Road Network:

The Jordanian side clarified that brochure will be distributed among drivers of the trucks using the road network that contains information with free of charge phone numbers for call enquiries about the traffic violations, whether they know about them or not, so as to facilitate paying the fines at the border of their exit from Jordan.

The Jordanian Public Security Department representative stated that there are not serious traffic violations committed by the Turkish Trucks drivers.

The meeting was held in a constructive and friendly atmosphere and both Sides were pleased with the fruitful and successful meeting and discussions.

Both delegations agreed to hold the next Joint Committee meeting in Ankara.

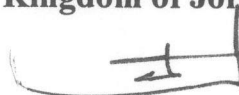
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