EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS (AGTC)

New amendment proposals

Note by the UNECE secretariat

1. Following accession of Latvia and Lithuania to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) and the inclusion of Lithuanian combined transport lines into the AGTC network (TRANS/WP.24/2005/6), the Working Party, at its forty-sixth session in March 2006, considered proposals by Latvia for the inclusion of important combined transport lines into the AGTC network (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/1/Add.3). The Working Party decided to reconsider these proposals at one of its next sessions, possibly in conjunction with proposals for the inclusion of related important combined transport lines and installations in Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania and the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/111, paragraph 25).

2. Accordingly and as a basis for consideration among countries concerned, the secretariat proposes, the insertion of a number of railway lines for inclusion into the AGTC and AGC Agreement that complement the existing AGC and AGTC networks covering important international pan-European rail and combined transport lines in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia and the Russian Federation.

3. These proposals take account of documentation and proposals transmitted by Latvia (WP.24 Informal document No.3 (2005), Lithuania (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/3) and Estonia (ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2006/1/Add.3) and are consistent with the Pan-European Transport Corridors – Rail
network (PETC).

4. In accordance with the relevant provisions of article 15 of the AGTC Agreement, the Contracting Parties to the AGTC may wish to review these proposals in order to allow the secretariat to prepare official amendment proposal for consideration and possible adoption at the forthcoming session of the UNECE Working Party (Geneva, 5-6 March 2007). To this effect countries directly concerned may wish to consult with each other.

5. To facilitate discussions, the secretariat has prepared draft amendment proposals on a country by country basis (the exact numbering of the proposed lines could be decided later). The attached map shows the newly proposed lines (in green) and puts them into the context of the existing and currently extended AGC and AGTC networks.

6. As of 1 September 2006, the following countries are Contracting Parties to the AGC and AGTC Agreements respectively:

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AGTC AGREEMENT

COUNTRY SPECIFIC AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

(43) ESTONIA

AGTC Annex I

Add the following new railways lines (numbering of lines will be decided later)

“C…. Tallin-Tapa-Piieroja (…..)”
Contracting Party directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Estonia, Russian Federation.

“C-E 75 Tallin-Tapa-Tartu-Valga (-Lugaži)”
Contracting Party directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Estonia, Latvia.

AGTC Annex II

A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport

Add the following terminals:

“Tallin
Tapa ?
Tartu ?
Valga ?”

B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Add the following new border crossing points:

Piieroja (EVR) – …. (RZD) [Estonia - Russian Federation]
Valga (EVR) - Lugaži (LDZ) [Latvia – Estonia]

(43) LATVIA

AGTC Annex I

Add the following new railways lines (numbering of lines will be decided later)

“C-E 12 or 14 Ventspils-Jelgava-Krustpils-Zilupe (-Raz. Posinj )”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Latvia, Russian Federation.

“C-E 12 or 14 Riga-Krustpils-Daugavpils-Indra (-Bigosovo)”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Belarus, Latvia.
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“C-E 75 “(Valga-) Lugazi-Riga-Jelgava-Meitene (-Sarkiai)”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Latvia, Lithuania.

**AGTC Annex II**

**A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport**

Add the following terminals:

“Riga
Ventspils
Liepaja”

**B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport**

Add the following new border crossing points:

Zilupe (LDZ) – Raz. Posinj (RZD) [Latvia - Russian Federation]
Indra (LDZ) – Bigosovo (BC) [Latvia – Belarus]
Lugaži (LDZ) – Valga (EVR) [Latvia – Estonia]
Meitene (LDZ) - Šarkiai (LG) 1 [Latvia – Lithuania]

(34) LITHUANIA (already part of AGTC –for information only)

**AGTC Annex I**

C-E 75 (Trakiszkı)-Mockava-Šeštokai-Kazlų Rūda-Kaunas-Radviliškis-Šiauliai-Joniškis (-Meitene)”

C 20/3 (Nesterov-) Kybartai-Kazlų Rūda-Kaunas-Kaišiadorys-Vilnius-Kena Klaipėda-Šiauliai-Radviliškis (-Gdagoi)”

**AGTC Annex II**

**A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport**

Draugystė (Klaipėda)
Šiauliai
Paneriai (Vilnius)
Kaunas
Šeštokai

1 This border crossing point is already included in the AGTC as part of the amendments relating to Lithuania (document TRANS/WP.24/2005/6).
B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Joniškis (LG) - Meitene (LDZ)
Kybartai (LG) - Nesterov (RŽD)

C. Gauge interchange stations of importance for international combined transport

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* Not a border crossing point.

D. Ferry links/ports forming part of the international combined transport network

Klaipėda – Mukran (Sassnitz) (Lithuania - Germany)

(29) BELARUS

AGTC Annex I

Add the following railway lines (numbering of lines will be decided later):

“C-E 12/14 (Indra-) Bigosovo-Polak-Vitebsk”
Contracting Party directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Belarus, Latvia.

“C 95/… (Lobok-) Ezjarysca-Vitebsk-Orsha-Žlobin”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Russian Federation, Belarus.

AGTC Annex II

A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport

Add the following terminals:

“….” ??

B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Add the following border crossing point:

“Lobok (RŽD) – Ezjarysca (BC)”
AGTC Annex I

Add the following railway lines (numbering of lines will be decided later):

“C…. (Piiroja-) ….Gatčina-St. Petersburg”
Contracting Party directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Estonia, Russian Federation.

“C-E 12 or 14 (Zilupe-) Raz. Posin- Novosokol’niki-Ržev-Moskva”
Contracting Party directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Latvia, Russian Federation.

“C 95/… St. Petersburg-Dno-Novosokol’niki-Lobok (-Ezjarysca)”
Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 15(3)): Russian Federation, Belarus.

AGTC Annex II

A. Terminals of importance for international combined transport

Add the following terminals:

“…. ??

B. Border crossing points of importance for international combined transport

Add the following border crossing points:

“….. (RŽD) - Piiroja (EVR) [Russian Federation - Estonia]
Lobok (RŽD) - Ezjarysca (BC) [Russian Federation - Belarus]
Raz. Posin (RŽD) - Zilupe (LDZ) [Russian Federation - Latvia]”