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**FINLAND  
and  
AUSTRIA**

**Agreement concerning the international carriage of passengers and goods by road. Signed at Vienna on 25 March 1980**

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*Registered by Finland on 17 May 1982.*

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## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS BY ROAD

The Government of the Republic of Finland and the Austrian Federal Government, desiring to develop further the carriage of passengers and goods by road between the two States or in transit through their territories, have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* 1. This Agreement shall govern the international carriage of passengers and goods by road between the territories of the two Contracting Parties and in transit through their territories.

2. The Agreement shall apply to the carriage of passengers and goods in buses or goods vehicles, combinations of vehicles or trailers by carriers which are authorized in accordance with the law of their own State to engage in transport operations of the kind provided for in this Agreement.

## I. PASSENGER TRANSPORT

*Article 2*

1. Carriers authorized by their own State which engage in occasional transport operations by bus and have their business headquarters in the Republic of Finland or in the Republic of Austria shall not require the authorization of the other State for:

- (a) "Closed-door" round trips, namely, journeys by the same vehicle carrying the same group of passengers throughout the journey and returning them to the point of departure; and
- (b) Outward services, namely, transport services in which the vehicle carries passengers on the outward journey and returns empty.

2. Other transport operations by bus not covered by the provisions of paragraph 1 shall in each case require the authorization of the other State.

## II. GOODS TRANSPORT

*Article 3.* 1. Authorization shall be required for the carriage of goods within the meaning of article 1 between the territories of the Contracting Parties or in transit through their territories.

2. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall agree on the authorization quota.

*Article 4.* Authorization shall not be required for:

- (a) The conveyance of postal items;
- (b) The transport of damaged vehicles;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 October 1981, i.e., the sixtieth day after the date on which the Contracting Parties notified each other in writing (on 25 August 1981) that the requisite domestic conditions had been fulfilled, in accordance with article 15 (1).

- (c) The carriage of human remains;
- (d) The carriage of *objets d'art* and works of art for exhibitions or fairs or for commercial purposes;
- (e) The carriage of articles and equipment exclusively for advertising and information;
- (f) Furniture removal by enterprises employing trained workers and suitable equipment;
- (g) The carriage of materials, accessories and animals to or from theatrical, musical, cinematographic and sporting events, circuses or fairs and to or from radio broadcasting recording sessions and cinematographic or television filming sessions;
- (h) Transport operations for own account;
- (i) Carriage of goods by vehicles whose permissible maximum weight, including trailers, does not exceed 6 tons or whose permissible maximum load, including trailers, does not exceed 3.5 tons;
- (j) The carriage of valuable goods (e.g., precious metals, securities) in special vehicles with a police or security escort;
- (k) The carriage of supplies needed for emergency medical treatment, especially in case of natural disasters;
- (l) The movement of an unladen goods vehicle to replace a vehicle which has broken down abroad, and continuation of the transport operation by the replacement vehicle under the authorization issued for the broken-down vehicle;
- (m) The movement of unladen goods vehicles;
- (n) The carriage of other goods, if the competent authorities of the two Contracting States so agree.

*Article 5.* 1. Authorizations shall be used only by the carrier to which they are issued and shall not be transferable.

2. Authorizations shall be valid for one journey (outward and return, including transit).

3. Authorizations shall be valid for a maximum period of three months.

4. The purposes for which an authorization is valid may be restricted. Any such restriction shall be noted on the authorization document.

5. The authorization shall be issued to the carrier for a specified vehicle. It may not be transferred by the carrier to either another vehicle or another carrier.

*Article 6.* Authorizations under article 3 shall:

—In the case of vehicles registered in the Republic of Finland, be issued to Finnish carriers by the Federal Minister of Transport of the Republic of Austria and be delivered by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Finland;

—In the case of vehicles registered in the Republic of Austria, be issued to Austrian carriers by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Finland and

be delivered by the Federal Minister of Transport of the Republic of Austria or by such authorities as he may designate.

*Article 7.* Every consignment of goods carried for hire or reward shall be accompanied by a consignment note.

*Article 8.* If the dimensions and weight of a goods vehicle, a combination of vehicles or a trailer, whether laden or unladen, exceed the permissible maximum in the territory of the other Contracting Party, a special authorization from the competent authority of that Contracting Party shall be required in addition to the authorization referred to in article 3.

### III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Article 9.* Nothing in this Agreement shall affect other provisions of the domestic law of the Contracting Parties.

*Article 10.* In the event of a violation of the provisions of this Agreement, the competent authority of the State in which the vehicle is registered shall, at the request of the State in whose territory the violation was committed, either:

- (a) Issue a reprimand, or
- (b) Suspend or revoke the authorization issued under this Agreement.

The competent authority of the other Contracting Party shall be informed of the action taken.

*Article 11.* 1. Carriers of one Contracting Party shall not carry passengers or goods between two points in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. Carriers of one Contracting Party shall not perform transport operations with goods vehicles or with combinations of vehicles and trailers between the territory of the other Contracting Party and a third State without a special authorization from the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party.

*Article 12.* The documents required under the provisions of this Agreement shall be carried by the crew of the vehicle on all journeys in the territory of the other Contracting Party and shall be produced on demand to the competent officials.

*Article 13.* The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall settle all questions arising out of the application of this Agreement.

*Article 14.* For the purposes of this Agreement, the competent authorities shall be:

- The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Finland; for the purposes of article 8: the Department of Highways and Waterways; and
- The Federal Minister of Transport of the Republic of Austria.

*Article 15.* 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth day after the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other in writing through the diplomatic channel that the requisite domestic conditions for the entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.

2. This Agreement shall be valid for a term of one year after its entry into force. It shall thereafter be extended for successive periods of one year unless it is denounced in writing by one of the Contracting Parties three months before the end of the period of validity.

DONE at Vienna on 25 March 1980, in two original copies, each in the Finnish and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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