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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES

Amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines

Note by the secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. The amendment proposals to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) presented below have been prepared by the secretariat in line with the mandate of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Rail Transport (SC.2) to review the development of the AGC network in accordance with its programme of work for the period 2008-2012 (ECE/TRANS/2008/11, activity 025.1, output I (a)).
2. The amendment presented in this note for the consideration of the Working Party proposes to align AGC railway lines of major international importance with new major lines of the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Another amendment, elaborated jointly with the secretariat of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), proposes to amend both AGC and AGTC

networks in the light of recent rail infrastructure developments in Denmark and resulting changes in connection with two neighbouring countries, Germany and Sweden (for details, see the joint document numbered ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2009/4 - ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2009/1).

I. RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS

3. At its forty-ninth session, WP.24 had adopted a package of amendments that extended the AGTC network to the Baltic States, Central Asia and the Caucasus (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/119, paragraphs 40-45 and annex). These amendments have come into force on 23 May 2009 as indicated in Depository Notification C.N.76.2009.TREATIES-1.

4. A map of the AGTC network, including the recent extensions, is contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2008/3 and also available on the UNECE website.¹

5. As of 1 May 2009, the following countries are Contracting Parties to the AGC and AGTC Agreements:

AGC Agreement (27 countries)	AGTC Agreement (32 countries)	AGC Agreement (27 countries)	AGTC Agreement (32 countries)
Albania	Albania	-	Kazakhstan
Austria	Austria	Montenegro	Montenegro
Belarus	Belarus	-	Netherlands
Belgium	Belgium	-	Norway
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	Poland	Poland
Bulgaria	Bulgaria	-	Portugal
Croatia	Croatia	Republic of Moldova	Republic of Moldova
Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Romania	Romania
-	Denmark	Russian Federation	Russian Federation
France	France	Serbia	Serbia
-	Georgia	Slovakia	Slovakia
Germany	Germany	Slovenia	Slovenia
Greece	Greece	-	Switzerland
Hungary	Hungary	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-
Italy	Italy	Turkey	Turkey
Latvia	Latvia	Ukraine	Ukraine
Lithuania	Lithuania		
Luxembourg	Luxembourg		

¹ <www.unece.org/trans/wp24/documents/AGTCmap.pdf>.

6. Given the strategic importance of both AGC and AGTC networks for long-term sustainability of pan-European transport flows, it is desirable to align their main lines continuously. In particular, the recent amendments to the AGTC have aligned its lines with existing AGC lines in the Caucasus and Central Asia. In turn, the AGC network needs to be aligned with new major AGTC lines C12, C14, C20-3 and C75 in the Baltic States, Belarus, Germany and Russian Federation. The Working Party is invited to approve the following AGC Annex I amendments to achieve this objective. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Depository Notification mentioned above (C.N.76.2009.TREATIES-1). The new lines or line segments are indicated in bold type.

II. AMENDMENT PROPOSALS TO THE ANNEX I OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY LINES RELATED TO RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL COMBINED TRANSPORT LINES AND RELATED INSTALLATIONS

I. Numbering of lines at the European level

North-South

Modify the following railway line:

E 75 Warszawa-Bialystok-Sokolka-Suwalki-Trakiszki-Mockava-Šeštokai-Kaunas-Šiauliai-Šarkiai-(Meitene)-Jelgava-Rīga-Lugaži-(Valga)-**Tartu-Tapa-Tallin**

Contracting Party directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Estonia,* Latvia, Lithuania, Poland.

West-East

Add the following new railway lines:

E 12 **Ventspils-Jelgava-Krustpils-Rēzekne-Posinj-Sebezh-Novosokol'niki-Moskva**
Liepaja

Contracting Party directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Latvia, Russian Federation.

E 14 **Rīga-Krustpils** -Daugavpils-Indra-Bigosovo-Polak-Vicebsk
Radviliskis-Obeliai

Contracting Party directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus.

E 20/3 **Kaliningrad-Cherniakovsk-Nesterov-Kybartai-Kaunas** –
Mukran-Sassnitz-Draugyste-Klaipėda-Radviliškis
Vilnius-Kena-Gudagai-Maladzečna-Minsk

* not a Contracting Party to the AGC.

Contracting Party directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Belarus, Germany, Lithuania, Russian Federation.

II. Numbering of lines at the national level

(9) **Germany**

E 20/3 Mukran-Sassnitz-(Draugyste (Klaipėda))

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Germany, Lithuania.

(29) **Belarus**

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Add the following railway line:

E 14 (Indra-) Bigosovo-Polak-Vicebsk

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania.

E 20/3 (Kena-) Gudagai-Maladzečna-Minsk

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Belarus, Lithuania.

(32) **Russian Federation**

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Add the following railway lines:

E 12 (Zilupe)-Raz. Posinj-Novosokol'niki-Ržev-Moskva

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Latvia, Lithuania, Russian Federation.

E 20/3 Kaliningrad-Cherniakovsk-Nesterov (-Kybartai)

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Lithuania, Russian Federation.

(34) **Lithuania**

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Add the following new railway line:

E 14 Radviliškis-Panvezys-Rokiskis-Obeliai (-Eglaine)

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGTC; Article 11(3)): Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania.

E 20/3 (Nesterov-) Kybartai-Kazlų Rūda-Kaunas -
(Mukran (Sassnitz)-) Draugyste (Klaipėda)-Šiauliai-Radviliškis

Kaišiadorys-Vilnius-Kena (-Gudagai)

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Belarus, Germany, Lithuania, Russian Federation.

(41) Latvia

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Add the following new railway lines:

E 12 Ventspils-Jelgava-Krustpils-Rēzekne-Zilupe (Sebezh)
Liepāja

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Latvia, Russian Federation.

E 14 Rīga-Krustpils -Daugavpils-Indra (Bigosovo)
(Obeliai-) Eglaine

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania.

(42) Estonia *

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Add the following new railway line:

E 75 Tallin-Tapa-Tartu-Valga (-Lugaži)

Contracting Parties directly concerned (AGC; Article 11(3)): Estonia*, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland.

* not a Contracting Party to the AGC.