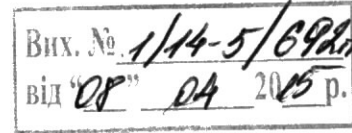


Mrs. Violeta Bulc
Commissioner for Mobility
and Transport
European Commission



Dear Mrs. Bulc,

The Association of International Road Carriers of Ukraine (AsMAP of Ukraine) expresses its highest consideration and has the honor to address with the following.

AsMAP Ukraine is the national guarantee association for the TIR system in Ukraine. It was established in November 1991 and since 1992 is a acting member of the International Road Transport Union (IRU, Geneva).

The Association joins nearly 3,500 transport companies engaged in the international road transportation of goods and passengers and facilitates the international road transport as the economic sector, and protects its interests as well as the rights on national and international levels.

The new law of the Federal Republic of Germany on the minimum wage «Mindestlohngesetz (MiLoG)» that was entered into force from January 1st 2015 set the minimum wage value 8.50 euros per hour and, as German governments interpreted, their provisions apply to German and foreign transport companies operating road transportation in Germany (cabotage, international transportation to / from Germany and transit).

There was introduced a temporary moratorium on the minimum wage in transit through the territory of Germany. Transit transportation through Germany fulfilled by Ukrainian carriers is about 60% of the total quantity of trips. Despite this AsMAP Ukraine expresses deep concern at the attempt to impose German legislation, its provisions of labor remuneration or de - facto German labor legislation on other countries, in particular non EU countries.

In our opinion, the provisions of the Act shall not be applied to the non-residents transport companies which obey national labor legislation.

AsMAP of Ukraine considers that the effect of this law can lead to great negative consequences for the activities of Ukrainian transport companies fulfilling international road transportation to / from or transit through Germany as well as reduce their competitiveness.

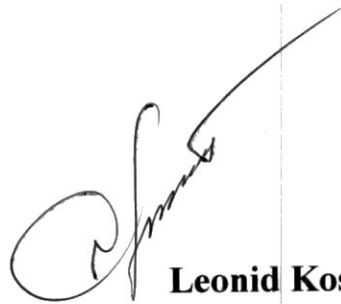
AsMAP of Ukraine and IRU expressed jointly their doubts about the compatibility of this German law with the European Union legislation and relevant international conventions and agreements.

Such narrow-vision actions of the authorities can cause other countries chain reaction and can carry devastating impact on the international road carriers' sustainability both Ukrainian and European family.

In this regard we kindly ask you, **Dear Mrs. Bulc**, to assist in arrangement this issue taking into account the position of the road transport community and in determining the legality of the application of the Act in relation to foreign carriers - non-residents of Germany including Ukrainian.

Thank you for your understanding and count on your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leonid Kostyuchenko', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Leonid Kostyuchenko
President AsMAP of Ukraine