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Dear Ms. ANGHELIUC,

Subject: **Issuance and control of short-term ECMT licenses in Moldova, 2020**

I would like to draw your attention to the distribution of licences for 2020 and rules on application of the short-term (yellow) licences in general, and during 2020.

Control and application of short-term licences has been discussed on several occasions in the Group on Road Transport. Several Member countries believe that control of these licenses is complicated, due to their excessive number and short validity, and on several occasions it was reported that the hauliers have, allegedly, forged short-term licence validity date and have used one and a same licence multiple times.

The Secretariat noticed, at the same time, that last year Moldova distributed the short-term licences to national hauliers at the beginning of the year, without filling-in the validity date on them, leaving this to the discretion of the haulier itself. This is not in compliance with the quota rules, as the competent national Authorities carry full responsibility for filling-out the licence, when it is issued to the haulier.

Moreover, such practice leaves a room for abuse by the hauliers, as mentioned above and leads to continuous problems at the border crossings. All this undermines a trust between the Member countries and jeopardises functioning of the Multilateral Quota system.

The Secretariat, therefore, would request your Agency to dispatch a short-term licence(es) to a haulier ONLY with a pre-filled validity date on it and introduce simultaneously the data on the online EDI system, for control authorities information.

Unless this requirement is met, the Secretariat would strongly advise to refrain from requesting the short-term licences in 2020 and use only the annual green licences instead.

The ITF Secretariat hopes that the above rule will be strictly observed and remains at your disposal for any questions or help.

Sincerely yours,

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