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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7406. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN BELGIUM AND AUSTRIA CONCERNING CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT BY ROAD. SIGNED AT VIENNA, ON 20 JANUARY 1964

With a view to promoting and improving international passenger transport by road, the following provisions have been agreed upon :

*Article 1*

Carriers authorized by the country in which they are registered to operate tourist or occasional passenger transport services and having their head offices in either State, may without further authorization provide transport service in the territory of the other State, or in transit through that territory, provided that the following conditions of the agreement on "Freedom of the Road" are fulfilled.

- (a) The vehicle must carry the same passengers throughout a single circular tour, which must begin and end in the same State;
- (b) In the case of group passenger transport from a seaport or airport in the Benelux Economic Union or an airport in Austria to a seaport or airport in another country, the vehicle must return empty to its point of departure;
- (c) In organizing the tours referred to in sub-paragraph (a); excursions may be arranged from any point on the route followed, provided that such excursions are entered on the waybill before the departure of the vehicle.

Carriers must be able to produce the authorization issued to them in their own country.

For Belgian carriers, the required document shall be, for motor coaches, the "*permis de circulation*" or (in Flemish) "*bewijs van deugdelijkheid*", bearing a registration number preceded by the letter C, and for hired cars, the "*certificat de visite*" or (in Flemish) "*schouwingsbewijs*", or a special permit bearing the stamp of the Ministry of Communications.

For Austrian carriers, the required documents shall be the "*Konzessionsurkunde*" (or an extract thereof) and any other documents required in Austria for the use of road vehicles.

On entry into Belgium, the driver of an Austrian motor coach must present to the Belgian Customs office a "waybill", either in one copy or in duplicate

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 January 1964 by signature, in accordance with the provisions of article 6.

according to whether the motor coach leaves the Kingdom of Belgium by the same or by another frontier crossing point.

There are three cases to be distinguished :

1. *The vehicle leaves Belgium by the same frontier crossing point* : On entry, the waybill shall be endorsed *ne varietur*, dated, and stamped with the office stamp by the Customs officer of the office of entry. It shall be handed to the driver for surrender to the Customs office of exit.

2. *The itinerary provides for exit from Belgium by another frontier crossing point, with no return journey through Belgium* : On entry, both waybills shall be endorsed *ne varietur*, dated, and stamped with the office stamp by the Customs officer. One copy shall be retained by the Customs office of entry. The other shall be handed to the driver for surrender to the Belgian Customs office of exit.

3. *The itinerary provides for exit from Belgium by another frontier crossing point, with return journey through Belgium* : On entry, both waybills shall be endorsed *ne varietur*, dated, and stamped with the office stamp by the Customs officer of the office of entry. One copy of the waybill shall be retained by the office of entry, while the other shall be handed to the driver for surrender to the Customs office of exit. The latter office shall date and stamp it and hand it to the driver for surrender on the return journey through Belgium.

On the return journey, the Customs office of entry shall date the waybill, stamp it with the office stamp and hand it to the driver for surrender to the Customs office of exit. For the journeys referred to in article 1, sub-paragraph (b), and for transit journeys through Belgium by empty vehicles, the waybill shall show the itinerary and date of the journey made by the empty vehicle.

## Article 2

### OTHER OCCASIONAL TRAVEL

In the case of occasional transport (tourist travel) not covered by the provisions of article 1 of this Agreement, one authorization, issued by the other Contracting State, shall be required for each journey.

Carriers shall submit their applications in triplicate to the competent authorities of their State.

Model application forms shall be drawn up by agreement between the Contracting States.

Contracting States shall on request notify each other of authorizations issued.

## Article 3

### SHUTTLE SERVICES

Shuttle services shall be authorized only where both Contracting States are agreed that they would be desirable and useful.

*Article 4*

Carriers shall be required to comply with the transport and road traffic laws and regulations in force in the Contracting State concerned.

Carriers authorized in the territory of one Contracting State shall not be permitted to convey passengers between two points in the territory of the other Contracting State.

*Article 5*

In the event of any abuse, an authorization may be suspended or revoked, without prejudice to the penal provisions in force in the country through which the journey is being made.

The authorization shall be withdrawn, at the request of the Contracting Party which issued it, by the other Contracting Party, which shall then notify the former Contracting Party accordingly.

*Article 6*

This Agreement shall take effect on the date of its signature for a term of one year; it shall be tacitly renewed from year to year, unless denounced by one of the Contracting Parties three months in advance.

DONE at Vienna on 20 January 1964 in duplicate in the French and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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