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and
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**Agreement concerning international road transport. Signed
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, desiring to regulate and facilitate the carriage of passengers and goods by road between the two countries, transit through their territory and carriage between their countries and third countries, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Each of the Contracting Parties shall accord to carriers of the other Contracting Party the right to transport passengers and goods between the two countries and in transit through their territory in vehicles registered on the territory of the other Contracting Party, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

I. CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS

Article 2. The carriage of passengers by buses and coaches between the two countries and in transit through their territory shall not require authorization, except as provided for in article 3.

Article 3. 1. Regular bus services between the two countries or in transit through their territory shall be approved by agreement between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

2. The competent authorities of each Contracting Party shall issue the authorization for the route segment in their territory.

3. Applications for authorizations shall be submitted to the competent authorities of the country in which the head office of the applicant is situated. Applications shall be accompanied by the necessary documentation (intended itinerary, time-table and scale of fares, annual schedule of services, statement of the date on which service is expected to begin).

In addition, the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may request any other information they deem necessary.

4. The competent authorities of one Contracting Party shall, after approval, transmit applications to the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party.

5. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall lay down by agreement the conditions on which authorizations shall be issued, including the period for validity.

II. CARRIAGE OF GOODS

Article 4. The carriage of goods between the two countries or in transit through their territory and carriage from the territory of third countries shall not require authorization from the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party. Such authorization is compulsory for carriage to a third country.

¹ Came into force on 7 October 1974, the date of the exchange of notes, through the diplomatic channel, giving notice that it had been approved, in accordance with article 16 (1).

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 5. Domestic carriage of passengers or goods between two places in the territory of one Contracting Party by a vehicle registered in the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be prohibited.

Article 6. The carriage of passengers and goods by carriers of one Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be exempt in the territory of the other Contracting Party from all specific taxes and duties levied on them. The vehicles used for such carriage shall be exempt in the territory of the other Contracting Party from the tax on motor vehicles. This tax shall not include tolls for roads, bridges and road tunnels.

Article 7. Members of the crew of vehicles may import, free of duty and without an import authorization, their personal effects and such equipment as may be needed for the exercise of their occupations for the period of their stay in the country of importation. The said articles shall be re-exported, no authorization being necessary.

Article 8. Spare parts required for the repair of a vehicle carrying out a carriage operation covered by this Agreement may be imported free of import duties and taxes and of import restrictions, provided they are covered by a temporary import certificate. Replaced parts shall be re-exported or destroyed under the supervision of the customs authorities.

Article 9. Fuel contained in the tanks of road vehicles shall be exempt from customs charges and all taxes and duties.

Article 10. The domestic regulations of each Contracting Party shall apply to all matters not regulated by this Agreement.

Article 11. If the weight or dimensions of the vehicle used or if the goods carried exceed the maximum weight or dimensions permitted in the territory of one Contracting Party, a special authorization issued by the competent authority of that Contracting Party shall be obtained.

Article 12. 1. In the event of contravention of the provisions of this Agreement in the territory of a Contracting Party, the competent authorities of the country in which the vehicle is registered shall take the measures prescribed in its national legislation.

2. The authorities applying a penalty shall inform the authorities of the other Contracting Party of the action taken, if such information is requested.

Article 13. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other which authorities are competent to take the measures set out in this Agreement and to exchange all necessary statistical or other information.

Article 14. 1. The two Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Commission, composed of representatives of the competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties, for the purpose of ensuring the proper implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

2. The aforesaid Commission shall meet at the request of one of the Contracting Parties alternately in the territory of each of the Contracting Parties.

3. The conclusions of the Joint Commission shall be submitted for approval to the two Contracting Parties, if it is so decided by the said Commission.

Article 15. The procedures for the application of this Agreement shall be determined by the competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties.

Article 16. 1. This Agreement shall be approved in accordance with the constitutional provisions in force in each of the two States and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of notes, through the diplomatic channel, giving notice of such approval.

2. So far as the Kingdom of the Netherlands is concerned, this Agreement shall apply only to the Kingdom in Europe.

3. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of one year from the date of its entry into force and shall thereafter be extended by tacit agreement for periods of one year unless denounced by one of the Contracting Parties at least six months before it is due to expire.

This Agreement, initialled at Athens on 31 March 1972, in two original copies in the French language, was signed at Athens on 15 January 1973.

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