



UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION
(BSEC-URTA)

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BSEC-URTA RESOLUTION *
on International Vehicle Weight Certificate

The General Assembly:

Welcoming that Governments of Member States of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) concluded an Agreement on Introduction of an International Weighing Certificate for Freight Vehicles on the Territories of CIS Member States on 16 April 2004;

Firmly believing that this Agreement constitutes a leading governmental move on the international level towards elimination of repeated unnecessary weight controls of vehicles that are involved with international road transport of goods;

Recalling whereof that a BSEC Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Kyiv in March 2002 by the BSEC Member States as a strong manifest of the political will existing in the region to facilitate road transport of goods in the BSEC region;

Also recalling that the BSEC Member States expressed thereof their willingness to conform with the decisions taken and the legal provisions adopted in the fields of transport, particularly road transport, in the framework of the UN/ECE, ECMT and to take into consideration, as appropriate, the relevant regulations in force or envisaged in the European Community (EC);

Highlighting that Southeast Europe Cooperation Initiative (SECI) has a similar MoU aiming at facilitation of road transport of goods in the SECI region;

Also highlighting that SECI Regional Road Transport Committee is working together with UN/ECE to introduce an International Vehicle Weight Certificate within the framework of the UN/ECE Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods;

Emphasizing that international vehicle weight certificate is an instrument for harmonization of road transport regulations in Europe and CIS countries;

Referring to numerous documents of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) calling for road transport facilitation as a precondition of world trade facilitation;

1. Emphasizes that repeated weight controls constitute a barrier and an important factor of time losses and extra costs for the road transport industry as regards international road transport of goods,
2. Underlines that international road transport industry is looking forward to more concentrated action on international level by the governments to start implementation of the CIS Agreement as soon as possible,
3. Moreover calls on the competent organs of BSEC, SECI and CIS to cooperate actively in order to have a common solution for a wider area of implementation of an international vehicle weight certificate stretching from Vladivostok to Belgrade and even beyond,
4. Thinks that UN/ECE can play a major role in bringing together the differing geographical groupings under the umbrella of UN/ECE in the light of existing good developments,
5. Urges the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to take an active role in bringing together the abovementioned parties with the intention of creation of a single international vehicle weight control certificate system throughout UN/ECE region.

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* Adopted in Bucharest on 24th June 2004, by the Fifth Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, unanimously.