



3 LEGAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT

In the Republic of Azerbaijan the legal framework for the transport industry is defined in the national Law “On Transport” (approved on June 11, 1999) which provides for the main lines of development for all modes of transport.

Separate legal instruments are covered respectively by the following Laws:

- Law “On Road Transport”, 01.04.2008
- Law “On Road Traffic”, 03.07.1998
- Law “On Automobile Roads”, 22.12.1999
- Trade Shipping Code, 22.06.2001
- Draft Law “On Railway Transport Activity” which should be endorsed at the end of 2012.

Azerbaijan has also established bilateral (see Table 1 below) and multilateral relations (see Table 2) with LOGMOS beneficiary countries in road, rail and maritime transport, and has also developed a strong cooperation in the Customs field.

Table 1: Bilateral Agreements with LOGMOS Beneficiary Countries

Countries	Transport issues				Customs
	Maritime	Road	Railway	General	
Armenia					
Bulgaria	On trading navigation 07.10.2004	On international road transport of passengers and goods 29.06.1995		On international combined cargo transport 07.10.2004	On cooperation in the field of customs 02.12.1999
Georgia	On trading navigation 08.03.1996	On international road transport 03.02.1993	On cooperation in the field of railway transport 14.06.2004		On general principles in the field of customs 03.02.1993
Kazakhstan	On trading navigation 10.06.1997	On international road transport 16.09.1996		On general principles of cooperation in the field of transport 24.02.1993	On cooperation on customs issues 03.02.1993
Kyrgyzstan				On general principles cooperation in the field of transport 25.02.1993	On cooperation and mutual assistance in customs issues 03.12.2004
Moldova		On international			On cooperation and mutual



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		road transport 27.11.1997			assistance in customs issues 22.05.2006
Romania		On international road transport 27.03.1996			
Tajikistan		On international road transport 15.03.2007			
Turkey	On maritime relations 16.12.2000	On international road transport 01.11.1992			
Turkmenistan	On trading navigation 18.03.1996	On international road transport 19.05.2008		On international combined transport 19.05.2008	
Ukraine	On trading navigation 01.07.1999	On international road transport 01.07.1999	On cooperation in railway transport 24.03.1997	On international combined goods transport 07.09.2006	On cooperation on customs issues 24.03.1997
Uzbekistan		On international road transport 27.05.1996	On cooperation in the field of international railway communication 27.05.1996		On cooperation and mutual assistance in customs issues 27.05.1996

Table 2: Multilateral Agreements with LOGMOS Beneficiary Countries

Signatory countries	Title of the agreement	Place and date of signature
Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	On Coordination of the Activity of Railway Transport	Sarakhs, 13.05.1996
Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	On Cooperation in the Area of Transit Transportation	Sarakhs, 13.05.1996
Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey	On Coordination of the Activity for the realisation of the Railway Connection Baku – Tbilisi – Kars	Tbilisi, 07.02.2007

Ferry connections are governed by the specific agreement between Ministries of Transport of Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan on organization of international rail ferry cargo transportation via ports of Baku and Turkmenbashi, exploitation of rolling stock and containers, record of volumes carried and estimation on their use. (28.11.2008).



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Ferry connections between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan restarted with the signature in April 2009 of an intergovernmental agreement involving port Authorities, CASPAR and the national railway companies of both countries.