



Work-Rest Schedule of Drivers

Business program of expositions InterLogistika-2014 and Autotrans-2014, held on October, 8–11, 2014 in Moscow International exposition center Crocus-Expo, included session «Actual issues of safe freightage and passenger traffic».

Addressing the audience, police colonel Alexander Borisov of main division of road safety of the Russian Ministry of Interior that mandatory application of recording tachometers is extended from September, 1, 2014 to the transport vehicles of third category (those, whose maximum payload exceeds 12 ton), excluding trucks with payload exceeding 15 ton and used for interurban haulage. He outlined that violation of work-rest schedule and absence of tachograph devices equipped with cryptographic data protection for the trucks carrying dangerous goods has been considered as administrative infraction punishable by an administrative penalty as long as from April, 1, 2014. During the period from April, 1 through September, 1 more than 39 thousand drivers were held liable for that infraction.

Vadim Melnikov, head of expert center «Traffic without danger», outlined that all aspects of road safety constitute long-term strategy, aimed at safeguarding human lives at roads and at reducing economic and social risks resulting from rules' violation. The faults of drivers of freight and passenger cars cause thousands of accidents every year. There are many exact causes but fatigue and disrespect of work-rest schedule can be both attributed as one of the main causes.

Deputy director general of federal budget establishment «Rosavtotrans» (Russian road transportation) Armen Khachatryan described the ever first results of stage-by-stage equipping of transport vehicles with tachographs. 770 professional auto repair shops were installing tachographs with cryptographic data protection, till September, 2014 more than 180 thousand of devices had been installed.

Deputy director general of Continental Automotive RUS Dmitry Batakov noted the

international experience. He outlined that 10 years of the use of tachographs in Europe have permitted to reduce accidents of the vehicles equipped with those devices by 22%, and to reduce fatalities by 55%. Besides safety issues, the installation of controlling device is economically efficient as it allows real-time monitoring of a vehicle providing thus more efficient management of the fleet and human resources.

Alexey Polyanskih from Shtrih-M company argued in favor of a comprehensive automated system of tachographic data processing and of account for all models of tachometric equipment, authorized repair shops and other elements of the system.

The participants in a discussion concluded that tachometric system in Russia should be enhanced. First of all necessary measures should be taken to develop modern infrastructure for over-the-road truckers (facilities for safe parking for rest and relaxation). Some legal issues also need to be reconsidered.

Tachograph – is a controlling device installed on board of freight and passenger road vehicles that records data on speed, run of a truck, respect of schedule of rest and work by a driver. The device is one of the most important requirements referring to safety and legal protection of a driver as tachometric data are judicially accurate.

Equipment of transport vehicles in Russia with on-board controlling devices became mandatory by virtue of the order of the Ministry of transport of February, 13, 2013 № 36. Absence of devices is punished with penalties which were introduced gradually regarding different types of cars, buses and trucks. All commercial vehicles should have been equipped with those devices by 2015.

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