



3 LEGAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT

The Ministry of Transport is the executive governmental body in charge of transport sector regulation. The legal environment in Tajikistan in the field of transport still is under development and some improvements are yet to be made to reach international standards.

The Law on transport adopted in 1997 and amended in 2000 is the main legislative text that regulates and organizes transport activities in Tajikistan. There are no specific laws on road or rail transport.

In 2012, the Republic of Tajikistan ratified the following UNECE conventions:

- Convention on Road transport, 8 November 1968;
- Convention on Road Signs and Signals, 8 November 1968;
- Agreement concerning the establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles, 1998;
- Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road, 19 May 1956;
- Convention on International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention); 14 November 1975;
- International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 21 October 1982;
- European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR), 1970;
- Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982;
- European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), 1957;
- Agreement on International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (ATP), 1970.

Tajikistan, which is a WCO member, also ratified the International Convention on the simplification and Harmonization of customs procedures (Kyoto Convention, 1999).

Early in 2011, the Republic of Tajikistan ratified a Cross-border-transport-agreement (CBTA) signed with the Republic of Kyrgyzstan under the framework of CAREC program. It enables faster border-crossing for people, vehicle and goods thanks to streamlined customs inspections and reduced requirements to transfer shipments between vehicles. This CBTA was joined by Afghanistan in August 2011.

Tajikistan signed bilateral agreements with TRACECA countries. They are listed in the following table:

Table 1: Bilateral Agreements with LOGMOS Beneficiary Countries

Countries	Transport issues				Customs
	Maritime	Road	Railway	General	
Armenia					On cooperation and mutual assistance in





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					customs issues 08.06.1995
Azerbaijan		О международных автомобильных перевозках 15.03.2007			
Bulgaria					
Georgia					
Kazakhstan		On international road transport 04.05.2006			Agreement on collaboration and recognition of customs documents and customs duties 13.06.2000
Kyrgyzstan		On international road transport 12.07.1996 On transit of goods by road 22.07.2005			
Moldova					
Romania					
Turkey		On international road transport 06.05.1996			
Turkmenistan					
Ukraine		On international road transport of passengers and goods 06.12.2005		On cooperation in the field of energy, industry, transport and construction 25.04.2002	On cooperation on customs issues 06.07.2001
Uzbekistan					

Bilateral agreements were also signed with non TRACECA neighbours China and Afghanistan.



Table 2: Bilateral Agreements with Non TRACECA Neighbouring Countries

Countries	Transport issues			Customs
	Road	Railway	General	
Afghanistan			On transport and transit of goods and passengers 28.04.2005	
China	On international road communication 2008			On cooperation and mutual assistance in customs issues 2003

In addition to all bilateral agreements, Tajikistan signed the following multilateral agreements with LOGMOS countries:

Table 3: Multilateral Agreements with LOGMOS Beneficiary Countries

Signatory countries	Title of the agreement	Place and date of signature
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	On Principles of Cooperation and Terms of Relations in Transport Area	Bishkek, 23.04.1992
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	On Coordination of the Activity of Railway Transport	Bishkek, 23.04.1992

