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No. 6166. AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING COMMERCIAL ROAD TRAFFIC BETWEEN SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA. SIGNED AT VIENNA, ON 18 FEBRUARY 1958

With a view to developing and facilitating the international transport of passengers and goods by road,

Agreement has been reached on the following provisions :

I. TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS BY BUS

Article 1

In accordance with the obligations which the two Contracting Parties have assumed in the Economic Commission for Europe with respect to the "Freedom of the Road", each Contracting Party grants to the road carriers of the other country the right to carry on the following transport operations in its territory without an authorization :

(a) International round trips on which no passengers are taken up or set down *en route* and the journey begins and, in accordance with a predetermined schedule, ends in the same country ;

(b) The international carriage of a group of passengers in one and the same vehicle from a seaport or airport to another port situated in the territory of the country in which the vehicle is not registered, irrespective of the means of transport by which the passengers reached or intend to leave the port in question, but subject to the condition that, failing special authorization to the contrary, the vehicle shall return empty ;

(c) The carriage of passengers in transit through the territory of the country in which the vehicle is not registered, on condition that no passengers are taken up or set down.

Article 2

The competent authorities of the two countries shall apply the authorization procedure liberally in the following cases :

¹ Came into force on 18 February 1958, in accordance with article 6.

(a) Inward journeys by empty vehicles registered in the other country, for the purpose of conveying passengers to the home country ;

(b) Shuttle services, in so far they are subject to authorization ;

(c) Other types of passenger transport.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definition of "shuttle service" has been agreed upon :

An international passenger transport service shall be deemed to be a shuttle service if its sole purpose is to convey passengers, combined into groups beforehand according to intended length of stay, from one country to a place in the territory of the other country, such as a holiday resort or place of touristic interest, and to bring each group back on a subsequent journey at the end of the period arranged.

The first return journey and the last outward journey of the shuttle series shall be made empty.

Shuttle services shall comprise only the outward and return journeys.

Article 3

Before an authorization already granted is revoked or altered, the Contracting Parties shall enter into communication with each other, well in advance, with a view to negotiation.

II. TRANSPORT OF GOODS

Article 4

Carriers domiciled in either country may, irrespective of the provisions in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party concerning transport authorizations, operate international services for the transport of goods to and through the other country in virtue of an authorization granted by their home country. Such authorization shall not, however, be required for :

(a) Funeral consignments or furniture removal in vehicles specially equipped and exclusively used for the purpose ;

(b) The transport of goods for display at fairs and exhibitions ;

(c) The transport of racehorses, racing cars and other sports equipment intended for use at particular sporting events ;

- (d) The transport of stage scenery and properties ;
- (e) The transport of radio, television and film equipment.

However, the exceptions enumerated in sub-paragraphs (b) to (e) shall be subject to the return of the goods concerned.

III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING ROAD TRAFFIC

Article 5

This Agreement shall not affect other provisions in force in the two countries.

IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall be valid for a term of one year. The Agreement shall be tacitly renewed for successive terms of one year unless it is denounced by one of the Contracting Parties not later than six months before the expiry of the current term.

DONE at Vienna, in duplicate in the Swedish and German languages, on 18 February 1958.

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