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The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of the Ministers of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter called "the Contracting Parties") desiring to promote transport of passengers and goods by motor vehicles between and in transit through the territories of both countries, have agreed as follows:

I: General Previsions

Article 1: Definitions

- 1. The term "home country" means the territory of the Contracting Parties in which a vehicle is registered.
- 2. The term "host country" means the territory of a Contracting Party in which a vehicle is being used in transport operations but other than the vehicle's country of registration.
- 3. The term "carrier" means any physical or legal person, established in the territories of the Contracting Parties, and authorized in accordance with the relevant national laws and regulations to engage in the international carriage of passengers or goods by road.
- 4. The term "vehicle" means:
- a) in the carriage of passengers any power driven road vehicle which is adapted for carriage of passengers, has more than nine seats, including the driver's seat and is registered in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties;
- b) in the carriage of goods any power driven road vehicle, which is registered in the territory of either Contracting Party and adapted and normally used for goods transport. For the purposes of this Agreement the term "vehicle" also applies to any trailer or semi-trailer, coupled to any motor vehicle disregarding the place of registration of trailer or semi trailer as well as to any combination of road vehicles.
- 5. The term "regular service" means passenger transport along routes and according to schedules agreed in advance and whereby passengers may be taken up or set down at predetermined stops. These regular services shall be established on reciprocity basis. Each competent authority shall issue the permits for the section of the itinerary operated in its territory.
- 6. The term "Shuttle services" means services whereby, by means of repeated outward and return journeys, groups of passengers assembled in advance are carried from a single place of departure to a single place of destination.

Each group, consisting of the passengers who made the outward journey, is carried back to the place of departure on a later journey.

7. The term "occasional service" means a service falling neither within the definition of a regular service nor within the definition of a shuttle service.

Article 2: Scope

This Agreement applies to international road transport operations performed by the carrier who in his home country according to its national legislation is entitled to perform international road transport operations, on hire and reward or on own account, and may perform such operations to, from, or in transit through the other country's territory.

Article 3: Compliance with national legislation

Carriers and their staff must comply with national laws and provisions in force in the territory of the host country while performing road transport operations within the host country's territory.

Article 4: Joint Committee and competent authorities

- 1. For the application and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, the Competent Authorities of both Parties establish a Joint Committee, which is formed from the delegates designated by these authorities.
- 2. This Joint Committee shall meet at the request of competent authorities of the either Contracting Party at meetings that will be held alternately in the territories of the Contracting Parties.
- 3. Under this Agreement, the competent authorities shall be:
- For the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport;
- For the Republic of Albania, the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication.

II: Passenger Transport

Article 5: Authorization

Passenger transport operations by motor vehicles between the territories of the Contracting Parties and in transit through them that are mentioned in Article 6 must have the respective authorization issued by the competent authority of the Host country.

Article 6: Regular and shuttle services

- 1. Regular and shuttle services operated between the territories of the Contracting Parties or in transit through them shall be approved jointly by their competent authority in advance.
- 2. Carriers must address applications for authorizations for regular and shuttle services to the competent authority of their home country. If that competent authority approves the application, it forwards the said application to the competent authority of the host country along with a recommendation.
- 3. The Joint Committee should:
- a) establish the conditions and requirements that must be fulfilled by the applications;
- b) define the concepts of place of departure and destination on shuttle services.

Article 7: Occasional Services

While carrying out occasional services, carriers who are registered in the territories of either Contracting parties must comply with the provisions of the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (INTERBUS Agreement).

III: Goods: Transport

Article 8: Regime of permits

- 1. Carriers may, by virtue of previously obtained permits issued by the competent authority of the Host country, perform goods transport between the territories of the Contracting unless otherwise decided by the Joint Committee. The transit transport of goods through them will be carried out without permits.
- 2. Carriers may perform goods transport between the territories of the Host country and third countries only if they have previously obtained permits issued by the competent authority of the Host country.
- 3. The permit shall be used only by the carrier to whom it is issued and shall not be transferable. The permit must be kept in the vehicle during the whole journey and must be produced at the request of any authorized control officials.
- 4. The competent authorities of both Contracting Parties shall annually exchange a jointly approved number of permits for goods transport.

Article 9: Exemption from permit requirements

- 1. The following categories of transport shall be exempted from permit requirements:
- a) transport by vehicles whose Total Permissible Laden Weight (TPLW), including trailers, does not exceed 6 tonnes, or when the permitted payload, including trailers, does not exceed 3,5 tonnes;
- b) transport of vehicles which are damaged or have broken down and the transport of breakdown repair vehicles;
- c) unladen runs by a goods vehicle sent to replace a vehicle which has broken down in another country, and also the return run, after repair, of the vehicle that had broken down;
- d) transport of medical supplies and equipment needed for emergencies, more particularly in response to natural disasters and humanitarian aid;
- e) transport of works and objects of art for fairs and exhibitions for non-commercial purposes;
- f) transport for non-commercial purposes of properties, accessories and animals to or from theatrical, musical, film, sports or circus performances, fair or fetes, and those intended for radio recordings, or for film or television production;
- g) first unladen run of newly-purchased motor vehicles.
- 2. The Joint Committee is entitled to amend the list of transport categories exempted from the permit requirements set out in paragraph 1 of the present Article, and to agree upon documents to be carried on the board when performing the above mentioned transports.

IV: Other Provisions

Article 10: Cabotage

Carriers cannot perform cabotage transport in the territory of the Host country.

Article 11: Infringements

- 1. In the event that a carrier or the staff on board of a vehicle registered in one Contracting Party have not observed the legislation in force on the territory of the Host country, or the provisions of this Agreement or the conditions mentioned in the permit, the competent authority of the Home country could, at the demand of the competent authority of the Host country, take the following measures:
- a) to issue a warning for the carrier who committed the infringement;
- b) to cancel or withdraw temporarily the permits allowing the carrier to perform transports in the territory of the Contracting Party where the infringement was committed.
- 2. The competent authority which has adopted such a measure shall notify it to the competent authority of

the Host country which had proposed it.

3. The provisions of this Article shall not exclude the lawful sanctions which may be applied by the courts or administration authorities of the country where the infringement was committed.

Article 12: Taxation

- 1. Vehicles which are registered in the territory of one Contracting Party and are temporarily imported into the territory of the Host country to perform transport services in accordance with this Agreement shall be exempt, according to the reciprocity principle, from the taxes and charges levied on the circulation or possession of vehicles and from taxes and charges levied on transport operations carried out in the territory of the Host country.
- 2. However, this exemption shall not apply to the payment of road tolls, bridge tolls and other similar charges, which shall always be required on the basis of the principle of non discrimination.
- 3. On the vehicles mentioned in the paragraph 1 of this Article customs duties shall be exempted on:
- a) the vehicles:
- b) lubricants and fuel contained in the ordinary supply tanks of the vehicles and in tanks for the refrigerating equipment;
- c) spare parts imported into the territory of the Host country, intended for the breakdown service of a vehicle. Replaced parts shall be re-exported or destroyed, under the supervision of the competent customs authorities.

Article 13: Dangerous goods

When transporting dangerous goods internationally, carriers who are registered in the territories of either Contracting Parties must comply with the provisions of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by road (ADR).

Article 14: Weights and dimensions

- 1. With respect to the weights and dimensions of vehicles, each Contracting Party undertakes not to impose on vehicles registered in the territory of the other Contracting Party conditions which are more restricted than those imposed on vehicles registered within its own territory.
- 2. If weights and dimensions of the vehicle with or without load used in transport operations exceed the maximum permissible limits being in force in the territory of the Host country, a special permit issued by the competent authority of that country is needed.

The carrier should fully comply with the requirements specified in such permit.

Article 15: International obligations

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights or obligations of the Contracting Parties contained in International Conventions, Agreements and Regulations which apply to them.

Article 16: Entry into force and duration

- 1. The Agreement shall be provisionally applied from the date of its signature and shall come into force on the date of the receipt of the last notification through diplomatic channels by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that the conditions required by their respective national legislation for entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.
- 2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an undefined period of time unless it is denounced through diplomatic channels by one of the Contracting Parties. In that case the Agreement shall be terminated six months after the other Contracting Party has been notified about it.

Done in two originals at Riga, on 28 March 2006, each in the Latvian, Albanian and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail. For the Government of the Republic of Latvia:

For the Council of the Ministers of the Republic:

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Qeveria e Republikës së Letonisë dhe Këshilli i Ministrave i Republikës së Shqipërisë (më poshtë të quajtura "Palë Kontraktuese") me dëshirën për të nxitur transportin e udhëtarëve dhe mallrave me automjete ndërmjet dhe në transit përmes territoreve të të dy vendeve, kanë rënë dakord si më poshtë:

I.DISPOZITA TË PËRGJITHSHME

Neni 1 Përkufizime

- 1. Termi "vend amtar" nënkupton territorin e Palës Kontraktuese në të cilën është regjistruar një mjet;
- 2. Termi "vend pritës" nënkupton territorin e një Pale Kontraktuese në të cilin një mjet përdoret në operimet e transportit por, që është i ndryshëm nga vendi i regjistrimit të mjetit;
- 3. Termi "transportues" nënkupton çdo person fizik ose juridik, i vendosur ne territoret e Palëve Kontraktuese dhe i autorizuar në përputhje me ligjet dhe rregullat përkatëse kombëtare, të kryejë transport ndërkombëtar rrugor të udhëtarëve dhe mallrave.
- 4. Termi "mjet" nënkupton:
 - a) Në transportin e udhëtarëve çdo mjet motorik rrugor i cili është përshtatur për transportin e udhëtarëve, ka më shumë se nëntë karrige, përfshirë ndenjësen e shoferit dhe është regjistruar në territorin e një nga Palëve Kontraktuese;
 - b) Në transportin e mallrave çdo mjet motorik rrugor, i cili është regjistruar në territorin e njërës Palë Kontraktuese dhe i përshtatur dhe i përdorur normalisht për transportin e mallrave. Për qëllimet e kësaj Marrëveshjeje termi "mjet" zbatohet gjithashtu për çdo trajler ose gjysmëtrajler, i lidhur me ndonjë automjet pavarësisht vendit të regjistrimit të trajlerit ose gjysmë-trajlerit si dhe çdo kombinim të mjeteve rrugore.
- 5. Termi "shërbim i rregullt" nënkupton transportin e udhëtarëve përgjatë linjave dhe në përputhje me oraret e rëna dakord më parë dhe me anë të të cilëve udhëtarët mund të merren ose zbriten në stacione të paracaktuara. Këto shërbime të rregullta duhet të vendosen mbi bazën e reciprocitetit. Çdo autoritet kompetent lëshon lejet për seksionin e itinerarit që operohet në territorin e tij.

6. Termi "shërbimet vajtje-ardhje" nënkupton shërbimet përmes së cilave, nëpërmjet udhëtimeve të përsëritura në vajtje dhe kthim, grupet e udhëtarëve të mbledhur më parë transportohen nga një vend i vetëm nisjeje në një vend të vetëm destinacioni.

Çdo grup, që përbëhet nga udhëtarë të cilët bëjnë udhëtimin në vajtje, kthehet mbrapsht në vendin e nisjes gjatë një udhëtimi të mëvonshëm.

7. Termi "shërbim i rastit" nënkupton një shërbim i cili nuk bie as brenda përkufizimit të një shërbimi të rregullt as brenda përkufizimit të një shërbimi vajtjeardhje.

Neni 2 Qëllimi

Kjo Marrëveshje zbatohet për operimet e transportit ndërkombëtar rrugor të kryera nga transportuesi, i cili në vendin e tij amëtar, në përputhje me legjislacionin kombëtar, i është dhënë e drejta të kryejë operime të transportit ndërkombëtar rrugor, me qera dhe shpërblim ose për llogari të vet, dhe mund të kryejë operime të tilla për në, nga, ose në tranzit nëpërmjet territorit të vendit tjetër.

Neni 3 Përputhja me legjislacionin kombëtar

Transportuesit dhe stafi i tyre duhet t'u binden ligjeve dhe dispozitave kombëtare në fuqi në territorin e vendit pritës, ndërsa kryejnë operimet e transportit rrugor brenda territorit të vendit pritës.

Neni 4 Komiteti i Përbashkët dhe autoritetet kompetente

- 1. Për aplikimin dhe zbatimin e dispozitave të kësaj Marrëveshjeje, Autoritetet Kompetente të të dy Palëve krijojnë një Komitet të Përbashkët, i cili formohet nga delegatë të caktuar nga këto autoritete.
- 2. Ky Komitet i Përbashkët takohet me kërkesën e autoriteteve kompetente të njërës Palë Kontraktuese në takime të cilat do të mbahen të alternuara në territoret e Palëve Kontraktuese.

- 3. Në këtë Marrëveshje, autoritetet kompetente janë:
 - Për Republikën e Letonisë, Ministria e Transportit.
 - Për Republikën e Shqipërisë, Ministria e Punëve Publike, Transportit dhe Telekomunikacionit;

II.TRANSPORTI I UDHËTARËVE

Neni 5 Autorizimi

Operimet e transportit të udhëtarëve me automjete ndërmjet territoreve të Palëve Kontraktuese dhe në tranzit ndërmjet tyre që përmenden në Nenin 6 duhet të kenë autorizimin përkatës të lëshuar nga autoriteti kompetent i vendit Pritës.

Neni 6 Shërbimet e rregullta dhe vajtje-ardhje

- 1. Shërbimet e rregullta dhe vajtje-ardhje të kryera ndërmjet territoreve të Palëve Kontraktuese ose në tranzit nëpërmjet tyre aprovohen më përpara bashkërisht nga autoritetet e tyre kompetente.
- 2. Transportuesit duhet t'i adresojnë kërkesat për autorizime për shërbimet e rregullta dhe vajtje-ardhje tek autoritetet kompetente të vendit të tyre amëtar. Në qoftë se autoriteti kompetent aprovon kërkesën, ai e përcjell kërkesën në fjalë tek autoriteti kompetent i vendit pritës së bashku me një rekomandim.
- 3. Komiteti i Përbashkët duhet:
 - a) Të vendosë kushtet dhe kërkesat që duhet të plotësohen nga kërkesat;
 - b) Të përcaktojë konceptet e vendit të nisjes dhe destinacionit në shërbimet vajtje-ardhje.

Neni 7 Shërbimet e Rastit

Ndërsa kryejnë shërbimet e rastit, transportuesit të cilët janë të regjistruar në territoret e secilës Palë Kontraktuese duhet t'u binden dispozitave të Marrëveshjes mbi Transportin Ndërkombëtar të Rastit të Udhëtarëve me Autobus (Marrëveshjes Intebus).

III.TRANSPORTI I MALLRAVE

Neni 8 Regjimi i lejeve

- 1. Transportuesit mund, nëpërmjet lejeve të siguruara paraprakisht të lëshuara nga autoriteti kompetent të vendit Pritës, të kryejnë transport mallrash ndërmjet territoreve të Palëve Kontraktuese, vetëm nëse vendoset ndryshe nga Komiteti i Përbashkët. Transporti tranzit i mallrave ndërmjet tyre do të kryhet pa leje.
- 2. Transportuesit mund të kryejnë transport mallrash ndërmjet territorit të vendit Pritës dhe vendeve të treta vetëm në qoftë se ata kanë siguruar paraprakisht leje të lëshuara nga autoriteti kompetent i vendit Pritës.
- 3. Leja përdoret vetëm nga transportuesi për të cilin është lëshuar dhe nuk është e tranferueshme. Leja duhet të mbahet në mjet gjatë të gjithë udhëtimit dhe duhet të paraqitet me kërkesën e ndonjë zyrtari të autorizuar kontrolli.
- 4. Autoritetet kompetente të të dy Palëve Kontraktuese shkëmbejnë çdo vit një numër të aprovuar bashkërisht të lejeve të transportit të mallrave.

Neni 9 Përjashtimi nga kërkesat e lejeve

- 1. Kategoritë e mëposhtme të transportit përjashtohen nga kërkesat për leje:
 - a) transporti me mjete Pesha e Ngarkuar Totale e Lejueshme (TPLW) e të cilave nuk i kalon 6 tonët, ose kur ngarkesa e lejuar, përfshirë trajlerat, nuk i kalon 3.5 tonët;
 - b) transporti i mjeteve të cilët janë dëmtuar ose shkatëruar dhe transporti i mjeteve për riparimin e dëmtimeve;
 - c) udhëtimet pa ngarkesë të një mjeti mallrash i dërguar për të zëvendësuar një mjet i cili është dëmtuar në vend tjetër dhe gjithashtu udhëtimi i kthimit, mbas riparimit të mjetit që është dëmtuar;
 - d) transporti i furnizimeve dhe pajisjeve mjekësore të nevojshme për emergjencat, veçanërisht në përgjigje të katastrofave natyrore dhe ndihmës humanitare;

- e) transporti i punimeve dhe veprave të artit për panaire dhe ekspozita për qëllime jo tregtare;
- f) transporti për qëllime jo tregtare të rekuizitave, pajisjeve shtesë dhe kafshëve për në ose nga shfaqjet teatrale, muzikore, filmike, sporteve ose cirku, panaireve ose festave dhe të atyre të caktuara për regjistrime radioje, ose për filma ose xhirime televizive;
- g) udhëtimi i parë pa ngarkesë i automjeteve të sapo blera.
- 2. Komitetit të Përbashkët i jepet e drejta të ndryshojë listën e kategorive të transportit të përjashtuara nga kërkesat për leje të përcaktuara në paragrafin 1 të Nenit në fjalë dhe të bien dakord për dokumentet që duhet të mbahen në bord kur kryhen transportet e lartpërmendura.

IV. Dispozita të tjera

Neni 10 Kabotazhi

Transportuesit nuk mund të kryejnë transport kabotazhi në territorin e vendit Pritës.

Neni 11 Shkeljet

- 1. Në rast se një transportues ose stafi në bordin e një mjeti të regjistruar në një Palë Kontraktuese nuk ka respektuar legjislacionin në fuqi në territorin e vendit Pritës, ose dispozitat e kësaj Marrëveshje, ose kushtet e përmendura në leje, autoriteti kompetent i vendit Amëtar mundet, me kërkesë të autoritetit kompetent të vendit Pritës, të ndërmarrë masat e mëposhtme:
 - a) Të lëshojë një paralajmërim për transportuesin i cili kreu shkeljen;
 - b) Të anullojë ose të tërheqë përkohësisht lejet që lejojnë transportuesin të kryejë transporte në territorin e Palës Kontraktuese ku u krye shkelja.
- 2. Autoriteti kompetent, i cili ka miratuar një masë të tillë, ia njofton atë autoritetit kompetent të vendit Pritës që e ka propozuar atë.
- 3. Dispozitat e këtij Neni nuk përjashtojnë sanksionet ligjore të cilat mund të zbatohen nga gjykatat ose autoritetet administrative të vendit ku u krye shkelja.

Neni 12 Taksimi

- 1. Mjetet të cilat janë të regjistruara në territorin e një Pale Kontraktuese dhe janë përkohësisht të importuara në territorin e vendit Pritës për të kryer shërbimet e transportit në përputhje me këtë Marrëveshje, përjashtohen sipas parimit të reciprocitetit, nga taksat dhe detyrimet të vëna mbi qarkullimin ose zotërimin e mjeteve dhe nga taksat dhe detyrimet e vëna mbi operimet e transportit të kryera në territorin e vendit Pritës.
- 2. Megjithatë, ky përjashtim nuk zbatohet për pagesat e taksave rrugore, taksat e urave dhe detyrime të tjera të ngjashme, të cilat kërkohen gjithmonë mbi bazën e parimit të mosdiskriminimit.
- 3. Mbi mjetet e përmendura në paragrafin 1 të këtij Neni detyrimet doganore përjashtohen mbi:
 - a) mjetet;
 - b)lubrifikantët dhe karburantin që ndodhet në serbatorët e zakonshëm të furnizimit të mjeteve dhe në serbatorët për pajisjet ftohëse;
 - c) pjesët e ndërrimit të importuara në territorin e vendit Pritës, të parashikuara për shërbimin e riparimit të një mjeti. Pjesët e zëvendësuara do të ri-eksportohen ose shkatërrohen, nën kujdesin e autoriteteve kompetente doganore.

Neni 13 Mallrat e Rrezikshme

Kur kryhet transport ndërkombëtar i mallrave të rrezikshme, transportuesit të cilët janë regjistruar në territoret e njërës nga Palëve Kontraktuese duhet t'u binden dispozitave të Marrëveshjes Evropiane në lidhje me Transportin Ndërkombëtar Rrugor të Mallrave të Rrezikshme (ADR).

Neni 14 Peshat dhe përmasat

1. Në lidhje me peshat dhe përmasat e mjeteve, çdo Palë Kontraktuese ndërmerr të mos vendosë mbi mjetet e regjistruara në territorin e Palës tjetër Kontraktuese kushte të cilat janë më të kufizuara sesa ato të vendosura mbi mjetet të regjistruara brenda territorit të tij të vetë.

2. Në qoftë se peshat dhe përmasat e mjetit me ose pa ngarkesë e përdorur në operimet e transportit i kalon limitet maksimale të lejueshme që janë në fuqi në territorin e vendit Pritës, është e nevojshme të lëshohet një leje speciale nga autoritet kompetente të atij vendi.

Transportuesit duhet t'u binden kërkesave të specifikuara në një leje të tillë.

Neni 15 Detyrimet ndërkombëtare

Dispozitat e kësaj Marrëveshjeje nuk ndikojnë mbi të drejtat ose detyrimet e Palëve Kontraktuese të përfshira në Konventat Ndërkombëtare, Marrëveshjet dhe Rregulloret të cilat zbatohen për ata.

Neni 16 Hyrja në fuqi dhe kohëzgjatja

- 1. Marrëveshja zbatohet përkohësisht nga data e firmosjes së saj dhe hyn në fuqi në datën e marrjes së njoftimit të fundit nëpërmjet kanaleve diplomatike nëpërmjet të cilave Palët Kontraktuese njoftojnë njëra-tjetrën që kushtet e kërkuara nga legjislacionet e tyre respektive kombëtare për hyrjen në fuqi të Marrëveshjes janë plotësuar.
- 2. Kjo Marrëveshje mbetet në fuqi për një periudhë të pacaktuar kohe, me përjashtim të rasteve nësë ajo denoncohet nga njëra nga Palët Kontraktuese nëpërmjet kanaleve diplomatike. Në atë rast Marrëveshja përfundon gjashtë muaj mbasi Pala tjetër Kontraktuese ka njoftuar për këtë.

> Për Qeverinë e Republikës së Letonisë

Për Këshillin e Ministrave të Republikës së Shqipërisë

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Latvijas Republikas valdība un Albānijas Republikas Ministru padome (turpmāk tekstā - "Līgumslēdzējas Puses"), lai veicinātu pasažieru un kravu pārvadājumus ar autotransportu starp abām valstīm un tranzītā cauri to teritorijām,

vienojās par sekojošo:

I VISPĀRĪGIE NOTEIKUMI

1. pants Termini

- 1. "Sava valsts" Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorija, kurā transporta līdzeklis ir reģistrēts.
- 2. "Otra valsts" Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorija, kurā transporta līdzeklis tiek izmantots veicot pārvadājumus, bet nav tajā reģistrēts.
- 3. "Pārvadātājs" jebkura fiziska vai juridiska persona, kas reģistrēta Līgumslēdzēju Pušu valstu teritorijās un saskaņā ar spēkā esošiem nacionālajiem normatīvajiem aktiem un noteikumiem ir tiesīga veikt starptautiskos pasažieru vai kravu pārvadājumus ar autotransportu.
 - 4. "Transporta līdzeklis" -
- a) pasažieru pārvadājumos jebkurš motorizēts autotransporta līdzeklis, kas paredzēts pasažieru pārvadāšanai, kam ir vairāk nekā deviņas sēdvietas, autovadītāja vietu ieskaitot, un ir reģistrēts vienas vai otras Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā;
- b) kravu pārvadājumos jebkurš, vienas vai otras Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā reģistrēts motorizēts autotransporta līdzeklis, kas paredzēts un ko izmanto kravu pārvadājumiem. Šajā Nolīgumā jēdziens "transporta līdzeklis" attiecas arī uz jebkuru ar kravas autotransporta līdzekli savienotu piekabi vai puspiekabi neatkarīgi no to reģistrācijas vietas, kā arī uz jebkuru citu autotransporta līdzekļu kombināciju.
- 5. "Regulāri pārvadājumi" pasažieru pārvadājumi atbilstoši iepriekš saskaņotiem kustības sarakstiem pa noteiktiem maršrutiem, kuru laikā pasažieri var iekāpt transporta līdzeklī vai izkāpt no tā iepriekš noteiktās pieturvietās. Šie regulārie pārvadājumi organizējami, balstoties uz partnerības principu. Katras valsts kompetentā institūcija izdod pārvadājumu atļaujas tai maršruta daļai, kas atrodas tās teritorijā.

6. "Sistemātiskie turp un atpakaļ pārvadājumi" - pārvadājumi, kurus veicot iepriekš izveidotas pasažieru grupas atkārtotu turp un atpakaļ braucienu laikā tiek pārvadātas no vienas brauciena sākuma vietas uz vienu brauciena galapunktu.

Katra pasažieru grupa, ko veido pasažieri, kas veikuši braucienu turp, kādā no sekojošiem atpakaļ braucieniem tiek atvesta atpakaļ brauciena sākuma vietā.

7. "Neregulāri pārvadājumi" - pārvadājumi, kas neatbilst ne regulāro pārvadājumu ne sistemātisko turp un atpakaļ pārvadājumu definīcijām.

2. pants Darbības sfēra

Šis Nolīgums attiecas uz starptautiskajiem pārvadājumiem ar autotransportu, ko veic pārvadātājs, kurš atbilstoši savas valsts nacionālajiem normatīvajiem aktiem ir tiesīgs veikt starptautiskos pārvadājumus ar autotransportu pēc nomas līguma, par atlīdzību vai savām vajadzībām uz otras valsts teritoriju, no tās, vai tranzītā cauri tai.

3. pants Atbilstība nacionālajiem normatīvajiem aktiem

Veicot pārvadājumus ar autotransportu otras valsts teritorijā, pārvadātājiem un to transporta līdzekļu apkalpēm jāievēro tur spēkā esošie nacionālie normatīvie akti un noteikumi.

4. pants Kopējā komisija un kompetentās institūcijas

- 1. Lai nodrošinātu šī Nolīguma noteikumu izpildi un piemērošanu, Līgumslēdzēju Pušu kompetentās institūcijas izveido Kopējo komisiju, kurā ietilpst kompetento institūciju izvirzīti pārstāvji.
- 2. Kopējā komisija satiekas pēc vienas vai otras Līgumslēdzējas Puses kompetentās institūcijas lūguma sanāksmēs, kas tiek rīkotas pārmaiņus katras Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā.
- 3. Šī Nolīguma ietvaros kompetentās institūcijas ir: Latvijas Republikā - Satiksmes ministrija; Albānijas Republikā- Sabiedrisko lietu, transporta un sakaru ministrija.

II PASAŽIERU PĀRVADĀJUMI

5. pants Atļaujas

Visiem šā nolīguma 6.pantā minētajiem pasažieru pārvadājumiem ar transporta līdzekļiem starp Līgumslēdzēju Pušu valstu teritorijām vai tranzītā cauri tām nepieciešama atbilstoša otras valsts kompetentās institūcijas izdota atļauja.

6. pants Regulārie un sistemātiskie turp un atpakaļ pārvadājumi

- 1. Regulārie un sistemātiskie turp un atpakaļ pārvadājumi starp Līgumslēdzēju Pušu valstu teritorijām vai tranzītā cauri tām iepriekš savstarpēji jāsaskaņo šo valstu kompetentajām institūcijām.
- 2. Lai saņemtu atļaujas regulāriem un sistemātiskiem turp un atpakaļ pārvadājumiem, pārvadātājiem jāadresē atbilstoši pieteikumi savas valsts kompetentajai institūcijai. Ja šī kompetentā institūcija pieteikumu akceptē, tā nosūta to kopā ar rekomendāciju otras valsts kompetentajai institūcijai.
 - 3. Kopējā komisija:
 - a) nosaka kārtību un prasības, kas jāizpilda, iesniedzot pieteikumus;
- b) nosaka prasības, kādām jāatbilst brauciena sākuma vietai un galapunktam sistemātiskos turp un atpakaļ pārvadājumos.

7. pants Neregulārie pārvadājumi

Veicot neregulārus pārvadājumus, abu Līgumslēdzēju Pušu valsts teritorijā reģistrētiem pārvadātājiem jāievēro Nolīguma par pasažieru neregulārajiem starptautiskajiem pārvadājumiem ar autobusiem (INTERBUS nolīgums) noteikumi.

III KRAVU PĀRVADĀJUMI

8. pants Atļauju režīms

- 1. Pārvadātāji var veikt kravu pārvadājumus starp abu Līgumslēdzēju Pušu valstu teritorijām, iepriekš saņemot otras valsts kompetentās institūcijas izdotas atļaujas, ja vien Kopējā komisija nav pieņēmusi citu lēmumu. Kravu tranzīta pārvadājumus cauri tām var veikt bez atļaujām.
- 2. Pārvadātāji var veikt kravu pārvadājumus starp otras valsts un kādas trešās valsts teritorijām tikai tad, ja viņi iepriekš ir saņēmuši otras valsts kompetentās institūcijas izdotas atļaujas.
- 3. Atļauju drīkst izmantot tikai tas pārvadātājs, kuram tā izsniegta, un to nedrīkst nodot citām personām. Atļaujai visa brauciena laikā jāatrodas transporta līdzeklī, un tā jāuzrāda pēc ikvienas pilnvarotas kontrolējošās institūcijas amatpersonas pieprasījuma.
- 4. Abu Līgumslēdzēju Pušu kompetentās institūcijas katru gadu apmainās ar savstarpēji saskaņotu atļauju skaitu kravu pārvadājumiem.

9. pants Pārvadājumi, kuriem atļauja nav nepieciešama

- 1. Atļaujas nav nepieciešamas šādiem pārvadājumu veidiem:
- a) kravu pārvadājumiem ar transporta līdzekļiem, kuru pilna masa, piekabes ieskaitot, nepārsniedz 6 tonnas vai kuru maksimālā celtspēja, piekabes ieskaitot, nepārsniedz 3,5 tonnas;
- b) bojātu vai avarējušu transporta līdzekļu pārvadāšanai un tehniskās palīdzības autotransporta līdzekļiem;
- c) transporta līdzekļa braucienam bez kravas, kas nosūtīts citā valstī bojāta transporta līdzekļa nomaiņai, kā arī bojātā transporta līdzekļa atpakaļbraucienam pēc tā salabošanas;
- d) medikamentu un medicīnā pielietojamo iekārtu pārvadāšanai, kas nepieciešamas steidzamas palīdzības sniegšanai ārkārtējās situācijās, īpaši dabas katastrofu un humānās palīdzības gadījumos;

- e) izstādēm un gadatirgiem paredzētu mākslas eksponātu un priekšmetu pārvadāšanai nekomerciāliem mērķiem;
- f) nekomerciāliem mērķiem paredzētu piederumu, dekorāciju un dzīvnieku pārvadāšanai uz vai no teātra, muzikālām vai cirka izrādēm, kino un sporta pasākumiem, gadatirgiem vai festivāliem, kā arī radio vai televīzijas raidījumu ierakstiem un kinofilmu uzņemšanai;
 - g) tikko pirkta transporta līdzekļa pirmajam braucienam bez kravas.
- 2. Kopējā komisija ir tiesīga mainīt šī panta ! punktā minēto, no atļauju režīma atbrīvoto pārvadājumu sarakstu un vienoties par dokumentiem, kuriem jāatrodas transporta līdzeklī, veicot iepriekš minētos pārvadājumus.

IV CITI NOTEIKUMI

10. pants Kabotāža

Pārvadātāji nedrīkst veikt kabotāžas pārvadājumus otras valsts teritorijā.

11. pants Pārkāpumi

- 1. Ja vienas Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā reģistrēts pārvadātājs vai tā transporta līdzekļa apkalpe nav ievērojusi otras valsts teritorijā spēkā esošos tiesību aktus vai šī Nolīguma noteikumus, vai atļaujā minētos nosacījumus, savas valsts kompetentā institūcija pēc otras valsts kompetentās institūcijas pieprasījuma var piemērot šādas sankcijas:
 - a) izteikt brīdinājumu pārvadātājam, kas izdarījis pārkāpumu;
- b) anulēt vai uz laiku aizliegt izmantot atļaujas, kas dod iespēju pārvadātājam veikt pārvadājumus tās Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā, kurā pārkāpums izdarīts.
- 2. Kompetentajai institūcijai, kas piemērojusi kādu no šīm sankcijām, par to jāziņo otras valsts kompetentajai institūcijai, kas to ierosinājusi.
- 3. Šī panta noteikumu piemērošana neizslēdz citas tiesiskas sankcijas, ko var piemērot tās valsts tiesas vai administratīvās institūcijas, kurā pārkāpums noticis.

12. pants Nodokli

- 1. Vienas Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā reģistrēti transporta līdzekļi, ar kuriem uz laiku tiek iebraukts otras valsts teritorijā, lai veiktu pārvadājumus šī Nolīguma ietvaros, tiek abpusēji atbrīvoti no nodokļiem un maksājumiem par transporta līdzekļu īpašumu vai lietošanu un no nodokļiem un maksājumiem par transporta operāciju veikšanu otras valsts teritorijā.
- 2. Tomēr šis atbrīvojums neattiecas uz nodevām par maksas ceļu un tiltu lietošanu un citiem līdzīgiem maksājumiem, kuri iekasējami, pamatojoties uz nediskriminējošiem nosacījumiem.
- 3. Attiecībā uz šī panta 1.punktā minētajiem transporta līdzekļiem no muitas nodokļiem atbrīvojami:
 - a) transporta līdzekli;
- b) smērvielas un degviela, kas atrodas transporta līdzekļu standarta tvertnēs un saldēšanas iekārtu degvielas tvertnēs;
- c) rezerves daļas, ko ieved otras valsts teritorijā bojāta transporta līdzekļa remontam. Nomainītās detaļas ir jāizved vai jāiznīcina kompetentu muitas dienestu uzraudzībā.

13. pants Bīstamās kravas

Veicot bīstamu kravu starptautiskos pārvadājumus, abu Līgumslēdzēju Pušu valstu teritorijās reģistrētiem pārvadātajiem jāizpilda Eiropas valstu līguma par bīstamo kravu starptautiskajiem pārvadājumiem ar autotransportu (ADR) prasības.

14. pants Svars un izmēri

- 1. Attiecībā uz transporta līdzekļu svaru un izmēriem, katra Līgumslēdzēja Puse apņemas neizvirzīt otras Līgumslēdzējas Puses valsts teritorijā reģistrētiem transporta līdzekļiem augstākas prasības par tām, kas ir spēkā attiecībā uz savas valsts teritorijā reģistrētajiem transporta līdzekļiem.
- 2. Ja pārvadājuma veikšanai paredzētā transporta līdzekļa svars un izmēri ar kravu vai bez tās pārsniedz otras valsts teritorijā maksimāli pieļaujamos lielumus, nepieciešama speciāla šīs valsts kompetentās institūcijas izdota atļauja.

Pārvadātājam jāievēro visas šajā atļaujā noteiktās prasības.

15. pants Starptautiskās saistības

Šī Nolīguma noteikumi neietekmē Līgumslēdzēju Pušu tiesības vai pienākumus, kas izriet no starptautiskajām konvencijām, nolīgumiem un noteikumiem, kuri tām ir saistoši.

16. pants Stāšanās spēkā un darbības ilgums

- 1. Šis Nolīgums pagaidu kārtībā tiek piemērots no tā parakstīšanas dienas, un tas stājas spēkā datumā, kad pa diplomātiskiem kanāliem ir saņemta pēdējā nota, ar kuru Līgumslēdzējas Puses paziņo viena otrai, ka izpildītas attiecīgās to nacionālajos normatīvajos aktos noteiktās prasības, lai Nolīgums stātos spēkā.
- 2. Šis Nolīgums paliek spēkā nenoteiktu laiku, ja vien viena no Līgumslēdzējām Pusēm pa diplomātiskiem kanāliem nav paziņojusi par savu nodomu izbeigt tā darbību. Šajā gadījumā Nolīguma darbība izbeidzas sešus mēnešus pēc tam, kad otrai Līgumslēdzējai Pusei nosūtīta nota par tā darbības izbeigšanu.

Parakstīts Rīgā, Al. 23: 2006 divos oriģināleksemplāros, katrs latviešu, albāņu un angļu valodā, turklāt visi teksti ir autentiski. Atšķirīgas interpretācijas gadījumā noteicošais ir Nolīguma teksts angļu valodā.

Latvijas Republikas

Albānijas Republikas Ministru padomes vārdā

[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Council of the Ministers of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter called "the Contracting Parties") desiring to promote transport of passengers and goods by motor vehicles between and in transit through the territories of both countries, have agreed as follows:

I GENERAL PROVISONS

Article 1 Definitions

- 1. The term "home country" means the territory of the Contracting Parties in which a vehicle is registered.
- 2. The term "host country" means the territory of a Contracting Party in which a vehicle is being used in transport operations but other than the vehicle's country of registration.
- 3. The term "carrier" means any physical or legal person, established in the territories of the Contracting Parties, and authorized in accordance with the relevant national laws and regulations to engage in the international carriage of passengers or goods by road.

4. The term "vehicle" means:

- a) in the carriage of passengers any power driven road vehicle which is adapted for carriage of passengers, has more than nine seats, including the driver's seat and is registered in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties:
- b) in the carriage of goods any power driven road vehicle, which is registered in the territory of either Contracting Party and adapted and normally used for goods transport. For the purposes of this Agreement the term "vehicle" also applies to any trailer or semi-trailer, coupled to any motor vehicle disregarding the place of registration of trailer or semi trailer as well as to any combination of road vehicles.
- 5. The term "regular service" means passenger transport along routes and according to schedules agreed in advance and whereby passengers may be taken up or set down at predetermined stops. These regular services shall be established on reciprocity basis. Each competent authority shall issue the permits for the section of the itinerary operated in its territory.

6. The term "Shuttle services" means services whereby, by means of repeated outward and return journeys, groups of passengers assembled in advance are carried from a single place of departure to a single place of destination.

Each group, consisting of the passengers who made the outward journey, is carried back to the place of departure on a later journey.

7. The term "occasional service" means a service falling neither within the definition of a regular service nor within the definition of a shuttle service.

Article 2 Scope

This Agreement applies to international road transport operations performed by the carrier who in his home country according to its national legislation is entitled to perform international road transport operations, on hire and reward or on own account, and may perform such operations to, from, or in transit through the other country's territory.

Article 3 Compliance with national legislation

Carriers and their staff must comply with national laws and provisions in force in the territory of the host country while performing road transport operations within the host country's territory.

Article 4 Joint Committee and competent authorities

- 1. For the application and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, the Competent Authorities of both Parties establish a Joint Committee, which is formed from the delegates designated by these authorities.
- 2. This Joint Committee shall meet at the request of competent authorities of the either Contracting Party at meetings that will be held alternately in the territories of the Contracting Parties.
 - 3. Under this Agreement, the competent authorities shall be:
 - For the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport;
- For the Republic of Albania, the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication.

II PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Article 5 Authorization

Passenger transport operations by motor vehicles between the territories of the Contracting Parties and in transit through them that are mentioned in Article 6 must have the respective authorization issued by the competent authority of the Host country.

Article 6 Regular and shuttle services

- 1. Regular and shuttle services operated between the territories of the Contracting Parties or in transit through them shall be approved jointly by their competent authority in advance.
- 2. Carriers must address applications for authorizations for regular and shuttle services to the competent authority of their home country. If that competent authority approves the application, it forwards the said application to the competent authority of the host country along with a recommendation.
 - 3. The Joint Committee should:
- a) establish the conditions and requirements that must be fulfilled by the applications;
- b) define the concepts of place of departure and destination on shuttle services.

Article 7 Occasional Services

While carrying out occasional services, carriers who are registered in the territories of either Contracting parties must comply with the provisions of the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (INTERBUS Agreement).

III GOODS TRANSPORT

Article 8 Regime of permits

- 1. Carriers may, by virtue of previously obtained permits issued by the competent authority of the Host country, perform goods transport between the territories of the Contracting unless otherwise decided by the Joint Committee. The transit transport of goods through them will be carried out without permits.
- 2. Carriers may perform goods transport between the territories of the Host country and third countries only if they have previously obtained permits issued by the competent authority of the Host country.
- 3. The permit shall be used only by the carrier to whom it is issued and shall not be transferable. The permit must be kept in the vehicle during the whole journey and must be produced at the request of any authorized control officials.
- 4. The competent authorities of both Contracting Parties shall annually exchange a jointly approved number of permits for goods transport.

Article 9 Exemption from permit requirements

- 1. The following categories of transport shall be exempted from permit requirements:
- a) transport by vehicles whose Total Permissible Laden Weight (TPLW), including trailers, does not exceed 6 tonnes, or when the permitted payload, including trailers, does not exceed 3,5 tonnes;
- b) transport of vehicles which are damaged or have broken down and the transport of breakdown repair vehicles;
- c) unladen runs by a goods vehicle sent to replace a vehicle which has broken down in another country, and also the return run, after repair, of the vehicle that had broken down;
- d) transport of medical supplies and equipment needed for emergencies, more particularly in response to natural disasters and humanitarian aid:
- e) transport of works and objects of art for fairs and exhibitions for non-commercial purposes;

- f) transport for non-commercial purposes of properties, accessories and animals to or from theatrical, musical, film, sports or circus performances, fair or fetes, and those intended for radio recordings, or for film or television production;
 - g) first unladen run of newly-purchased motor vehicles.
- 2. The Joint Committee is entitled to amend the list of transport categories exempted from the permit requirements set out in paragraph 1 of the present Article, and to agree upon documents to be carried on the board when performing the above mentioned transports.

IV OTHER PROVISIONS

Article 10 Cabotage

Carriers cannot perform cabotage transport in the territory of the Host country.

Article 11 Infringements

- 1. In the event that a carrier or the staff on board of a vehicle registered in one Contracting Party have not observed the legislation in force on the territory of the Host country, or the provisions of this Agreement or the conditions mentioned in the permit, the competent authority of the Home country could, at the demand of the competent authority of the Host country, take the following measures:
 - a) to issue a warning for the carrier who committed the infringement;
- b) to cancel or withdraw temporarily the permits allowing the carrier to perform transports in the territory of the Contracting Party where the infringement was committed.
- 2. The competent authority which has adopted such a measure shall notify it to the competent authority of the Host country which had proposed it.
- 3. The provisions of this Article shall not exclude the lawful sanctions which may be applied by the courts or administration authorities of the country where the infringement was committed.

Article 12 Taxation

- 1. Vehicles which are registered in the territory of one Contracting Party and are temporarily imported into the territory of the Host country to perform transport services in accordance with this Agreement shall be exempt, according to the reciprocity principle, from the taxes and charges levied on the circulation or possession of vehicles and from taxes and charges levied on transport operations carried out in the territory of the Host country.
- 2. However, this exemption shall not apply to the payment of road tolls, bridge tolls and other similar charges, which shall always be required on the basis of the principle of non discrimination.
- 3. On the vehicles mentioned in the paragraph 1 of this Article customs duties shall be exempted on:
 - a) the vehicles;
- b) lubricants and fuel contained in the ordinary supply tanks of the vehicles and in tanks for the refrigerating equipment;
- c) spare parts imported into the territory of the Host country, intended for the breakdown service of a vehicle. Replaced parts shall be re-exported or destroyed, under the supervision of the competent customs authorities.

Article 13 Dangerous goods

When transporting dangerous goods internationally, carriers who are registered in the territories of either Contracting Parties must comply with the provisions of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by road (ADR).

Article 14 Weights and dimensions

1. With respect to the weights and dimensions of vehicles, each Contracting Party undertakes not to impose on vehicles registered in the territory of the other Contracting Party conditions which are more restricted than those imposed on vehicles registered within its own territory.

2. If weights and dimensions of the vehicle with or without load used in transport operations exceed the maximum permissible limits being in force in the territory of the Host country, a special permit issued by the competent authority of that country is needed.

The carrier should fully comply with the requirements specified in such permit.

Article 15 International obligations

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights or obligations of the Contracting Parties contained in International Conventions, Agreements and Regulations which apply to them.

Article 16 Entry into force and duration

- 1. The Agreement shall be provisionally applied from the date of its signature and shall come into force on the date of the receipt of the last notification through diplomatic channels by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that the conditions required by their respective national legislation for entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.
- 2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an undefined period of time unless it is denounced through diplomatic channels by one of the Contracting Parties. In that case the Agreement shall be terminated six months after the other Contracting Party has been notified about it.

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For the Government of the Republic of Latvia

For the Council of the Ministers of the Republic