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European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR):

Status of the Agreement

New Article 10bis, AETR Agreement

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Submitted by the Government of the Slovak Republic

This document, submitted by the Government of the Slovak Republic, proposes an amendment to the AETR Agreement by adding a new article (Article 10bis).

I. Introduction

1. At the seventh session of the AETR Group of Experts, held in Geneva on 28 February 2014, experts encouraged AETR Contracting Parties to consider tabling an amendment proposal of Article 10bis for discussion and possible adoption at the SC.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/18). The main objective is to ensure that drivers do not hold more than one driver card, which could be issued by different national card issuing authorities.

2. The Slovak Republic, in its capacity as holder of the Presidency of the Council of the EU, would like to table the following proposal to introduce a new Article 10bis, in accordance with the text that was agreed by the AETR Group of Experts on the above-mentioned seventh session.

II. Proposal

Article 10bis

3. In order to ensure that drivers do not already hold a valid driver card in the sense of Appendix 1B of the Annex to the AETR, Requirements for construction, testing, installation, and inspection of the digital control device used in road transport, Contracting Parties shall maintain national electronic registers containing the following information on driver cards for a period at least equivalent to their period of validity:

- Surname and first name of the driver;
- Birth date and, if available, place of birth of the driver;
- Driving permit number and country of issue of driving permit;
- Status of the driver card;
- Driver card number.

4. Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the electronic registers are interconnected and accessible throughout their territories to card issuing authorities and control officers appointed to check the compliance with the rules on driving time and rest periods of professional drivers.

5. When issuing, replacing and, when necessary, renewing a driver card, Contracting Parties shall verify through electronic data exchange that the driver does not already hold another valid driver card. Contracting Parties shall ensure an adequate level of protection of the personal data exchanged, in line with the highest international standards. This shall include that the data exchanged be limited to the data necessary for the purpose of this verification and not used for any other purpose without the prior authorisation of the Contracting Party providing the personal data.

III. Justification

6. The electronic exchange of information on driver cards will improve the enforcement of AETR provisions on driving times and rest periods, by ensuring that drivers cannot be in possession of more than one driver card issued by national authorities belonging to different Contracting Parties. The introduction of Article 10bis will therefore have a positive impact on road safety and will foster fair competition in the road transport sector.
