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**REPORT
OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON ELABORATION OF A
ROAD MAP FOR THE BSEC PILOT PROJECT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

Istanbul, 25 November 2013

1. The Second Meeting of the Task Force on Elaboration of a Road Map for the BSEC Pilot Project on the Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate was held in Istanbul, on 25 November 2013.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Mikhayil VARDANIAN, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to BSEC.
3. The representatives of the following BSEC Member States participated in the meeting:
Republic of Armenia
Georgia
Romania
Ukraine
4. The representative of the BSEC Business Council attended the Meeting as Related Body.
5. The representative of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), attended the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partner.
6. The representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) also attended the Meeting as Guests.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION IN THE IVWC PILOT PROJECT

8. The Task Force took note that following its invitation made at the First Meeting in Istanbul on 11 March 2013, notes were received from the Republic of Albania, Republic of Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine informing about their

participation in the BSEC Pilot Project on introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate in the BSEC Region.

9. The Representative of the BSEC-URTA presented information about the state of affairs with regard to the participation in the Project noting that the Republic of Serbia expressed its interest to participate in the Project.

ELABORATION OF THE ROAD MAP FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE IVWC

10. The BSEC-URTA made a presentation about the findings of the site visits of the BSEC-URTA's officials to the Republic of Albania, Republic of Armenia, Georgia and Republic of Moldova. In particular, the major focus was done on the differences on weighing procedures, preparedness of the visited countries to start the Pilot Project as well as to the steps needed for implementing the preparatory stage of the Pilot Project. The presentation is attached as **Annex III**.

11. The participants expressed their appreciation to the BSEC URTA for the work done so far. The delegations of the participating states reiterated their openness and readiness to introduce the IVWC. The representatives of the BSEC Business Council, UNECE, IRU also expressed their full support to the BSEC efforts in the Pilot Project and readiness to contribute to the project by their expertise.

12. The Delegation of Ukraine informed about accomplishment of the national legal procedures necessary for introduction of Annex 8 to the UN International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982) followed by their publication in the Official Bulletin of Ukraine on 1 November 2013.

13. The Delegation of Ukraine also requested to consider the possible changes in terms of implementation and continuation of procedure.

14. The BSEC Member States, the participants of the Pilot Project, the BSEC PERMIS and the BSEC-URTA were invited by the UNECE representative to take part in the forthcoming meetings of the WP.30 (Geneva, 4-7 February 2014).

15. The representatives of UNECE and IRU proposed to consider the possibility of launching the Pilot Project during the session of the Administrative Committee for the Harmonization Convention (Geneva, 12 June 2014).

16. The participants agreed that the preparatory stage of the Road Map of introduction of the IVWC in general should include the following:

- Communication of the name of the institution – National Focal Point - to the Task Force.
- Nomination by the National Focal Point of its representative as contact person.
- Meetings of Expert(s) with National Focal Point representative(s).
- Accomplishment of legal procedures.
- Establishment of the public or private entity in charge with weighing stations in each country, weighing procedures and filling in of IVWC.
- Establishment of the national network of weighing stations in each country which complies with the technical requirements contained in the Appendix 2, paragraph 4 point (c) to the Annex 8.
- Setting up of a particular seal for each weighing station belonging to the network.
- Communication to PERMIS and UNECE of a list of weighing stations and samples of their seals.
- Printing out the IVWC in English (language used under the Project) and distribution.
- Site visits of Experts to assess developments.
- Training of technical staff of the each national network of weighing stations.

- Training of national staff in charge with weighing procedures at borders and inland check points.
- Organization of the 3rd meeting of the Task Force.
- Producing of promotional and informational materials in national languages.

17. The participating States are invited to submit until **31 January 2014** the following information:

- Country:
- Accomplishment of Legal Procedures (completed/not completed):
- National Focal Point and its representative:
- IVWC Issuing Authority:
- Place for IVWC issuance:
- Type of Weighing Scale for IVWC issuance and the compliance with the technical requirements for IVWC:
- Control Authority:
- Type of Weighing Scale for control:

18. The BSEC PERMIS proposed to organize the next meeting of the Task Force in March-April 2014.

19. In the meantime, the BSEC, UNECE and IRU will continue cooperation on IVWC introduction and the BSEC participating states will exchange their views on the progress achieved at the national level at the aforementioned UNECE meetings.

20. The Task Force adopted the present Report for submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC region.

SECOND MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE BSEC IVWC¹ PILOT PROJECT²

Istanbul, 25 November 2013

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Annex II to BS/TF/IVWC/R(2013)2

**SECOND MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE BSEC IVWC¹ PILOT
PROJECT²**

Istanbul, 25 November 2013

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. State of affairs with regard to participation in the IVWC Pilot Project.
3. Elaboration of the Road Map for introduction of the IVWC.
4. Date and venue of the next Meeting.
5. Any other business.
6. Adoption of the Report of the Meeting.

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PILOT PROJECT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE IN THE BSEC REGION

Istanbul, 25 November 2013

<p>UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE UNECE</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of Annex 5 – Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures for International Road Transport – to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982</p> <p>Valid for international road transport of goods</p>
To be filled-in by the transport operator(s)/driver(s) of the goods road vehicle <i>BEFORE</i> weighing the vehicle	
1. Transport operator/company 2. Transport contract No. ⁽¹⁾ 3. Details of goods road vehicle 3.1. Registration number of 3.2. Suspension system of	Tel. No. Fax No. E-mail TIR Carnet No. (if applicable) ⁽²⁾ Road tractor/trailer Semi-trailer/trailer Road tractor/trailer P/A* <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> Other
4. Author 4.1. Accu 4.2. Date of 7. Weight measurements of goods road vehicle (original and certificate)	

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WEIGHING VEHICLE **ISSUANCE OF IVWC AT THE ORIGIN OF THE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS** **IVWC HOLDER**

<p>UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE UNECE</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of the Protocol on the Introduction of an International Goods Road Vehicle Weight Certificate (IVWC) to the Agreement of Understanding (AOU) on the Facilitation of International Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region (Cohen, 28 April 1999)</p> <p>Valid for international road transport of goods</p>
To be filled-in by the transport operator(s)/driver(s) of the goods road vehicle <i>BEFORE</i> weighing the vehicle	
1. Transport operator/company (name and address, incl. country) 2. Transport contract No. ⁽¹⁾ 3. Details of goods road vehicle 3.1. Registration number of 3.2. Suspension system of	Tel. No. Fax No. E-mail TIR Carnet No. (if applicable) ⁽²⁾ Road tractor/trailer Semi-trailer/trailer Road tractor/trailer P/A* <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> Other

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Armenia, Georgia, Albania, Serbia, Romania,
Moldova, Ukraine, Russia?

STOP Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Greece
Turkey

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ALBANIA


ARMENIA

GEORGIA


MOLDOVA

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Country	Legal Procedures to be completed	National Focal Point	IVWC Issuing Authority	Place for IVWC issuance	Type of Weighing Scale for IVWC issuance	Control Authority	Type of Weighing Scale for Control
Albania	Completed	Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunications	Customs	Durres Customs; Tirana Customs	Static scale for Total Weight	Customs	Static scale for Total Weight
Armenia	Completed	Ministry of Transport and Communications	To be decided after a tender procedure	Yerevan	Static scale for Axles and Total weight (requested under tender)	Customs	Static scale for Total Weight
Georgia	Decision of Cabinet	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	To be decided by the Cabinet (Customs/Police)	Tbilisi	Static scale for Axles and Total weight	Customs / Police	Static scale for Axles and Total weight
Moldova	Completed	Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure	AITA	Chisinau	Static scale for Axles and Total weight	Customs	Static scale for Axles and Total weight
Romania							
Serbia							
Ukraine							

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<h2>Conclusions</h2> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Weighing procedures differ ■ Some countries using the static scales which measure only the Total Weight of the vehicle (used by Customs to determine the weight of the load carried) ■ Other countries are using static scales which measure Axles Weight and by summing them results the Total Weight (used by both Customs (to determine the weight of the load carried) and Roads Administration (to check the axles load in order to comply with Maximum Permitted Axles load for protection of the road infrastructure) <p>Conclusion: <i>the measurement for issuance of IVWC should be done using a scale which records the axles weight of the vehicle .</i></p>							

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The weighing scales have technical constructive norms which comply with national of regional standards but do not comply with the international norms as foreseen in the technical requirements of the IVWC. 	
<p>Conclusion: <i>national metrology institutes should certify that technical constructive norms of weighing scales which will be used for issuance of IVWC are not only in compliance with national or regional standards but with the international norms as foreseen in the technical requirements of the IVWC.</i></p>	
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<p>Road Map</p>	
<p>A - Preparatory Stage:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Communication to the Task Force of the institution – National Focal Point. •Nomination by the National Focal Point of its representative as contact person •Meetings of Expert(s) with National Focal Point representative(s) •Fulfillment of legal procedures •Establishment in each country of the public or private entity in charge with weighing stations, weighing procedures and filling in of IVWC. •Establishment in each country of the national network of weighing stations which complies with the technical requirements contained in the Appendix 2, paragraph 4 point (c) to the Annex 8 •Allocation in each national network of weighing stations of a particular seal for each weighing station belonging to the network. •Communication to PERMIS and UNECE of the list of weighing stations and samples of their seals •Print out of the IVWC in English language (language used under the Project) and distribution •Site visits of Experts to asses developments. •Training of technical staff of the each national network of weighing stations. •Training of national staff in charge with weighing procedures at borders and inland check points. •Organization of a 3rd meeting of the Task Force •Production of Promotional and Informational materials in national languages. 	
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Road Map

B – Implementation Stage

- Organization of Launching Ceremonies in each country for the first issuance of the IVWC.
- Start of the issuance, usage, acceptance and monitor of the IVWC.
- Identification of problems and readjustment of the system.

C - Evaluation Report

- Organization of the 4th Meeting of the Task Force for final evaluation of the Pilot Project and decision for a permanent practice.

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