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**European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of
Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)**

Status of the Agreement

Submitted by the Government of Slovakia

This document, submitted by the Government of Slovakia, proposes an amendment to the AETR Agreement by adding a new article (Article 10bis).



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Subject: Addendum to AETR agreement

Dear Mr. Nowak,

On behalf of the Government of the Slovak Republic, current holder of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, I would like to ask you to formally table the annexed proposal, regarding an amendment to the AETR for the introduction of a new Article 10bis, to the Working Party on Road Transport – SC.1.

Yours sincerely,


Michal Halabica
General Director

Attachments: Informal doc. – Amendment of the Article 10bis to AETR

Amendment proposal for the introduction of a new Article 10bis into the AETR agreement

Submitted by: the Slovak Republic

To: Secretary to Working Party of Road Transport (SC.1)

Subject: amendment of the AETR for the introduction of a new Article 10bis on the electronic exchange of information on driver cards

Purpose: enable the exchange of information between the AETR Contracting Parties on the issuing of digital tachograph cards for the purpose of fight against misuse and fraud

Introduction:

On the seventh session of the AETR Group of Experts, held in Geneva on 28 February 2014, the experts encouraged AETR Contracting Parties to consider tabling an amendment proposal of Article 10bis for discussion and possible adoption at the SC.1 (cfr Report of the Group of Experts on AETR on its seventh session, EC/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/8). The main objective is to ensure that drivers do not hold more than one driver card, which could be issued by different national card issuing authorities.

The Slovak Republic, in its capacity as holder of the Presidency of the Council of the EU, would like to table to the SC.1 the following proposal for the amendment of AETR regarding the introduction of a new Article 10bis, in accordance with the text that was agreed by the AETR Group of Experts on the abovementioned seventh session.

Proposal

Amended Article 10bis

1. In order to ensure that drivers do not already hold a valid driver card in the sense of Appendix 1B of the Annex to the AETR, Requirements for construction, testing, installation, and inspection of the digital control device used in road transport, Contracting Parties shall maintain national electronic registers containing the following information on driver cards for a period at least equivalent to their period of validity:

- Surname and first name of the driver;
- Birth date and, if available, place of birth of the driver;
- Driving permit number and country of issue of driving permit;
- Status of the driver card;
- Driver card number.

2. Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the electronic registers are interconnected and accessible throughout their territories to card issuing authorities and control officers appointed to check the compliance with the rules on driving time and rest periods of professional drivers.

3. When issuing, replacing and, when necessary, renewing a driver card, Contracting Parties shall verify through electronic data exchange that the driver does not already hold another valid driver card. Contracting Parties shall ensure an adequate level of protection of the personal data exchanged, in line with the highest international standards. This shall include that the data exchanged be limited to the data necessary for the purpose of this verification and not used for any other purpose without the prior authorisation of the Contracting Party providing the personal data

Justification:

The electronic exchange of information on driver cards will improve the enforcement of AETR provisions on driving and rest times, by ensuring that drivers cannot be in possession of more than one driver card issued by national authorities belonging to different Contracting Parties. The introduction of article 10bis will therefore have a positive impact on road safety and will foster fair competition in the road transport sector.
