

**PROTOCOL**  
**of the Meeting of the Turkish-Italian Joint Committee on Road Transport**  
**(Istanbul, 7-8 October 2015)**

The meeting of the Turkish-Italian Joint Committee on Road Transport was held in Istanbul on 7-8 October 2015, with the following agenda:

1. Exchange of statistical data
2. Transport of goods by road
3. Transport of passengers by road
4. Other issues

Delegations are listed in the appendix.

**1. Exchange of statistical data**

The Delegations exchanged statistics related to trade and transport between the two countries and they expressed their satisfaction about the increase of the trade volume in the long term.

The Turkish delegation emphasized the need for a substantial increase in the existing quotas of road transport permits in accordance with the increase in the trade volume between the two countries.

The Italian delegation has a different position on the data.

The Italian delegation pointed out the low utilization rate of the road permits by Italian hauliers and underlined the positive impacts of trailer and semi-trailer trucking mechanism.

**2. Transport of goods by road**

Italian delegation confirmed that all the existing rights obtained by the Turkish hauliers in the framework of Italian and International Law concerning the Trieste Port shall not be affected by the provisions of this Protocol.

Italian side expressed their readiness and interest for the transportation of road vehicles by trains, from any Italian port, to the destinations in Italy or abroad. Stating that it will not be obligatory to use these trains, the Italian delegation proposed that the annual permit quota for this purpose will be 8.000.

Turkish side took note of the above mentioned proposal and stated that the mentioned railway transport can be considered as an alternative mode of transport in accordance with the market conditions.

The Turkish delegation explained the implementation of the trucking mechanism for the purpose of further improving of the system and proposed to introduce a change in the bonus mechanism to provide bilateral/transit authorization for each trucking granted to an Italian tractor, which is a 1 to 1 rate.

The Italian delegation, in return, proposed to grant 1 'bonus' consisting of bilateral/transit authorization for Euro3 vehicles and over, for 2 trucking operations, which means a rate of 1 to 2 as from the year 2016. These permits will be granted for trucking

operations of minimum 50 km per journey (in round trips). Turkish delegation accepted this proposal.

Italian delegation proposed also to grant 1 'bonus' consisting in bilateral/transit authorization for Euro3 vehicles and over, for 3 ship-rail transport, which means a rate of 1 to 3. These permits will be granted for trips of minimum 50 km in each journey on train (in round trips). Turkish delegation accepted this proposal.

The Italian delegation requested the Turkish transport companies to carry out their trucking operations systematically during the year in order to spread these operations throughout the year in a manner to avoid high trucking demand in the absence of permits.

The Italian delegation pointed out the importance of the development of combined transport for the reduction of pollution and road congestion.

After intense discussions about the permits and quotas, the Delegations determined the temporary quotas for the year 2016 as below:

#### **For the Turkish Side:**

- 1) **15.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro3 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 2) **19.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro5 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 3) **6.000** permits for transit transports to Switzerland and France, without limitation of ports in Italy,
- 4) **5.000** permits for transit from Port to Port (valid for one disembarkment port in Italy to another embarkment port in Italy with the obligation for the driver to hold a document demonstrating the entire maritime journey),
- 5) **15.000** bilateral or transit trucking permits (valid for Turkish trailers or semi-trailers disembarked in any Italian port for the trucking operations carried out exclusively by tractors registered in Italy),
- 6) **8.000** bilateral or transit permits valid for Turkish vehicles combinations, including isolated trailers and semi-trailers, disembarked in any Italian port and transported on railway wagons in Italian territory and trucked if isolated by Italian tractors after the rail journey in bilateral transport.

#### **For the Italian Side:**

- 1) **18.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro3 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 2) **21.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro5 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 3) **1.000** permits for 3<sup>rd</sup> country operations.

Permit quotas for the year 2017 shall be as the following:

**For the Turkish Side:**

- 1) **16.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro3 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 2) **19.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro5 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 3) **6.000** permits for transit transports to Switzerland and France, without limitation of ports in Italy,
- 4) **5.000** permits for transit from Port to Port (valid for one disembarkment port in Italy to another embarkment port in Italy with the obligation for the driver to hold a document demonstrating the entire maritime journey),
- 5) **15.000** bilateral or transit trucking permits (valid for Turkish trailers or semi-trailers disembarked in any Italian port for the trucking operations carried out exclusively by tractors registered in Italy),
- 6) **8.000** bilateral or transit permits valid for Turkish vehicles combinations, including isolated trailers and semi-trailers, disembarked in any Italian port and transported on railway wagons in Italian territory and trucked if isolated by Italian tractors after the rail journey in bilateral transport.

**For the Italian Side:**

- 1) **18.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro3 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 2) **22.000** permits for bilateral or transit transport operations, for Euro5 vehicles and over (accompanied by certificates in CEMT format),
- 3) **1.000** permits for 3<sup>rd</sup> country operations.

All the permits shall be valid for a round trip.

The delegations agreed to hold a meeting in October in 2016 in order to evaluate the functioning of the bonus system.

The quota increase of 1.000 bilateral/transit permits for the year 2017 would be elaborated during the Meeting that will be held in October 2016.

Both delegations stated that they will consider the requests for additional permits throughout the year in good will.

Delegations agreed that the permits shall be valid until 31st January of the following year.

**3. Transport of passengers by road**

The Italian side submitted a proposal (already sent by e-mail) of procedure for issuing authorization for passenger transport.

The Turkish side stated that they will examine the document as soon as possible and submit their opinion in due time.

#### 4. Other issues

Turkish Delegation mentioned the problems that Turkish hauliers are facing during the usage of leased vehicles and requested to solve the problem.

The Italian side expressed that it is necessary to dispose always on board the truck a copy of the leasing contract with a sworn translation in Italian of this document in order to perform transport operations with the leased trucks.

The Italian delegation stated that the Turkish operators receive some fiscal benefits in Italy. Therefore, the Italian delegation – in order to verify the reciprocity of treatment – ask the Turkish delegation to receive information about the fiscal benefits existing in favor of Italian transport operators in Turkey. Turkish delegation will inform the related Italian offices.

Negotiations took place in a friendly atmosphere and in a spirit of mutual understanding.

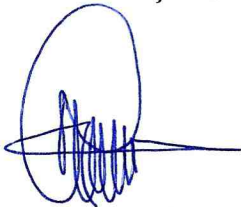
The Delegations agreed to hold meetings regularly.

Italian side invited Turkish side to Rome for the next meeting in October 2016.

This Protocol was signed in Istanbul on the 8th of October 2015, in English languages in two original copies.


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