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# Implementation Of Regional Agreements In Road Freight Transport (Jordan, Syria and Lebanon)

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# Freight Transport on Roads

## I. Corporation In Road Freight Transport between (Jordan, Syria and Lebanon)

- The transport sector leads to establish a close cooperation among countries in the economic and social and other fields.
- Such cooperation is usually practiced as trade exchange, Passengers and goods movements to serve markets and communities, as well as connecting production and consumption centers among deferent countries.



- **Transport sector is one of the basic sectors concerned with the movement of goods and travelers at land, sea and air crossing points.**
- **Facilitating the transport processes among countries will lead to achieve high levels of economic cooperation and trade exchange among them.**



## II. Procedures taken by the three countries to achieve an Arab economic integration through the role of the transport sector

- The three countries searched for and studied method to enhance the connections between them on sea, land and air transport, as well as restructuring the transport sector and upgrading its services.
- The cooperation process (Jordan, Syria & Lebanon) started by holding regular meetings on of transport ministers' level ; forming joint Qualified technical committees to hold introductory meetings and conduct studies & projects of agreements & regulations that are required to implement the recommendations.



# Accomplished Project on Freight Transport on Roads

1. The provisional triptyque and temporary stay periods for vehicles under a protocol to unify the rules and procedures temporary crossing and stay periods for the vehicles of the three countries.
  - The protocol for unifying the procedures, laws and documents is one of the most important solutions that enhance trade and transit trade, and increase the movements of passengers and goods across the land crossing points of the three countries.
  - The protocol was signed by the three Ministers on 9-4-2001 as a unified document.



# The objectives of the triptyque.

## A. Facilitating trade and transportation: Arab citizens face a lot of problems through transferring, for example:

- Getting entry visas.
- Wasting time due to long waiting times to complete customs procedures.
- The fees and fines that are imposed on the passengers and goods at the customs borders points.



## B. Developing trade exchange and economic growth

- The processes of transportation and trade are strongly correlated, so the increasing of the transport efficiency will participate on:
  1. Decreasing the cost and facilitating a promoting the flow of the trade movement.
- Creating solutions is requested to remove all obstacles of trade exchange processes, such as differences between the procedures, regulations and transport and customs documents.



- using one unified trip tick between Jordan, Syria and Lebanon should be the best solution.

## C. Develop the tourism activities.

## D. Realize one unified region of transport operations through:

- Unified procedures and regulations related to transport of passengers and goods between the three countries and crossing them in transit.
- Support the possibility of establishing joint customs borders to avoid the repetition of the customs processes (inspection, control .. Etc.).



- Unified customs procedures to encourage and increase trade & transport activities related to passengers & goods transport to achieve a integrated economy between the countries.

## E.Characteristics of the protocol & triptyque

- It's an official document for all vehicles' transport activities between the (Jordan, Syria and Lebanon).
- It's issued only by the Customs Departments of the three countries where vehicles are registered.
- No fees, expect the cost of printing the triptyque.



## F. Contents (information) of the triptyque.

- **Vehicle (information): (registration country, vehicle serial number, country and date of issuance.**
- **Vehicle's owner name (details).**
- **Driver's name (details).**
- **Vehicle's information (details).**
- **Vehicle's category.**
- **place for extension of the triptyque.**
- **General remarks.**
- **Visa and guarantees place.**



## F. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shows the willing of Joining the Protocol and the triptyque

- Meetings were held in Amman between qualified representatives from The three countries and representatives from Saudi Arabia.
- New amended Protocol was suggested taking into consideration the ease and transparency in case any other Arab country desires to join the protocol in the future.
- The new suggested protocol will be studied by the four parties related soon, then implemented.



**2. The system of the axial cargoes which is carried out by the memorandum of understanding that unifies the system of the axial cargo for the Jordanian, Syrian, and Lebanon trucks.**

- **The memorandum entered into force on 1-1-2003 .**
- **Investment in the infrastructure of road networks in the Arab countries is one of the main supportive actions for the internal trade and the trade between these countries, and to ensure safety and security for the passengers activities.**



➤ **The differentiated legislation of control axial weights and cargoes of the trucks in the Arab countries will reduce the movements of the intra Arab trade and cause the following hindrances:**

- 1. Hindering the movement of truck between borders and delay them.**
- 2. Unloading the over cargoes or paying fines imposed by each country causing increase of costs, that leads to limited intra Arab trade and trade's competitiveness.**
- 3. Un-equivalent competition between the Arab freight fleets because of the differences in axle loads and weights in each country.**



- **There are some Arab countries permit extra weights comparing to the International standards in spite causing damages of roads networks and the safety factors**
- **Jordan Government will present to the Arab Ministers of Transport Council the issue as a basis of for joint protocol or agreement for axle loads among the Arab states to achieve:**
  - 1. Eliminate hindrances of the trucks movements.**
  - 2. Increase the intra-trade activities.**
  - 3. Promote a statement for establishing the large Arab free trade zone.**



### 3. Memorandum of understanding on Unified Transport Documents between Jordan-Syria-Lebanon.

- This memorandum entered into force on 1-6-2004 :

### 4. Memorandum of understanding on Unified Instructions for Transport Dangerous Goods and the unified Transport Documents between Jordan-Syria-Lebanon.

- This memorandum entered into force on 1-7-2004 :



## **5. Implementing of neutralization of gross weight and driven distance as a base for receiving obliged fees on trucks with the following Characteristics.**

- ***Flexible and convenient for limiting the percentage relating all countries according the reciprocation principal.***
- ***Transparency in receiving obliged fees on trucks for all transport operation parties (transporters, exporters and importers).***
- ***Acceleration of customs procedures leads to save both effort and time and avoid delays.***



**5. To implement the neutralization a regulation was issued in coordination with all Authorities concerned, named service duty of crossing territories in transit and imposed on trucks of Arab and foreign countries.**

**➤ The following duties, taxes and allowances imposed on trucks and goods were merged into one unified fee per country:**



1. Additional tax per truck.
2. Revenue stamps duties.
3. Escorting and convoy duties maximum sum of (30) JDs (depend on driven distance).
4. Diesel differences duties.
5. Overtime work duties.

All above duties and taxis were replaced by a unified duty named: Road Service Duty.



# Syria

1. (145) JDs on loaded truck in transit
2. (110) JDs on unloaded truck in transit.
3. (70) JDs on loaded or unloaded truck entering or existing Jordan territory.
4. (10) JDs per customs declaration stamps fee.
5. (2) JDs per truck for Radio activity check.



# Lebanon

## 1. Duty and taxes levied on Lebanese trucks.

***Truck weight (loaded/ unloaded)\*distance\* (.01).***

- The weight standard is implemented on Lebanese trucks provided that the total sum on road service duty does not exceed (40) JDs entering and existing Jordan territory.
- (20) JDs overtime rates per transit customs declarations regardless to the number of trucks per declaration.



# Projects in pipelines

1. The cooperation agreement on international road transport and transit for persons and goods between the three countries (Jordan, Syria and Lebanon).
2. A study has been conducted regarding duties, taxes and allowances imposed on trucks and goods by Competent Authorities in the three countries to be combined into one duty towards the canceling of them gradually.
3. A comprehensive study on mutual cooperation of the three countries in exchanging goods cross their ports and territories.



- **The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia had been entrusted by Ministers of Transport to conduct a feasibility study on facilitating the exchange of goods cross ports and territories of the three countries.**
- **The study issued the following documents :**
  - 1. feasibility study to facilitate the exchange of goods cross ports and territories.**
  - 2. Integrated Transport Information System in the Arab Mashreq – Information on the status quo to exchange the goods cross ports and territories of the three countries.**



### 3. The future forecast methodology and the economic assessment for facilitating the exchange of goods cross ports and territories of the three countries.



*Thank you*

