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Amendments

Transmitted by Belarus and the Russian Federation

The present document contains revised proposed amendments to article 4 (2) of the AETR Agreement.



Proposed amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR), signed in Geneva on 1 July 1970

“Add the following paragraph 2 to article 4 of the Agreement:

2. (a) In the event of force majeure in a Contracting Party to the Agreement preventing the application in its territory of article 10 of the Agreement to international road transport performed by any vehicle, the Contracting Party may declare the occurrence of such circumstances by informing the secretariat of the Working Party on Road Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe and, at the same time, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The purpose of the declaration should be to determine the possibility for a Contracting Party, instead of requiring the use of the control devices/driver cards provided for in the Annex to this Agreement, as amended, to require the production, whenever requested by an inspecting officer of any Contracting Party, of daily record sheets completed by hand by each crew member for the current day and the previous 28 calendar days.

(b) When making the declaration provided for in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, the Contracting Party shall state the measures to be taken to ensure that the circumstances are remedied and the period during which the declaration is to be applied. In any case, the maximum period of application shall not exceed two years.

(c) The secretariat of the Working Party on Road Transport of the Economic Commission for Europe shall, within 15 calendar days of receipt of the declaration provided for in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, officially notify the competent authorities of all Contracting Parties of the occurrence in the Contracting Party of the circumstances referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph. The possibility provided for in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall take effect 15 calendar days after the date of such notification.”
