

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the Slovenian-Turkish Joint Committee Meeting on**  
**International Road Transport**

In accordance with the Agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on International Road Transport on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2002, the Slovenian – Turkish Joint Committee Meeting was held on 24 and 25 September 2019 in Ljubljana.

The composition of both delegations is annexed to the protocol (Annex 1).

The following agenda was agreed by both delegations:

1. Exchange of statistical information
2. International passenger transport
3. International transport of goods
4. Miscellaneous

**1. Exchange of statistical information**

The delegations informed each other about trade relations between both countries and presented the statistical information regarding the current situation of road transport between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Turkey and reached consensus that the progress of trade and road transport between their countries is at a satisfactory level.

The delegations expressed their sincere belief that trade between their countries will further develop in the future.

**2. International passenger transport**

The delegations noted that there are five regular passenger lines operated in transit through Slovenia without any problems. The delegations agreed to continue their cooperation for the development of passenger transport by road and agreed to exchange 50 occasional passenger transport permits allowing the empty vehicles to embark passengers.

**3. International transport of goods**

The delegations agreed that the primary purpose of their cooperation is to develop trade and facilitate the transport of goods between Slovenia and Turkey.

The delegations discussed and agreed about the basic quota of permits for 2020 as follows;

- 15.000 transit permits for EURO 3 standard vehicles,
- 5.000 transit permits for EURO 4 and higher standard vehicles,
- 1.000 third country/transit permits for EURO 3 standard vehicles

The permits shall be valid until the January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

The delegations agreed that bonus system permits for users of Ro-La lines will maintained as agreed, which is two bonus permits for three journeys with RO-LA. Bonus permits are valid for EURO 3 and higher standard vehicles.

In order to prevent traffic congestions on the roads, the Turkish side proposed introduction of new type of permits; "night permits" which would be used between 24.00 – 6.00 hours on designated routes in Republic of Slovenia by the Turkish trucks having EURO IV or higher standards.

The delegations agreed that in order to further develop international road transport between the two countries, it would be necessary to connect Slovenian and Turkish hauliers in order to find the common solution about the cooperation in the field of performing road transport operations. In this regard, the Turkish delegation suggested that the meeting could be organized on the occasion of the Logitrans fair, which will be held in Istanbul in November 2019. If this meeting does not provide satisfactory results, the next meeting will be held in Ljubljana, organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, in December 2019. All details will be agreed in direct contact between the Slovenian and Turkish side.

The delegations agreed that the further cooperation and possible reconstruction of the permit quota will be made on the basis of the conclusions and agreements of the meeting.

The Slovenian side drew attention to the cases identified by the Slovenian control authorities, which revealed that the Turkish hauliers, performing the transport operations from Port of Trieste, do not leave the EU territory for several months. These are the cases when the Turkish trucks take over the Turkish trailer or semi-trailer, transport it to its final destination (within the territory of EU) and then return to the port of Trieste for a new trailer or semi-trailer. In this way the vehicles do not leave the EU territory for a few months and the Slovenian control authorities will check these operations more closely.

The Turkish side explained that Turkish tractors are carrying the trailer/semi-trailer coming from Turkey with appropriate permits to the country of designation. As the origin of the goods is from Turkey, such transport operation to the country of destination are bilateral operations.

#### **4. Other Subjects**

The Turkish side presented the draft Agreement on Combined Transport to the Slovenian side. The Slovenian side will review the text of the agreement and submit its comments as soon as possible.

The Slovenian delegation informed the Turkish delegation about the national pilot project on use of e-CMR that was held in Slovenia in March 2019 in order to present the experience and invite the Turkish side to participate in international pilot that is planned in the near future.


The meeting was held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. Both delegations emphasizes the usefulness of the meeting and satisfaction over the result.

The Turkish delegation invited the Slovenian delegation for the next Joint Committee Meeting to Turkey. The exact dates of the meeting will be later agreed upon by correspondence.

This Protocol signed in Ljubljana on 25 September 2019 in two original copies, in English language.

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