

PROTOCOL

of the meeting of the Austrian – Turkish Joint Committee on international Road Transport Vienna, 20th-21st of May 2014

According to the international agreement on road transport signed between the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Turkey on 7th of November 1969 the delegations of both countries held a meeting of the Austrian-Turkish Joint Committee of both countries on 20th and 21st of May 2014 in Vienna.

Agenda:

1. Exchange of statistical information trade volumes
2. Combined transport
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1. Exchange of statistical information on trade volumes

Both delegations exchanged their statistical data on bilateral trade volumes stressing that since about 2000 with the exception of the year 2009 the bilateral trade volume is steadily increasing. Austria explained that in 2013 the Austrian imports showed an increase of 9,5% compared with 2012, the exports an increase of 1,6%. The Turkish stressed that their statistics show about the similar figures and explained that the trade volume increased between 2002 from 955 mio dollars to 2, 8 billions dollars in 2013 and that this tendency will continue.

2. Combined transport

The Austrian side stressed once again the importance of the combined transport system so to shift heavy goods transport from road to environmentally friendly transport modes as rail and ship.

The Rail Cargo Austria showed more details about the different systems of combined transport in a power point (which shall be made available by the RCA on request).

The Turkish side stressed to respect the Austrian efforts in the field of combined transport whilst noting also that Turkish hauliers meet different problems when using the system of combined



transport, these problems being explained also in details by the representative of the Turkish road haulier organisations.

The Turkish side stressed once again to have an positive attitude towards the system of combined transport and to understand the Austrian position concerning the promotion of environmentally friendly transport modes. Furthermore the Turkish side proposed concretely to change or to abolish the reservations system of the Rolling Roads and to determine a maximum limit of 12 hours of waiting time so that after these 12 hours Turkish lorries will be allowed to transit Austria by road.

Austria showed understanding for concrete problems of Turkish hauliers but could not accept the above mentioned proposal of the Turkish side.

After long discussions both sides agreed that a working group shall be installed hosting representatives of RCA and Turkish hauliers nominated by the Turkish side. This working group will begin with its work at least within one month after this Joint Committee meeting and report to the Ministries at least within 6 months after the beginning of its work so that the Ministries can evaluate and take decisions during the next Joint Committee meeting which shall will be hold on a date of mutual convenience. The Turkish side invited the Austrian side for the next Joint Committee meeting for January 2015.

This working group should analyse exigence and possibilities of reducing waiting times for hauliers using the rolling road as well as to discuss the reservation system. This working group will be open to the eventual participation of the public sector. The meeting of the working group should be held in Maribor.

In respect of the quota system for using the Rolling Road the Turkish side proposed to change the so-called key for the "Belohnungsgenehmigungen" or "bonus permits" from actually 2 : 1 (meaning that for 2 trips on the Rolling Road the Turkish side gets 1 permit for road transport) into a 1 : 1 system and at the same time to abolish all the systems of super-bonus and extra-bonus.

The Austrian side could not agree with that proposal as this would mean in immense increase of quotas.

So after long and detailed discussion both sides agreed to

* change the key for the "Belohnungsgenehmigungen" or "bonus permits" from actually 2 : 1 (meaning that for 2 trips on the Rolling Road the Turkish side gets 1 permit for road transport) into a 1,5 : 1 system (meaning that for 3 trips on the Rolling Road the Turkish side gets 2 permits for road transport; the formula is: number of bonus permits = number of trips made on RoLa by Turkish hauliers divided by 1,5) and at the same time to abolish the all systems of super-bonus and extra-bonus and so to simplify the system. All of these permits shall be bound to the standard of Euro III or better.

Furthermore both sides agreed that the quota of 900 permits which can be used for trips going from/to the port of Triest by Turkish hauliers and that these permits shall also be bound to EURO III or better.



3. Transport of goods

Concerning the bilateral quota the Turkish delegation proposed to increase the permits for bilateral trips on the road in the following manner:

Instead of 15.000 Universal permits and 3.000 bilateral permits all permits shall be Universal permits so to be valid also for transit operations.

Furthermore the Turkish side proposed an additional increase of the quota so to have a basic quota at the end of the day of 25.000 universal permits.

The Austrian delegation stated that due to transport policy concerns at this time such an increase of the quota is not possible but nevertheless the Austrian delegation would welcome to agree on higher technical standards.

After long and detailed discussions both delegations agreed on the final quota for 2014 as follows:

18.000 Universal permits (valid for bilateral/transit and third country trips) bound to EURO III or better .

3.000 Universal permits (valid for bilateral/transit and third country trips) bound to EURO IV or better.

4. Passenger transport

Both delegations exchanged information on the bilateral regular and occasional transport stating that this kind of transport is carried out in a very smooth manner to the complete satisfaction of both delegations.

5. Other issues

Austrian issues:

Concerning the Carnet TIR system and the worries of the Austrian hauliers when using them in Turkey the representative of the Turkish Ministry of Trade and Customs explained that in some cases "fake agents" saying that they are agents of the customer office are causing problems and that Austrian hauliers should if possible get always directly in contact with the local booking clerk. The Ministry is aware of the problem and is working to resolve it.

Concerning the trucking of non Turkish trailers or semi-trailers by a Turkish truck the Turkish side informed that for the trailer or semi-trailer a permit of the bilateral quota systems shall be accepted by Turkish authorities.

Concerning the organisation of visa requirements for drivers in Turkey the Austrian side expressed its wish that it should be possible to present the application also in an electronically way. Both sides agreed to inform the relevant authorities about the wish to facilitate the visa applications system for truck drivers in an electronically way.

Turkish issues:

Concerning some concerns about ECMT-permits the Austrian side confirmed that ECMT permits valid in Austria and accompanied with the necessary documents are also valid for transport operations going from Trieste to some destination in Austria.

The Turkish side expressed its wish to dispose about figures of Turkish hauliers using the Rolling Road. The RCA will send to them regularly the same figures they send to the Austrian authorities.

The negotiations took place in a very friendly and constructive atmosphere.

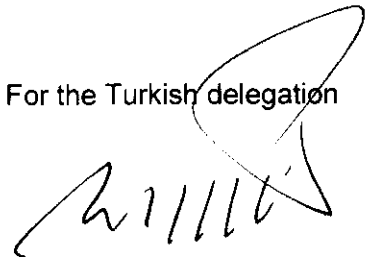
Agreed upon in Vienna, 21st of May 2014, signed in two originals in English language.

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