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**BELGIUM
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement on the international carriage of goods by road. Signed at
Brussels on 23 July 1970**

Authentic texts: French, Dutch and English.

Registered by Belgium on 18 June 1971.

**BELGIQUE
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord relatif au transport international de marchandises par route.
Signé à Bruxelles le 23 juillet 1970**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE INTERNATIONAL CAR-
RIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and
The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland.

Desiring to regulate the international carriage of goods by road between
their countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

SCOPE

(1) The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the international carriage of goods by road between any point in the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and any point in the territory of the Kingdom of Belgium, or in transit across the territory of either Contracting Party, whether for hire or reward or on own account, using motor vehicles registered in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties which are temporarily imported into the territory of the other, or trailers or semi-trailers drawn by such motor vehicles.

(2) The term "territory" in relation to the United Kingdom shall mean England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Article 2

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL LICENCES

(1) A licence duly issued in the territory of either Contracting Party whereby the holder is entitled to use a specified vehicle, or specified vehicles, for the commercial carriage of goods shall be valid in the territories of both Contracting Parties for the transport operations referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement.

¹ Came into force on 3 April 1971, i.e. 30 days after the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at London on 4 March 1971, in accordance with article 8 (1).

(2) No licence shall be required for the despatch of trailers or semi-trailers unaccompanied by any towing vehicle from the territory of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other.

(3) The traction of the trailers or semi-trailers referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article may be performed only by vehicles registered in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties or in the territory of destination or despatch of the transport operation and licensed in one of those territories for the commercial carriage of goods.

(4) No licence to carry goods shall be required for transport operations "on own account".

Article 3

PROHIBITION OF CABOTAGE AND THIRD COUNTRY TRAFFIC

Nothing in this Agreement shall be held to permit

- (a) a Belgian carrier to carry goods which are loaded at any point in the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for delivery at any other point in that territory; or
- (b) a British carrier to carry goods which are loaded at any point in the territory of the Kingdom of Belgium for delivery at any other point in that territory;
- (c) carriers of one Contracting Party to carry goods loaded at any point in the territory of the other for delivery at any point in the territory of any third country.

Article 4

CARRIAGE OF DOCUMENTS

The document referred to in Article 2 (1) of this Agreement and any other documents which the competent authorities have agreed are necessary must be carried on the vehicle and produced on demand to any person who is duly authorised in the territory of either Contracting Party to make such a demand.

Article 5

COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL LAW

Carriers of one Contracting Party shall ensure that vehicles which they are authorised in accordance with this Agreement to use in the territory of the other shall be in such condition and so used as to comply with all legal provisions concerning road safety and the use of motor vehicles in force in that territory and applicable to vehicles of the kind, and used in the circumstances, concerned.

Article 6

INFRINGEMENTS

In the event of any infringement of the provisions of this Agreement or of the laws of one Contracting Party by vehicles of the other, or by the drivers of such vehicles, the Contracting Party in whose territory the infringement occurred may notify the other Contracting Party, which may take such steps as are provided by its national law.

Article 7

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

(1) For the purpose of this Agreement the competent authorities shall be in the United Kingdom, the Ministry of Transport and, in Belgium, the Ministry of Communications, and Postal, Telegraphic and Telephonic Affairs.

(2) At the request of either competent authority representatives of both shall meet at a mutually convenient time (as a Joint Committee) to review the operation of this Agreement.

(3) The competent authorities shall maintain contact with each other as may be necessary on all problems arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

(1) This Agreement shall be ratified. The exchange of instruments of ratification shall take place at London. The Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

(2) The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year after its entry into force. Thereafter it shall continue in force unless it is terminated by either Contracting Party giving three months' notice thereof to the other Contracting Party.

EN FOI DE QUOI les soussignés, dûment autorisés par leur Gouvernement respectif, ont signé le présent Accord.

FAIT en double exemplaire à Bruxelles, le 23 juillet 1970, en langues française, néerlandaise et anglaise, chaque texte faisant également foi.

TEN BLIJKE WAARVAN de ondergetekenden, daartoe behoorlijk gemachtigd door hun respectieve Regeringen, dit Akkoord hebben getekend.

OPGEMAAKT in tweevoud te Brussel op 23 juli 1970 in de Nederlandse, de Franse en de Engelse taal, elk van de teksten zijnde gelijkelijk rechtsgeldig.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Brussels, this twenty-third day of July 1970, in the English, French and Dutch languages, each text being equally authoritative.

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume de Belgique:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume-Uni de Grande-
Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord:

Voor de Regering
van het Koninkrijk België:

Voor de Regering
van het Verenigd Koninkrijk
van Groot-Brittannië
en Noord-Ierland:

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland:

[Signed – Signé]
P. HARMEL

[Signed – Signé]
J. BEITH

[SEAL – SCEAU]

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