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Development of proposals for amending AETR, including article 22 bis

Transmitted by the Russian Federation

This document contains a proposal to amend article 13 of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) in order to facilitate the transition to intelligent tachographs by the contracting parties to AETR that are not members of the European Union (pending the inclusion of Annex 1C in AETR).



Proposal

1. At the meeting of the twenty-third session of the AETR Group of Experts, support was expressed for a proposal by the Russian Federation to introduce a transitional period to allow the contracting parties that are not members of the European Union to fully prepare to implement the requirements of AETR concerning smart tachographs.

2. The Russian Federation proposes introducing amendments into article 13 of AETR so that it reads as follows:

“Article 13

Transitional provisions

1. All the new provisions of the present Agreement, including its Appendix 1C, relating to the introduction of the new generation of control devices, smart tachographs, shall become mandatory for countries which are Contracting Parties to this Agreement at latest four years after the date of entry into force of the relevant amendments resulting from the procedure specified in article 21. In consequence, all vehicles covered by this Agreement, put into service for the first time after the expiry of this period, shall be equipped with a control device conforming to these new requirements.

During this four-year period, Contracting Parties, which have not yet implemented these amendments in their countries, shall accept and control on their territory vehicles registered in another Contracting Party to this Agreement, which are already equipped with such a control device.

2.

(a) The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary steps to be able to issue the driver cards referred to in Appendix 1C to the present Agreement, as amended, at latest three months before the expiry of the four-year deadline referred to in paragraph 1.

Contracting Parties shall keep the secretariat of the Working Party on Road Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe informed of progress in the introduction of the control device in conformity with Appendix 1C to this Annex within its territory.

(b) Pending the issue by Contracting Parties of the cards referred to in (a), the provisions of article 14 of the Annex to this Agreement shall apply to drivers who may be required to drive vehicles fitted with a control device in accordance with Appendix 1C to this Annex.”

3. Any instrument of ratification or accession deposited by a State after the entry into force of the amendments referred to in paragraph 1 shall be deemed to apply to the Agreement as amended, including the deadline for implementation specified in paragraph 1.

If accession takes place less than two years before the expiry of the deadline referred to in paragraph 1, the State shall inform the depositary of the date on which the control device in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 1C will be brought into effective use in its territory when it deposits its instrument of ratification or accession. Such State may make use of a transitional period not exceeding two years from the date of entry into force of the Agreement for the State. The depositary shall so inform all Contracting Parties.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall also apply in the event of the accession of a State after the expiry of the four-year deadline for implementation referred to in paragraph 1.”

3. The Russian Federation proposes the following amendments throughout the text of the Annex to AETR:

- Replace the words “Appendix 1 or 1B” with “Appendix 1, 1B or 1C”

- Replace the words “Appendix 1B” with “Appendix 1B or Appendix 1C”
 - Replace the words “a digital control device in accordance with Appendix 1B” with “a digital control device in accordance with Appendix 1B or a control device in accordance with Appendix 1C”
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