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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND UKRAINE ON
THE CARRIAGE OF FREIGHT BY ROAD as regards the continuation of
the Agreement

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DECISION No 3/2025
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND UKRAINE ON THE CARRIAGE OF FREIGHT BY ROAD

of ...

as regards the continuation of the Agreement

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road¹ and in particular Article 7(2) thereto,

¹ OJ EU L 179, 6.7.2022, p. 4, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2022/1158/oj.

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 2/2023 of the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road (the ‘Agreement’) prolonged the Agreement until 30 June 2024. On 20 June 2024 the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement² modified and further prolonged the Agreement until 30 June 2025, with a tacit renewal for another period of six months. The Agreement has been tacitly renewed until 31 December 2025.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Agreement, the Joint Committee is to be convened at the latest three months before the expiry of the Agreement, in order to assess and decide the need for the continuation of the Agreement.
- (3) The Union and Ukraine continue to benefit from the positive effects of the Agreement, by facilitating road freight transport between and through Union and Ukraine. The Agreement has become an essential support to the effective functioning of the Solidarity Lanes.
- (4) The continuation of the Agreement should be understood as also contributing to the reconstruction of Ukraine beyond Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to continue the Agreement until 31 March 2027.

² OJ EU L, 2024/1878, 2.7.2024,
ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2024/1878/oj.

- (6) The European Commission will launch a study on the impact of the Agreement on the road transport industry which will also look into road safety concerns, at Union and national level, to be delivered by 30 November 2026.
- (7) Any further continuation should be subject to satisfactory progress made on the alignment of Ukrainian legislation with the Union *acquis* in the area of road freight transport by 30 November 2026. The alignment of Ukrainian legislation should facilitate the proper functioning of road freight transport under this Agreement and should be conducted in the context of the current accession negotiations which started on 14 December 2023,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Continuation of the Agreement

1. The Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road is hereby continued until 31 March 2027.
2. Any further prolongation should be subject to satisfactory progress made on the alignment of Ukrainian legislation with the Union *acquis* in the area of road freight transport as stipulated in the Appendix to this decision.

Article 2
Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

For the Joint Committee
The Co-chairs

Decision No 3/2025 of the Joint Committee
established by the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road
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EU <i>Acquis</i> to be transposed by UA*	EU legal basis	Legal implementation	Comments
Establishment of a national electronic register of road transport undertakings complying with EU specifications	Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 Commission Decision 2009/992/EU	UA legislation Possible Joint Committee Decision on major infringements	
Conditions related to the requirement of establishment	Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009	UA legislation	
Conditions related to requirements of good repute	Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009	UA legislation	

EU <i>Acquis</i> to be transposed by UA*	EU legal basis	Legal implementation	Comments
Newly registered vehicles in Ukraine as from 1 July 2026 and operating under the Agreement to be equipped with a smart tachograph v2	Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014	UA legislation Possible Joint Committee Decision	Decision 2/2025 of the Joint Committee already transposes most of the tachograph <i>acquis</i>
Retrofit of smart tachograph v2 of the Ukrainian fleet operating under the Agreement and not subject to the previous requirement	Article 3(4) and 3(4a) of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014	UA legislation	Decision 2/2025 of the Joint Committee already transposes most of the tachograph <i>acquis</i> . The availability and capacity of workshops and training of personnel will be taken into account in the assessment of this measure

EU <i>Acquis</i> to be transposed by UA*	EU legal basis	Legal implementation	Comments
Alignment with EU provisions regarding driving times, breaks and rest periods	Article 6 to 9 of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2020/1054	UA legislation	This shall not include the connection to the social module of IMI
Alignment with EU provisions regarding working times	Directive 2002/15/EC	UA legislation	This shall not include the connection to the social module of IMI

* For the purpose of assessing the progress, the Commission shall present to the Ad hoc working group established by Article 7A of the Agreement:

- an initial report on the status of the implementation by 30 January 2026;
- an assessment on the progress of the alignment by 31 May 2026;
- a further assessment on the progress of the alignment by 30 November 2026.