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**Smart road solutions for pandemic response,  
the impact on transport workers and way  
forward on recommendations for possible  
implementation in ASEAN**

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# Features of road transport relative to other modes of transport:

- ❑ almost **any transportation** by all modes of transport **begins and ends with** the use of **road transport**;
- ❑ **for most localities, road transport is the only transport** for the delivery of goods, which makes it indispensable;
- ❑ road transport in relation to other types of transport is the **most accessible and attractive for the organization of commercial activities and employment** of the population;
- ❑ **the need for the** economic development of countries is to maximize the acceleration of the circulation of goods, **reduce** public transport costs, as well as the **transport component in the cost of delivered goods.**

# Features of international road transport:

- ❑ meet the **needs of the countries' foreign trade** in the transportation of goods across state borders;
- ❑ particularly **relevant for landlocked countries**;
- ❑ the conditions for the admission and implementation of transport, the organization of control are **regulated by bilateral and multilateral international agreements**.

# The reasons for the emergence of barriers in the organization of international road transport:

- ❑ **the lack of up-to-date information support** in the carrier's language excludes the possibility of planning and organizing transportation without violations and additional costs on an unfamiliar international route;
- ❑ **insufficient harmonization of transport conditions and transport documentation** is the cause of violations of carriers and disruption of transport or delays of vehicles for control procedures.

# The applied technologies of control and information interaction increase the costs of road transport:

- ❑ **manually checking and registering** a large number of transport documents on paper takes a lot of time, creates queues, disrupts the delivery schedule, and allows negative human factors to affect the delivery process;
- ❑ **the lack of a system of interdepartmental information interaction and remote automated control** is the reason for the increase in the number of inspections and the duration of transport delays, reaching up to 40 % of the standard working time of the driver;
- ❑ positive results of checks do not exempt carriers from **repeated similar checks and delays** on the route.

# Additional international transport restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- conducting **medical checks on drivers at the border**, while vehicles and drivers must remain in special Parking lots at the border until the test results are announced;
- admission to the territory of the country of drivers who have visited certain countries only after being **quarantined for 14 days**;
- requirements for foreign drivers to issue **medical certificates in paper format with a limited validity period** (no more than 3 days from the date of issue) that they do not have COVID-19 disease, which must be issued in a limited list of medical institutions;
- tightening** requirements for registration **issuance of visas** and increase in terms of their registration;
- restrictions on the route and mode of movement, the period of stay** on the territory of foreign drivers, vehicles;
- reducing the number of vehicles** allowed through at border checkpoints;
- reducing the number of checkpoints** on the border;
- forced **reloading of goods at the border** from foreign vehicles to national ones;
- a **complete ban** on all vehicles, drivers, and cargo crossing the country's border.

# Preliminary electronic declaration to the control and supervisory authorities will allow:

- **automate control** procedures;
- **reduce the burden** on the personnel of the control point;
- **increase the speed, quality and transparency of control**;
- **notify the carriers of the results** of checking the pre-declared documents **before the drivers arrive at the border.**

# "Electronic queues" and "fast lanes" for freight at border-crossing points will reduce the risks of carriers from delays in transportation by:

- ❑ **timely receipt** by carriers **through mobile applications** of up-to-date **information** about the conditions of passage of a particular checkpoint, including information about the schedule of its operation, capacity, congestion, etc. and the possibility of choosing the optimal checkpoints and routes;
- ❑ the ability to **book through mobile applications a place in the "electronic queue"** and the time of passing the checkpoint to optimize traffic schedules and reduce downtime at the border;
- ❑ **remote and automated control of the flow of incoming transport**, eliminating peak loads that lead to queues and congestion, increasing the risks of the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and environmental stress at checkpoints;
- ❑ ensuring the rhythm of functioning and **optimizing the workload of employees, increasing the capacity of the checkpoint**;
- ❑ **reducing the number of vehicles blocked** at the checkpoint due to the lack of or incorrectly issued transport documents, and other reasons;
- ❑ the possibility of **accelerated passage of pre-declared and verified vehicles** on specially designated **"accelerated lanes"**.

# “Green corridors” to facilitate uninterrupted freight movement through border-crossing points:

- ❑ to create the most **favorable conditions for law-abiding carriers**, the maximum possible exclusion of interruption of transportation for inspections of vehicles, drivers and cargo;
- ❑ each transport participant is assigned and promptly adjusted **ratings that reflect the degree of law-abiding and the risk of violations** based on the **database** of objective control and the use of technical **remote control tools**;
- ❑ required the **organization of international cooperation**, including **information exchange** between the state regulatory authorities of the States through which pass the international transport corridors.

# Applications for real-time updates on the route operational conditions:

- ❑ the **network of public roads**, are part of international transport corridors, including **digital graphs of roads**, the **current restrictions**;
- ❑ introduced and planned **changes in traffic patterns** due to maintenance or other works, events, etc.;
- ❑ **current workload** of sections of the road network, presence of **road accidents**, the probability of **formation of traffic jams**, etc.;
- ❑ temporary **restrictions for movement** of certain categories of **vehicles** or shipping certain kinds of **goods**;
- ❑ **permissible weight and axle load** for road transportation route;
- ❑ **restrictions on the dimensional parameters**;
- ❑ the **network location** of the **objects** of transport and road **infrastructure**, including contacts, mode of operation and the current situation on the object, and so on.

# "Telemedicine " - remote medical monitoring of drivers:

- ❑ **remote monitoring** of medical **examinations** of drivers in online mode;
- ❑ **creating a network** of specialized software and hardware **complexes** along Asian roads in **optimal locations**, operating around the clock;
- ❑ **legalizing** the mechanism for **recognizing** the legal significance of the fact of medical examination and its results;
- ❑ **prompt transmission of** data on the **results** of medical examinations to transport companies and state regulatory authorities;
- ❑ **storage of history** and prompt transmission **of data** on the results of medical examinations for monitoring, analysis and taking necessary measures;
- ❑ the possibility of **forming electronic medical records** (certificates) of drivers (**EDMC**), **harmonized** among the states along the Asian road network and posted on **an agreed information portal**;
- ❑ **reduction** of driver delays and **queues** at state borders, the number of **paper documents** and **physical contacts** of employees.

# Remote approval and registration of permits for large, heavy and dangerous goods:

- preparation and submission of **applications in the language of the carrier via mobile applications** for obtaining access to the registration of permits for the transportation of bulky, heavy and dangerous goods;
- planning and coordination** of the schedule and route of transportation, taking into account the overall, weight and other restrictions;
- registration and issuance of **permits in digital format**;
- providing carriers via mobile applications with information** about the requirements in terms of:
  - methods of securing cargo;
  - completing vehicles with additional equipment;
  - application of special marking;
- information exchange with the state control and supervisory authorities** of legally significant data in electronic form about the issued permits, the agreed conditions of carriage and the results of the checks carried out during the carriage.

# Automated real-time en-route remote monitoring and control of parameters of vehicles without stopping them:

- measuring **weight using load cells** embedded in the roadway;
- systems of **photo** and **video**, providing **recognition** of state license plates, as well as their identification by categories and types, number of axles, etc.;
- **opto-electronic sensors** for measuring of dimensions of vehicles;
- display for **informing the driver in case of violation**;
- **telecommunication modules** forming protocols in case of violations and interacting with information systems of state control and Supervisory bodies and transport operators.

# Electronic permit system for international freight road transport:

- ❑ **conduct synchronized national or single international database of issued permits** for international road transport, taking into account the parameters (type of transportation, rolling stock requirements prescribed route, etc.);
- ❑ **translation of procedures for allocating and issuing permits to national carriers in online format**, with the conduct of a Personal account user permissions a dedicated WEB application and mobile application for transport companies;
- ❑ **application of digital control methods of use of issued permits** for international road transport, including **technologies of satellite navigation**.

# Remote electronic customs control with navigation seals and smart containers:

An electronic navigation seal is a technical means of **ensuring remote control of access to the cargo compartments** of vehicles, as well as compliance with the conditions of carriage. Practical implementation of measures for the use of electronic navigation seals may include:

- ❑ **ensuring the legal significance of data** from the applied electronic navigation seals, as well as other equipment installed in the cargo compartments of vehicles;
- ❑ use of the received **data in the risk management system (RMS)** of customs authorities in determining the degree of risk and in order to improve the effectiveness of remote control activities;
- ❑ formation of alternative **mechanisms for covering risks** in international transport along with transportation insurance, Deposit, customs carrier Institute, Carnet TIR and Carnet A.T.A., and other existing mechanisms;
- ❑ electronic **navigational seals promotes the use of** the so-called "**smart containers**". In one case integrated locking and sealing devices with integrated satellite navigation and telematics, the impact sensors and rollover, and insulated containers – thermal sensors.

# Smart tachographs

The smart tachograph **automatically transmits data independently of the driver in online mode:**

- ❑ about the **driver** and **his personal card**;
- ❑ about the **vehicle** and its **condition**;
- ❑ about the **driver's work** and rest modes;
- ❑ the **coordinates** of the vehicle during the transportation process **in real time**;
- ❑ **information** about sensors received from various **on-Board vehicle systems** connected to the tachograph, including sensors for weight loads on each axle and monitoring unauthorized access to the cargo compartment, compliance with temperature conditions, etc.

# Information systems for the interactions at transport terminals:

The **digitalization of business processes**, as a rule, is carried out in two directions :

- ❑ automation of **interaction of participants** of transportation for operational purposes of the current driving situation, the coordination of transport and commodity flows in transport area;
- ❑ automation of **interaction between the participants of transportation and state regulatory bodies** for the purposes of information exchange of information about transported goods, including in the framework of customs and other procedures.

# Use of unmanned transport technology:

- ❑ the use of highly automated or fully Autonomous vehicles **minimizes human contact** during cargo delivery, the **spread of infectious** diseases, and the negative impact of the human factor;
- ❑ **standards** for driverless transport **are being developed** in many countries;
- ❑ the **legal and ethical aspects** of responsibility in the event of a traffic accident and the moral and ethical choice of acceptable consequences of unmanned driving **remain complex**;
- ❑ the most **developed option** is currently the **convoy movement** of highly automated trucks (platooning);
- ❑ the choice of a specific application of unmanned and highly automated transport for real cargo transportation on international routes of Asian roads can be **justified by the results of special studies**, including in the framework of international **test zones**.



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