



Agreement on Single Transit Permit of TRACECA

The Governments of the states of the Parties to the present Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Referring to the objectives of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor of 8 September 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the Basic Agreement),

Guided by striving for further development of road communication within the framework of the International Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia and improvement of the international freight traffic conditions,

Recognizing the significance of attracting freight flow between Europe and Asia in transit communication across the territories of the states of the Parties,

Taking into consideration the significance of realizing the transit potential of the states of the Parties,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1. Definitions and abbreviations

1. Definitions and abbreviations in the present Agreement have the following meanings:

road carrier – any physical or legal person registered and admitted to international road carriage of goods in accordance with the national legislation of state of one of the Parties;

motor vehicle – a vehicle registered in the territory of state of one of the Parties, and admitted to international road carriage of goods (truck, trailer truck, motor tractor or tractor with semitrailer);

carriage – the movement of laden or unladen motor vehicle for reward or for one's own account along roads of the states of the Parties or third countries, including in multimodal transport, i.e., in cases that a part of the carriage is performed by other modes of transport (river, maritime, rail);

transport to/from third countries – the transport of goods loaded and unloaded in the countries not being the Parties to the present Agreement and performed by a motor vehicle registered in a state being the Party to the present Agreement;

cabotage – motor transport operation in which goods are loaded and unloaded at two separate points on the territory of state of one Party by a motor vehicle registered in the state of the other Party;

trip – a passage of motor vehicles from the point of departure to the point of destination;

third country – a state which is not the Party to the present Agreement;

transit traffic – a passage of laden or unladen motor vehicle, through the territory of the state of one of the Parties to the present Agreement, in which goods are not loaded or unloaded;

Single Transit Permit of TRACECA (hereinafter – STP) – an e-document issued in the established order in accordance with the present Agreement, and entitling the road carrier to perform transit traffic (in the unladen state as well as loaded) through the territory of the states of the Parties upon the conditions determined in the present Agreement;

information system (web-portal) – the information system designed for e-implementation of permit procedures regarding generating and issuing STP provided with the reference number and series, forwarding notifications and ensuring proper functioning of these procedures;

satellite navigation equipment – multi-purpose electric-technical ground based devices mounted on a motor vehicle designed for establishing its exact location, as well as motion specifications (speed, motion directions, etc.);

quota – the number of permits issued for the passage of a motor vehicle of each of the Parties based on the present Agreement throughout a specific period of time;

TRACECA – the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia;

Permanent Secretariat – the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA;

competent authority/competent authorities – the authorized body/authorized bodies responsible for the implementation of the present Agreement.

Article 2. General provisions

1. The provisions of the present Agreement shall regulate international transport of goods performed by a motor vehicle in transit across the territories of the states of the Parties using STP, shall determine the conditions and procedure of its issuance, application, as well as other provisions directly connected with STP.

2. STP:

a) shall entitle to perform transit traffic through the territories of the states of the Parties;

b) shall give the right to a carrier, who received the Permit, to perform transit traffic through the territories of the states of the Parties, through which the route passes, and shall exempt from the need of having a transit permit envisaged in the corresponding bilateral agreements on international road traffic between the Parties;

c) shall be issued only in electronic format in accordance with the form determined by the Permanent Secretariat upon agreement with the competent authorities of the Parties and shall entitle to perform traffic.

3. The provisions of the present Agreement shall apply to international transportation of goods by road in transit through the territory of states no less than two Parties or one Party using maritime transport.

For the transportation in bilateral communication or to/from third countries, an appropriate permit is required, unless otherwise provided by the existing bilateral international agreements between the Parties.

4. The Parties shall provide road carriers with equal access to transport services market of their states without any discrimination and irrespective of the driver's nationality or the country of a motor vehicle registration.

5. STP may be valid in the period from 1 January of the corresponding year until 31 January of the next year.

6. STP contains the following data:

- a) Permit's title;
- b) unique number of the Permit;
- c) unique identification bar code;
- d) validity period of the Permit;
- e) registration number of a motor vehicle;
- f) registration number of a trailer /semitrailer;
- g) itinerary with the indication of the point of departure and the point of destination;
- h) notes on replacement of a motor vehicle in case of technical problem;
- i) other data as agreed by the competent authorities of the Parties.

Article 3. Range of application of STP

1. STP is a one-time document (designed for single use), and shall give the right to a trip of loaded or unloaded vehicles, in forward and return directions during the entire trip (round trip). The number of entries to the territory of any state of the Party should not exceed 2 (two) times.

2. STP shall not give the right to cabotage.

3. STP shall not exempt from the obligation to execute mandatory payments and charges, the collection of which does not contradict article 5 of the Basic Agreement.

4. STP shall not exempt a carrier from obligation to comply with the requirements related to the transport of dangerous goods, movement of oversized and heavy-weight motor vehicles, as well as the requirements of the national legislation of the state of entry or the transit country.

5. STP cannot be used for other purposes except those indicated in article 2 of the present Agreement.

6. The following loading in the territory of the state of one of the Parties of a foreign motor vehicle travelling backwards from a transit trip, shall be authorized only when an

appropriate permit is available, unless otherwise provided by the existing bilateral international agreements between the Parties.

7. Movement of motor vehicles using STP across the territory of third countries shall be performed in compliance with bilateral international agreements with these countries or other existing multilateral international agreements unless otherwise provided by the national legislation of the states of the Parties.

8. When transporting goods, using STP, the replacement of a tractor, a trailer or a semitrailer of truck by another vehicle that it is registered in state of one of the Parties shall be allowed subject to an addition of the corresponding notes to STP by the competent authority of the Party in the territory of state of which the impossibility for further transport by this motor vehicle was detected due to technical reasons. The procedure of making notes shall be determined by the Technical Manual for working with the information system (web-portal).

9. The Parties shall apply sanctions in accordance with the national legislation of their states to road carriers who violate the provisions of the present Agreement.

10. The competent authorities of the Parties may prohibit a carrier to perform traffic on the territory of their states using STP in case of repeated serious violations by this carrier of the safety rules, provisions concerning technical condition of vehicles, breach of the driving time and rest hours, as well as the provisions of the present Agreement.

11. The competent authorities of the Parties shall inform each other and the Permanent Secretariat on the violations committed on the territories of their states when performing traffic on the basis of STP and the sanctions applied to carriers.

Article 4. Procedure of issuance, accounting and implementation of STP

1. STP shall be generated by the information system (web-portal) via Internet in the languages of the Basic Agreement based on the information given in the application and registration documents for a motor vehicle.

2. The Parties shall establish a quota for the issuance of STP. When establishing a quota, an equal number of STP shall be determined for all the Parties.

3. The Parties shall define the representative of the competent body to make a decision on establishing a quota. The decision to establish a quota shall be drawn up in a protocol, which comes into force from the date of its signing.

4. On the initiative of the Parties, the quota may be revised in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, in case of written notification to the Permanent Secretariat by one of the Parties of the change in the quota for issuing STP through the territory of its state.

5. The competent authorities of the Parties issuing permits for road transport in the territory of their states, customs and border procedures, as well as participants in the transportation process within the framework of this Agreement shall interact via the information system (web-portal).

6. In order to receive STP, a road carrier shall lodge a corresponding application to the competent authority of the state of registration of a motor vehicle for a decision to be made.

7. The competent authorities shall consider the received applications in compliance with the national legislation of their states and make a decision on issuance or refusal. In case of a decision to issue a permit, the competent authorities shall input the data in the

information system (web-portal) to generate a permit for a carrier. In case of refusal to issue STP, the competent authorities of the Parties shall provide an explanation of the reasons for the refusal.

8. An electronic copy of STP shall be kept at a competent authority of the Party, which issued STP.

9. The carrier, who received STP via the information system (web-portal), is prohibited from handing over, assigning or transferring it to another carrier in a different way.

10. When crossing the state borders and carrying out corresponding control procedures, the competent authorities of the Parties shall verify the authenticity of STP via the information system (web-portal).

11. The Permanent Secretariat shall approve the Technical Manual for working with the information system (web-portal), as well as the procedure of interaction between the Parties.

Article 5. Conditions of admission of a carrier to STP

1. A carrier, who lodged an application for STP, shall be obliged:

a) to comply with the conditions determined by the national legislation of its state concerning the admission to international road freight traffic;

b) to correspond to the requirements of the national legislation concerning road safety, as well as the standards, rules and other requirements set for drivers and vehicles.

2. STP may be used for the transport of goods only by motor vehicles registered in the information system (web-portal).

3. With the view of monitoring the route, increasing the effectiveness of managing motor vehicles and ensuring the safety of the transport of goods, motor vehicles can be equipped with certified satellite navigation facilities, which should transmit the data on the transport of goods using STP to the information system (web-portal).

4. The traffic data, received from the certified satellite navigation equipment, shall be forwarded to the competent state authority, which issued STP, and to the Permanent Secretariat. The data content shall be determined by the Technical Manual for working with the information system (web-portal) in coordination with the competent authorities.

Article 6. Settlement of disputes

Disputes and differences arising in connection with the application or interpretation of the provisions of the present Agreement shall be resolved through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 7. Final provisions

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force after 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt by the Depositary via diplomatic channels of the fourth notification on the implementation by the signatory Parties of the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

2. For each Party that has completed internal procedures later, the present Agreement shall enter into force after 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt by the Depositary via diplomatic channels of the relevant notification.

3. The provisions of the present Agreement do not affect the rights and obligations arising from other international agreements, the participants of which are the states of the Parties.

4. The present Agreement, after its entry into force, is open for accession of any third country by consent of all the Parties. Such consent shall be communicated to the Depositary via diplomatic channels. The main condition for accession of third countries is the provision of the right to entry/exit to/from their territory or transit passage through their territory of freight vehicles of the states of the Parties.

5. The present Agreement shall enter into force for the acceding states of the Parties after 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt by the Depositary of the document of accession.

6. With the consent of the Parties, additions and amendments may be introduced to the present Agreement which are drawn up in separate protocols that are integral parts of the present Agreement which enter into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of the present article.

7. The Republic of Azerbaijan is the Depositary of the present Agreement, which shall send its notarized copies to the Parties, which signed the present Agreement.

8. The Depositary shall inform the Parties on the accession of other Parties to the present Agreement and on the termination of the present Agreement with regard to any Party.

9. The present Agreement may be terminated on the territory of the state of the Party, if this Party notifies the Depositary in writing on its intention to terminate the Agreement on the territory of its state not less than six months before.

10. The present Agreement shall be made for an indefinite period.

Done at Astana, on 15th May 2026, in one original copy in English and Russian languages, wherein both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Signed, subject to the reservation made by the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia Corridor.

For the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Government of Ukraine

For the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan