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23rd MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Baku-Azerbaijan
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ECMT MULTILATERAL QUOTA SYSTEM FORECAST 2014

BACKGROUND

The International Transport Forum (ITF) Group on Road Transport in its meeting on 4 April 2013 discussed and took decisions on the following major items :

- Extension of transitional period for "EURO III safe" lorry category

The Group, with one objection from Germany, in principle agreed to extend the transitional period for Euro III Lorries to year 2016. The issue will be taken forward within the framework of quota restructuring from 2016 and onwards.

- Revision of multipliers for "EURO V safe" and "EURO VI safe" lorries

The Group agreed a revised table of Multipliers for Basic Quota, providing enhanced multipliers for EURO V safe and EURO VI safe lorry categories.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
EURO III	6	5	4	2	1
EURO IV	8	8	8	6	6
EURO V	10	10	10	10	10
EURO VI				12	12

- Proposal of Russian Federation on removal of its reservation and modification of distribution of Licenses in 2013

Russian Federation agreed to unconditionally remove its reservation on the system, introduced temporarily from 1 January 2011 and limiting number of Basic licenses available to Russia to 67, as from **15 May 2013**.

The Group agreed to modification of the distribution of licenses for the second half of 2013 and provided, in a gesture of good will, sufficient number of Basic licenses enabling Russia to benefit from its full quota of 596 basic licenses.

Accordingly:

I. Russia will receive its full quota of 596 basic licenses. The corresponding number of converted Russian licenses will be operational from this date.

II. All Member countries will be able to use their full Quota in Russia in the conventional regime, notwithstanding whether they bear restriction (red) stamp for Russia or not, as from 15 May 2013.

III. All Member countries shall notify their competent authorities in order to facilitate control procedures according to this new decision. The Notification will be placed on ITF Quota webpage too.

IV. As Russia removed its reservation, and upon the condition that it uses 100 percent of its full quota and refrains of any further reservation or additional conditions, Russia will be eligible to receive a bonus for 2014 and onwards.

V. Russia will make detailed statistical observation of its road freight market during May - September 2013 and will report its findings to the Group at its meeting to be held in Paris by early November (exact date to be defined). Full Statistical data and findings shall be provided to the Secretariat and the Group in advance of the meeting. Consequently, Russia will decide if unconditional removal of the reservation shall be upheld for 2014 and onwards.

VI. Russia indicated that the Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation would like to bring the issue of longstanding reservations on the Quota system by several other countries to the attention of the Ministerial session in Leipzig, Germany on 22-24 May 2013.

- Draft Quality Charter for International Road Haulage Operations under the ECMT Multilateral Quota System and draft statement by Ministers

The Charter focuses on four specific areas:

- Admission to the occupation
- Driving and rest times
- Categorization of infringements
- Driver training

The aim is to promote the highest quality transport in all ECMT countries, including on a social level, as one of the main pillars of the Multilateral Quota System development. The work is supported by EC and IRU.

The Group agreed that Ministers at their meeting in Leipzig should note the significant progress made in development of the Quality Charter and encourage the Group to work towards approving the Charter before end of year 2013.

Ministers of Transport of European Member States of the International Transport Forum, meeting in Leipzig on 23 May 2013, note the significant progress achieved in development of the Quality Charter for International Road Haulage Operations under the ECMT Multilateral Quota System, reiterate importance of this work for the development of the Quota system into an efficient instrument for sustainable and highest quality road transport in Europe, and encourage the Group to work towards approving the Charter before end of 2013.

Following the meeting of the Group on Transport on Road Transport on 4 April 2013, the Minister of Transport of Russian Federation H.E. Maxim Sokolov has sent a letter to the Secretary General of ITF on 17 April 2013, showing that only if other countries will withdraw all their reservations, Russian Federation will withdraw its own one, limiting number of Basic licenses available to Russia to 67.

It seems that there is a deadlock in negotiations and the Meeting of Minister of Transport in Leipzig on 22-24 May could bring a solution for the second part of 2013 and 2014.

- Proposal on Basic Quota Allocation for 2014

Calculation of Basic Quota based on weighted average of rankings and conventional criteria, adjustment according to Countries' real needs (Decision of 10 -11 October 2011) and a full Quota of the Russian Federation

	Weighted average for		Ranks		Quota		% use	Absol.	Adj.	Final	
	fine-tuned criteria		2007	2012*	2007	2013**	2012	Shares	coeff.***	2014	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Russian Federation	4.9	1	1		299	596	100	596	20.2	42	638
Turkey	7.0	2	1		250	372	100	372	7.9	16	388
Germany	9.1	1	2		286	229	46	229	11.5		229
Poland	10.2	2	2		153	209	100	209	3.8	8	217
Italy	11.2	2	2		67	67	100	67	6.5		67
Ukraine	12.8	3	3		208	261	100	261	3.6	7	268
Spain	13.1	3	3		149	113	46	113	5.0		113
France	13.7	2	3		252	192	11	182	7.3		182
United Kingdom	14.7	3	3		149	113	2	107	7.0		107
Czech Republic	16.0	4	4		141	158	100	158	1.2	2	160
Netherlands	16.2	3	4		208	158	20	150	3.0		150
Belarus	16.5	3	4		183	209	100	209	1.8	4	213
Romania****	17.7	3	4		208	157	100	157	1.1	2	159
Sweden	17.9	4	4		153	116	15	110	1.6		110
Austria	18.1	12	4		16	16	100	16	1.3		16
Slovak Republic	18.4	5	4		128	137	84	137	0.6		137
Finland	19.0	5	4		149	119	28	119	1.2		119
Lithuania	20.0	5	5		128	143	75	143	1.2		143
Belgium	20.0	4	5		171	130	9	124	2.0		124
Hungary	20.3	4	5		141	141	55	141	0.9		141
Greece	20.4	4	5		149	90	100	90	1.0		90
Croatia*****	22.0	5	5		157	165	100	147	0.5	1	148
Bulgaria****	22.1	5	5		157	157	100	157	1.1	2	159
Serbia	22.2	6	5		132	163	100	163	0.5	1	164
Switzerland	23.1	5	5		135	103	1	98	1.3		98
Latvia	24.3	6	6		128	137	100	137	0.6	1	138
Norway	24.9	6	6		132	100	2	95	1.1		95
Slovenia	25.2	6	6		128	133	100	133	0.3	1	134
Azerbaijan	25.2	7	6		120	130	61	130	0.6		130
Estonia	25.8	7	6		128	132	88	132	0.3		132
Ireland	26.0	6	6		132	100	2	95	0.7		95
Denmark	26.5	6	6		132	100	11	95	0.8		95
Portugal	27.1	6	7		132	100	3	95	0.7		95
FYROM	28.5	8	7		128	132	100	132	0.3	1	133
Moldova	29.3	7	7		128	135	100	135	0.5	1	136
Bosnia-Herzegovina	29.6	7	7		120	124	100	124	0.2	0	124
Georgia	29.8	8	7		120	120	87	120	0.2		120
Albania	32.3	8	8		128	97	41	97	0.1		97
Luxemburg	33.9	9	8		55	42	6	40	0.1		40
Armenia	34.6	9	9		120	91	13	86	0.1		86
Montenegro	36.2	10	9		30	55	76	55	0.0		55
Malta	38.4	10	10		30	23	1	22	0.0		22
Liechtenstein	41.5	10	10		30	23	0	22	0.0		22
					6090	6088		6000	100	89	6089

* - Proposal on Basic Quota allocation for 2012

** - Proposal on Basic Quota allocation for 2013

*** - Defined according to 10 -11 October 2011 Decision of the Group on Road Transport

**** - Readjusted back following joining the EU

*****- Readjusted back as Croatia is joining the EU on 1 July 2013

The final decision on 2014 will be made at the November 2013 meeting.

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