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REGIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (RRTC)

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QUOTA FREE REGIME FOR “GREEN” AND “GREENER AND SAFE” GOODS ROAD VEHICLES

(in accordance with Article 3§3 MoU and the Joint Statement on the Implementation of Article 3)

Note by the UNECE Secretariat

The table included below presents the status of implementation, as of 30 November 2002, of Article 3 paragraphs 2 and 3 of the MoU providing for a quota-free regime for bilateral and transit road transport of goods among SECI participating States, and, as a short-term measure, for a quota-free regime for “green” and “greener and safer” lorries by the end of 2000.

To achieve this short-term objective, the Joint Statement to Article 3 requires that countries adopt a Protocol to their bilateral agreements, or a separate Protocol if there is no such agreement, stating that as of January 2001 they will implement a quota-free regime for bilateral and transit traffic for “green” and “greener and safe” lorries registered in the contracting parties. The governments of Hungary and Slovenia have entered reservations to Article 3, paragraph 3, and are not expected to comply with its provisions.

The Committee clarified at its fifth session the purpose and scope of the table below. The Committee agreed on a common interpretation of the provisions of Article 3 on a quota free regime for bilateral and transit transport for “green” and “greener and safe” lorries in the sense that it was allowed under such a regime to require permits as well as road users charges as long as no limitations on the number of such permits were imposed.

This table shows the status of implementation of Article 3, paragraph 2 of the MoU providing for a **quota-free regime** for bilateral and transit road transport of goods among SECI participating States, and of Article 3 paragraph 3 providing, as a short-term measure, a quota-free regime for **“green” and “greener and safe” lorries** by the end of 2000. Governments of Hungary and Slovenia have entered reservations to Article 3, paragraph 3, and are not expected to comply with its provisions.

Status: November 2002

AL												
BA	O											
BG	O											
HR	X	O	X									
GR	X		O	X								
HU	X	O		X								
MD				X	O							
RO	X	X	X	X	X	X	O					
Serbia and Montenegro	O	O					O	O				
SI	X	O		X	O			R	X			
MK	O	O	O	O	O		O	O	X	X		
TR	O	O	O	O	X			R			O	
	AL	BA	BG	HR	GR	HU	MD	RO	Serbia and Montenegro*	SI	MK	TR

Legend:

O = no quantitative restrictions at all for lorries in bilateral and transit traffic;

X = no quantitative restrictions for green and greener and safe lorries in bilateral and transit traffic;

R = no quantitative restriction for bilateral traffic;

■ = no report on the implementation of Article 3, paragraphs 2 and 3 MoU