Transport Policy

1.1 Carriage of goods and passengers by road

Introduction

The Armenian legislation regulating road transport mainly does not meet the requirements of the EU legislation.

There is a single act in Armenia, i.e. the Law on Transport¹, which regulates transport activities for road and railway sectors. The EU legislation regulating the transport sector comprises separate acts (directives) for each of the above-mentioned fields.

There is no legal act in Armenian regulating the operation of non-resident carriers in national road transport market².

Common rules for international carriage of passengers by bus are not defined for the Armenian road transport market. The system of national security standards for road transport is not defined either³.

The Armenian legislation does not comply with the Council Regulation No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 laying down the order of transport of dangerous goods by road⁴. The incompliance is mainly related with the lack of a system for national security standards for road transport in Armenia. The procedure for transportation of nuclear and radioactive materials complies with the EU legislation. It is stipulated by the Government Decree No. 1263 of 24 December 2001 on Approving Special Rules for Nuclear and Radioactive Materials Transportations⁵ drafted by the State Atomic Control Inspection under the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia. Furthermore, the Armenian legislation does not provide for the inspection procedure for transport of dangerous goods by road. It is expedient to define a regulation for transport of dangerous goods by road for road transport sector.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter on "Road Transport" shall be completely approximated with the standards of the EU legislation by 2009.

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Regulation No. 2004/54/EC⁶ of 29 April 2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and Council Directive No. 91/439/EEC⁷ of 29 July 1991 shall serve as the basis for approximation of the relevant Armenian legislation.

To approximate the procedure for issuing driving licenses in Armenia with Council Directive No. 91/439/E of 29 July 1991, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for taking qualification tests and for issuing national and international driving licenses shall be elaborated.

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¹ Law of the Republic of Armenia on Transport, HO-201, 03.02.1998

² Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3118/93 of 25 October 1993 laying down the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate national road haulage services within a Member State

³ Council Regulation (EC) No. 12/98 of 11 December 1997 laying down the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate national road passenger transport services within a Member State

⁴ Council Directive No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road

⁵ The Decree of the Government of Armenia N-1263, 24.12.2001 on Approving Special Rules for Nuclear and Radioactive Materials Transportations

⁶ Directive No. 2004/54/EC of the European Parliament and of Council of 29 April 2004 on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the Trans-European Road Network

Council Directive No. 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991 on driving licences

To approximate the safety requirements for road tunnel within the territory of Armenia with Directive No. 2004/54/EC of 29 April 2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, a draft Government Decree on approving necessary safety requirements for road tunnel shall be elaborated.

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The Armenian legislation shall be approximated on the basis of Council Directive No. 684/92 of 16 March 19928, Commission Directive No. N2121/98 of 30 November 19939, Council Decision No. 93/704/EC¹⁰, Council Directives No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994¹¹, No. 3821/85 20 December 1985¹², Council Regulations No. 1999/36.EC of 29 April 1999¹³ and No. 96/53/EC of 25 July 1996¹⁴.

The Armenian legislation on international carriage of passengers by bus shall be approximated with Council Regulation No. 684/92 of 16 March 1992 and Commission Regulation No. N2121/98 of 2 October 1998. In particular, rules for international carriage of passengers by bus and a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for drawing up necessary documents shall be elaborated.

The Armenian legislation does not stipulate a legal act on recording equipment in road transport. For approximation purposes, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for preservation, transportation, installation and usage of recording equipment in road transport shall be elaborated on the basis of the Council Directive No. 3821/85 of 20 December 1985.

Rules on the carriage of transportable pressure equipment by road are not stipulated by the Armenian legislation. In an effort to fill the gap, a draft Government Decree on approving the order of carriage of transportable pressure equipment by road shall be elaborated on the basis of the Council Directive No. 1999/36/EC of 29 April 1999.

For a certain type of road vehicles intended for international carriage of goods by road within the territory of Armenia, there are no terms restricting the dimensions and weights thereof. To lay down restricting terms, a draft Government Decree on approving maximum dimensions and weights of certain road vehicles intended for national and international carriage of goods by road shall be elaborated on the basis of the Council Directive No. 96/53/EC of 25 July 1996.

To strengthen institutional capacities, training courses on Common European rules for international carriage of goods by road shall be conducted.

To ensure road safety and preventive measures in the event of emergency situation, a draft Government Decree on data compilation and creation of a database on road accidents (car crash, occurrence, accident) shall be elaborated on the basis of the Council Directive No. 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993.

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 684/92 of 16 March 1992 on common rules for the international carriage of passengers by

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Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2121/98 of 2 October 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulations (EEC) No 684/92 and (EC) No. 12/98 as regards documents for the carriage of passengers by coach and bus Ouncil Decision No. 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993 on the creation of a Community database on road accidents

¹¹ Council Directive No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/85 of 20 December 1985 on recording equipment in road transport

Council Directive No. 1999/36/EC of 29 April 1999 on transportable pressure equipment

¹⁴ Council Directive No. 96/53/EC of 25 July 1996 laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorized dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorized weights in international

Attaching importance to the legislative regulation of carriage of dangerous goods within the territory of Armenia and thus to the safety of the population, the relevant legislation shall be approximated with Council Regulation No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994¹⁵.

A draft law of Armenia on transport of dangerous goods shall be elaborated for the approximation of the Armenian legislation. To regulate the transport of goods by road, a draft Government Decree on approving the order of transport of goods by road shall also be elaborated on the basis of the Council Regulation No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994¹⁶.

It is envisaged to establish a Centre for Investigation of Transport Accidents under the Government of Armenia during 2007. The core mandate of the Centre shall be to provide expert's opinion on transport incidents (car crash, occurrence, accident). The Centre shall operate on the basis of the RoA Law on Transport of Dangerous Goods to be adopted in the course of 2007.

Furthermore, training courses on Common European rules for international carriage of goods by road shall be conducted.

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The Armenian legislation shall be approximated on the basis of Council Directive No. 95/50/EC of 6 October 1995¹⁷, Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3118/93 of 25 October 1993¹⁸, Directive No. 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council 19, Council Directive No. 96/35/EC of 3 June 1996²⁰, Directive No. 2002/15/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹, Council Regulation No. 881/92 of 26 March 1992²², Council Regulation (EC) No. 12/98 of 11 December 1997²³ and Council Directive No. 96/26/EC of 29 April of 1996²⁴.

To establish a procedure for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road within the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Directive No. 95/50/EC of 6 October 1995.

To secure the safety and control of transport of goods, a draft Government Decree on approving the order of appointment and vocational qualification of safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Directive No. 96/35/EC of 3 June 1996.

¹⁵ Council Directive No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road

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Council Directive No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road

Council Directive No. 95/50/EC of 6 October 1995 on uniform procedures for checks on the transport of dangerous goods

by road

18 Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3118/93 of 25 October 1993 laying down the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate national road haulage services within a Member State

¹⁹ Directive No. 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers, amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 and Council Directive 91/439/EEC and repealing Council Directive 76/914/EEC

Council Directive No. 96/35/EC of 3 June 1996 on the appointment and vocational qualification of safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway

Directive No. 2002/15/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2002 on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 881/92 of 26 March 1992 on access to the market in the carriage of goods by road within the Community to or from the territory of a Member State or passing across the territory of one or more Member States ²³ Council Regulation (EC) No. 12/98 of 11 December 1997 laying down the conditions under which non-resident carriers

may operate national road passenger transport services within a Member State

Council Directive No. 96/26/EC of 29 April 1996 on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations

For liberalization of road transport market and ensuring competition, two draft government decrees on approving the order and terms of access to the market in the carriage of goods by road and on approving the regulation to operate road passenger transport services for non-resident carriers within the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 881/92 of 26 March 1992 and Council Regulation (EC) No. 12/98 of 11 December 1997.

With the purpose of regulating the working hours of road transport operator in the territory of Armenia, a draft Government Decree on organizing the working hours of road transport operator in the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated on the basis of Directive No. 2002/15/EC of 11 March 2002 of the Council and of the European Parliament.

To strengthen the institutional capacities in the field of road transport in Armenia, a Centre for training and vocational qualifications of specialists in the transport sector shall be established within the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia. The main objective of the Centre shall be to secure recognition of road transport operators' activities as well as recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualification of transport sector specialists.

To define the procedure for recognition of activities of road transport operators as well as recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualification of transport sector specialists, a draft Government Decree on approving the order of mutual recognition of road transport operators, road passengers transport operators as well as mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualification shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Directive No. 96/26/EC of 29 April 1996.

For liberalization of road transport market and ensuring competition, a draft Government Decree on approving the rules for non-resident carriers to operate road haulage services within the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3118/93 of 25 October 1993.

To ensure the safety and quality services in road transport sector, a draft Government Decree on approving the order of initial qualification and terms of periodic training intended for drivers of certain road vehicles for road haulage and road passenger transport operators within the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated on the basis of Directive No. 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003.

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The Armenian legislation shall be approximated on the basis of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport²⁵.

For harmonizing social insurance of workers in the road transport sector with the EU legislation, a draft law on social insurance of workers in road transport sector shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Regulation No. 3820/85.

For strengthening institutional capacities, training courses shall be conducted on Social insurance of workers in road transport sector.

²⁵ Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 of 20 December 1985 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport

1.1.1. Legislative Approximation

NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			2006			
1.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the order for taking qualification test and for issuing national and international driving license	Council Directive No. 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991 on driving licences	Police under the Government of Armenia	4 th quarter	36	Consultancy, provisional expertise
2.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on minimum safety requirements for road tunnels	Directive No. 2004/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the Trans-European Road Network	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia)	4 th quarter	60	Consultancy, provisional expertise
		TOTAL			96	
			2007			
3.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for drawing up necessary	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 684/92 of 16 March 1992 on common rules for the international	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia	2 nd quarter	72	Consultancy, provisional expertise

NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
	documents and rules for international carriage of passengers by bus	carriage of passengers by coach and bus Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2121/98 of 2 October 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulations (EEC) No. 684/92 and (EC) No. 12/98 as regards documents for the carriage of passengers by coach and bus	(with participation of the State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia)			
4.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on creating database and compilation of data on road incidents (car crash, accidents, occurrences) based on the Government Decree No. 1297-N	Council Decision No. 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993 on the creation of a Community database on road accidents	Police under the Government of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia)	3 rd quarter	15	Consultancy, provisional expertise
5.	 Elaboration of a draft Law on transport of dangerous goods Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the order of transport of dangerous goods by road 	Council Directive No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Police under the	3 rd quarter	54	Consultancy, provisional expertise

NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			Government of Armenia, Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia)			
6.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the order of preservation, carriage, installation and usage of recording equipment intended for road transport	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/85 of 20 December 1985 on recording equipment in road transport	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, Police under the Government of Armenia)	4 th quarter	72	Consultancy, provisional expertise

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NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			Armenia, State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia)			
		TOTAL			336	
			2008			
9.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedures for checks on transport of dangerous goods by road in Armenia	Council Directive No. 95/50/EC of 6 October 1995 on uniform procedures for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia, Police under the Government of Armenia)	1 st quarter	54	Consultancy, provisional expertise
10.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure and terms of access to the market in the carriage of goods by road	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 881/92 of 26 March 1992 on access to the market in the carriage of goods by road within the Community to or from the territory of a Member State or passing across the territory of one or more Member States	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Police under the Government of Armenia, State Customs Committee under	1 st quarter	27	Consultancy, provisional expertise

NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			the Government of Armenia)			
11.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the rules for operating road passenger transport services for non-resident carriers within the territory of Armenia	Council Regulation (EC) No. 12/98 of 11 December 1997 laying down the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate national road passenger transport services within a Member State	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, Police under the Government of Armenia)	1 st quarter	48	Consultancy, provisional expertise
12.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for appointment and vocational qualification of safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road	Council Directive No. 96/35/EC of 3 June 1996 on the appointment and vocational qualification of safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	15	Consultancy, provisional expertise
13.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities within the territory of Armenia	Directive No. 2002/15/EC of 11 March 2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the organisation of the working time of persons	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of	2 nd quarter	30	Consultancy, provisional expertise

NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
		performing mobile road transport activities	Transport and Communication of Armenia)			
14.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in the territory of Armenia	Council Directive No. 96/26/EC of 29 April 1996 on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia, Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, Police under the Government of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	27	Consultancy, provisional expertise
15.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the rules for operating road haulage services within the territory of Armenia for non- resident carriers	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3118/93 of 25 October 1993 laying down the conditions under which non-resident carriers may operate national road haulage services within a Member State	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, State Customs	3 rd quarter	48	Consultancy, provisional expertise

NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			Committee under the Government of Armenia, Police under the Government of Armenia)			
16.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for initial qualification and terms of periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers within the territory of Armenia	Regulation No. 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers, amending Council Directive (EEC) No. 3820/85 and Council Regulation 91/439/EEC and repealing Council Regulation 76/914/EEC	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Police under the Government of Armenia)	4 th quarter	36	Consultancy, provisional expertise
		TOTAL			285	
			2009			
17.	Elaboration of a draft law on social protection of persons working in road transport sector	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 of 20 December 1985 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport dated 20 December 1985	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia)	1 st quarter	60	Consultancy, provisional expertise

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NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
	TOTAL					
TOTAL					777	

1.1.2. Institutional Capacities

NN	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
	1	2	3	4
1.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication RoA Ministry of Trade and Economic Development RoA Ministry of Science and Education State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia		Training course on Common European rules for the international carriage of goods by road (3 days/ 2007) Training course on Common European rules for the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus (3 days/ 2007)	
	Police under the Government of Armenia			
2.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia Police under the	-	Training course on the system of European standards for evaluation of safety in road transport sector (5 days/ 2007)	Safety Adviser for the carriage of goods by road Specialist for organising transport of dangerous goods by road Safety adviser for the transport of dangerous goods
	Government of Armenia			Consultancy, provisional

				expertise, training
3.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication RoA Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia RoA Ministry of Nature Protection RoA Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia Police under the Government of Armenia State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia	-	Training courses on the safety and organisation of transport of dangerous goods (10 days/2008)	Consultancy, provisional expertise, training
4.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication	Centre for training and vocational qualification of transport sector specialists (Regulation No. 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers, amending Council Directive (EEC) No. 3820/85 and Council Regulation No. 91/439/EEC and repealing Council Regulation No. 76/914/EEC instead Council Directive No. 96/26/EC of 29 April 1996 on	Training course on the social protection of persons performing mobile road transport activities (3 days/ 2009)	Safety Adviser for the carriage of goods by road Specialist for organising transport of dangerous goods Safety adviser for the transport of dangerous goods by road Consultancy, provisional expertise, training

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	admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations)	
5.	Centre for Investigation of transport accidents, 2007 (Council Directive No. 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road)	

2.1 Rail Transport

Introduction

The Armenian legislation regulating rail transport partially meets the requirements of the EU legislation.

There is a single act in Armenia, i.e. the Law on Transport²⁶, which regulates transport activities for air, road and railway sectors, whereas the relevant EU legislation comprises separate acts (directives) for each of the above-mentioned sectors.

The Armenian legislation on Transport does not contain a legal act regulating combined transport of goods²⁷. Both the Civil Code of Armenia and the Law on Transport stipulate an article (of a general nature) on combined transport of goods²⁸, however the relations of carriers of different sectors as well as terms, procedures and tariffs for the conclusion of a single contract between the client and the carrier are not regulated.

The main incompliance of the Armenian legal rules on licensing of railway activities with the EU requirements is conditioned by the fact that the RoA Law on Licensing defines licensing for organizing combined railway operation²⁹, whereas the Council Directive No. 95/18 of 19 June 1995 differentiates railway operations³⁰, i.e. carriage of passengers and of goods, urban, suburban, regional services, infrastructure operator, traffic operator, etc. The Armenian legislation does not provide for a similar differentiation and licensing procedure for each of them (the procedure is general). There is no procedure for verifying financial stability of persons performing rail transport activities, which, according to Council Directive No. 95/18 of 19 June 1995³⁷, is a necessary precondition for receiving a licence. The Armenian legislation does not stipulate terms of access to railway infrastructure and a procedure for safety certification of railway infrastructure and railway undertakings. Furthermore, the Armenian legislation does not provide for a system of national standards for exploitation, safety and efficiency of railway infrastructure.

The incompliance of the Armenian legislation with Council Directive No. 96/49 of 23 July 1996³² defining the order of transport of dangerous goods by rail is also mainly related to the absence of such system of national standards.

The procedure for transportation of nuclear and radioactive materials complies with the EU Directive No 96/49. The procedure is defined by the Government Decree No. 1263 of 24 December 2001 on Approving special rules for transportation of nuclear and radioactive materials ³³. Meanwhile it is necessary to define a separate regulation for the transport of dangerous goods by rail.

²⁷ Council Directive No. 92/106/EEC of 7 December 1992 on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States. OJ No. L 368, 17/12/1992

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²⁶ Law of Armenia on Transport, HO-201, 03.02.1998

²⁸ Law of Armenia on the Civil Code, HO-239, 05.05.1998, Article 858, Law of Armenia on Transport HO-201, 03.02.1998, article 10

²⁹ Law of Armenia on Licensing HO-193, 30.05.2001, Article 43

Council Directive No. 95/18/EC of 19 June 1995 on the licensing of railway undertakings, Article 2, OJ No. L 143, 27/06/1995, p70:

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31 Council Directive No. 95/18/EC of 19 June 1995 on the licensing of railway undertakings, Article 1, OJ No. L 143, 27/06/1995, p70

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³² Council Directive No. 96/49 of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail

³³ The Decree of the Government of Armenia N-1263, adopted on 24.12.2001 on Approving Special Rules for Transportation of Nuclear and Radioactive Materials

EU legal rules which are currently inapplicable in Armenia

The provisions of the following three EU Directives are currently inapplicable in Armenia since they are exclusively related to EU Member States:

- Regulation (EC) No. 1382/2003 of 22 July 2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the granting of Community financial assistance to improve the environmental performance of the freight transport system (Marco Polo Programme)
- Directive No. 2001/16/EC of 19 March 2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system
- Council Directive No. 96/48/EC of 23 July 1996 on the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system

Armenia is not involved in the European system of combined transport of goods and cannot enjoy financial assistance of the Marco Polo programme. The railway system operating in Armenia does not join any of the railway systems of EU Member States and the issue of compliance of interoperability rules is not currently a priority. There is no high-speed rail system in Armenia.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Rail Transport", except for the above-mentioned acts, is scheduled to be completely approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation in the course of 2007-2009.

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Highlighting the importance of competition in rail market, as well as the safety of passengers, carriers and infrastructure, the Armenian legislation regulating rail transport shall be approximated with Directives No. 2001/14 of 26 February 2001³⁴ and No. 2004/49 of 29 April 2004³⁵ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

In particular, a draft law on Rail Transport shall be elaborated.

Two draft decrees of the Government of Armenia on approving the procedure for safety evaluation of railway infrastructure and undertakings using them and on approving the procedure for levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification shall be elaborated.

The legislation stipulating the procedure for awarding licences for organization of railway activities in the territory of Armenia shall be approximated with the Council Directive No. 95/18/EC of 19 June 199536.

To eliminate the discrepancies in the legislation regulating licensing of railway undertakings, a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Licensing 37 shall be elaborated. The proposed amendments shall refer to Article 43 of the above-mentioned

³⁴ Directive No. 2001/14/EC of 26 February 2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification

³⁵ Directive No. 2004/49/EC of 29 April 2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety on the Community's railways and amending Council Directive 95/18/EC on the licensing of railway undertakings and Directive No. 2001/14/EC on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification

³⁶ Council Directive No. 95/18/EC of 19 June 1995 on the licensing of railway undertakings, Article 2, OJ No. L 143,

^{27/06/1995,} p70 ³⁷ Law of Armenia on Licensing HO-193, 30.05.2001, Article 43

law, i.e. differentiate railway activities in the activity list subject to licensing based on the Council Directive No. 95/18 of 19 June 1995.

According to the amendments made to the above-mentioned law, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for awarding licence to railway undertakings within the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated.

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The legislation regulating combined transport of goods within the territory of Armenia shall be approximated with Council Directive No. 92/106 of 7 December 1992³⁸. In particular, a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Transport³⁹ shall be elaborated for defining the procedure and terms for combined transport of goods. A draft Government Decree on approving rules for combined transport of goods shall be elaborated in accordance with the those amendments.

For strengthening of institutional capacities, it is scheduled to establish a Centre for Investigation of Transport Accidents within the Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia. The main objective of the Centre shall be to provide expert's opinion to the public on accidents (car crash, occurrence and accident) in transport sector.

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The legislation regulating transport of dangerous good within the territory of Armenia shall be approximated on the basis of the Council Directive No. 96/49 of 23 July 1996⁴⁰.

According to the requirements of the EU legislation, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for transport of dangerous goods within the territory of Armenia shall be elaborated.

³⁸ Council Directive No. 92/106/EEC of 7 December 1992 on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States. OJ No. L 368, 17/12/1992
³⁹ Law of Armenia on Transport, HO-201, 03.02.1998

⁴⁰ Council Directive No. 96/49 of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail

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2.1.1 Legislative Approximation and Implementation

N/N	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	,		2007			_
1.	 Elaboration of a draft law on Railway Transport Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for safety evaluation of railway infrastructure and undertakings using them, on the basis of Orders No. 116-052; 116-053; 116-056 and 67 of the Minister of Transport and Communication, Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification, on the basis of the Order No. 67-N of 15.03.2004 of the Minister of Transport and Communication on Approving the Rules for Technical Exploitation of Railways 	Directive No. 2001/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2001 on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification Directive No. 2004/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on safety on the Community's railways and amending Council Directive No. 95/18/EC on the licensing of railway undertakings and Directive No. 2001/14/EC on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (With participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, Ministry of Finance and Economy of Armenia, Public Services Regulatory Commission of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	189	Consultancy, provisional expertise

N/N	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
		safety certification				
2.	 Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Licensing Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for licensing of railway undertakings within the territory of Armenia 	Council Directive No. 95/18/EC of 19 June 1995 on the licensing of railway undertakings	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, Ministry of Finance and Economy of Armenia, Public Services Regulatory Commission of	4 th quarter	60	
		TOTAL	Armenia)		240	
		IUIAL	2008		249	
3.	 Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Transport Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods in the territory of Armenia 	Council Directive No. 92/106/EEC of 7 December 1992 on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (With participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia,	1 st quarter	30	Consultancy, provisional expertise

N/N	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			Ministry of Finance and Economy of Armenia, Public Services Regulatory Commission of Armenia)			
		TOTAL			30	
			2009			
4.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving common rules for transport of dangerous goods by rail in the territory of Armenia	Council Directive No. 96/49 of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia (with participation of the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development, Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	488	Consultancy, provisional expertise
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2.1.2 Institutional Capacities

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NN	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication	-	Training course on the system of European standards for evaluation of safety in rail transport sector (5 days/ 2007)	
	RoA Ministry of Finance and Economy Public Services		Training course on the organization of combined transport of goods and	
	Regulatory Commission of Armenia		transport of goods by rail (3 days / 2008)	
2.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication	-	Training courses on the safety and organisation of transport of dangerous goods (10 days/ 2009)	
	RoA Ministry of Nature Protection			
	Public Services Regulatory Commission of Armenia			
3.		Centre for Investigation of Transport Accidents, 2008 Directive No. 2004/49/EC of 29 April 2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety on the Community's railways and amending Council Directive No. 95/18/EC on the		

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	icensing of railway undertakings and Directive No. 2001/14/EC on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges or the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification Council. Directive No. 96/49 of 23 July 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the ransport of dangerous goods by rail	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e

3.1 Civil Aviation

Introduction

The EU legislation in the field of civil aviation mainly aims at regulating issues related to flight safety and civil aviation security, air services and market liberalization for the implementation of related activities, single European sky and establishment of a single European system for air traffic management. To settle these issues, the EU legislation provides for the creation of a single legal database in the field of civil aviation, and its components, being incorporated in the national legislation of EU Member States, ensure conformity with each other. Parallel to that, the EU legislation secures the establishment of joint professional institutions which undertake further integration of accession countries. Moreover, only EU Member States are allowed to join some of these professional institutions, meanwhile the others are open for other European countries as well.

With reference to the aforesaid, within the framework of the National Programme, a more detailed consideration is given to the provisions of EU acts, the conformity of which can be ensured by transposing them in the Armenian legislation. The provisions of EU legislation, which are aimed at establishing joint professional institutions, as well as those, which can be applied only when acceding to the EU or in case of concluding intergovernmental agreements are not discussed within the framework of this Programme.

The legislation regulating the activities in the field of civil aviation in Armenia comprises the RoA Law on Aviation, which provides for the general regulation of activities in the given field, and secondary legislation adopted on the basis of the said Law. Based on the screening results, it can be concluded that the RoA Law on Aviation generally meets the requirements of the EU legislation, however the prudential legal acts to be adopted based on the Law are mainly missing, whilst a part of already adopted legal acts contradicts to the requirements of the EU legislation.

For approximation purposes, it is envisaged to undertake the following measures.

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To approximate the procedure and terms for issuing licenses to flight personnel with the requirements of the EU legislation, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for issuing licenses to flight personnel and for mutual acceptance and validation of foreign licenses shall be elaborated based on the requirements of the European Council Directive No. 91/670/EEC of 16 December 1991⁴¹ and of JAR FCL Regulation of JAA applied in the EU countries and on the standards of ICAO.

To ensure airworthiness, a Government Decree on approving the procedure for issuing airworthiness certificate, extension of operational life of aircraft and recognition of foreign airworthiness certificates shall be adopted on the basis of the provision of the Regulation (EC) No. 1592/2002 of 15 July 2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency⁴²

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⁴¹ Council Directive No. 91/670/EEC of 16 December 1991 on mutual acceptance of personnel licences for the exercise of functions in civil aviation

⁴² Regulation (EC) No. 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency

Y2007

To rule out undue liability in the event of aviation accidents, incidents and imposition of sanctions, define the list of occurrences subject to compulsory reporting, stipulate the need to establish a separate state body independent from the General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia to conduct investigations, compulsory publication of final investigation reports, preservation of the principle of anonymity in inspection report as well as to approximate the procedures for submitting reports on other issues and conducting inspections, it will be necessary to elaborate draft laws on making amendments to the Criminal Code of Armenia, to the RoA Law on Aviation and elaborate a draft Government Decree on making amendments to the Government Decree No. 1777-N of 11 December 2003.

For liberalization of groundhandling market at airports, a Government Decree on approving the procedure for groundhandling of air services at airports in Armenia shall be adopted.

For consumer protection in the event of cancellation or long delay of flights, a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of cancellation or long delay of flights shall be elaborated.

Government decrees No. 944-N of 27.05.2004 on Approving the procedure for organizing and carrying out checks for aviation security at airports in Armenia and No. 1307-N of 02.10.2003 on the National Programme for Civil Aviation Security of Armenia shall be reviewed in an effort to ensure full compliance in regard to issues relating to civil aviation security.

Based on the requirements of the EU legislation and with the purpose of defining the procedures and requirements for issuing activity licenses to air carriers, draft laws shall be elaborated on making amendments to the RoA Law on Aviation and on Licensing, as well as draft government decrees on approving the procedure for licensing of air carriers and on cancellation of the licensing procedure for the types of scheduled and non-scheduled air transport activities approved by the Government Decree No. 21-N of 9 2003.

For policy approximation purposes, the following measures shall be undertaken:

- "Horizontal" Agreement on air communication shall be signed with the European Union, which will be aimed at further liberalization of air service market and approximation to the EU standards;
- Ratification of the Montreal Convention by Armenia.

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To meet the requirements on aircraft design, production, exploitation, technical service and people, undertakings implementing these activities, draft government decrees on approving the regulation for issuing certificates for aircrafts and aeronautical product types and on approving the procedure for licensing of undertakings carrying out technical services on aircrafts shall be adopted.

A Government Decree on approving the procedure for allocation of slots at airports shall be adopted.

To ensure the existence of relevant institutional capacities, an independent Centre for conducting transport accidents investigations shall be established.

3.1. Legislative Approximation and Implementation

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
N/N	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2006			
1.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for issuing licenses to flight personnel and for mutual acceptance and validation of foreign licenses	Council Directive No. 91/670/EEC of 16 December 1991 on mutual acceptance of personnel licences for the exercise of functions in civil aviation and Regulation JAA JAR FCL applicable in EU Member States	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	4 th quarter	120	Consultancy, provisional expertise
2.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for issuing airworthiness certificate, extension of operational life of aircraft and recognition of foreign airworthiness certificates	Regulation (EC) No. 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	4 th quarter	50	Consultancy, provisional expertise
		TOTAL			170	
			2007			
3.	 Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Aviation Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on making amendments to the procedure for investigations, classification and recording of 	Council Directive No. 94/56/EC of 21 November 1994 establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of civil aviation accidents and incidents, relevant documents of ICAO	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia (Police under the Government of Armenia)	1 st quarter	40	Consultancy, provisional expertise

4.	aviation accidents in Armenia approved by the Government Decree of Armenia No 1777-N of 11 December 2003 • Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the Criminal Code of Armenia • Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on making amendments to the procedure for investigations, classification and recording of aviation accidents in Armenia" approved by Government decree of Armenia No 1777-N of 11 December 2003	Directive No. 2003/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2003 on occurrence reporting in civil aviation	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	1 st quarter	15	Consultancy, provisional expertise
5.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for groundhandling of air services at airports in Armenia	Council Directive No. 96/67/EC of 15 October 1996 on access to the groundhandling market at Community airports	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia (Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia, State Commission for Protection of Economic Competition)	2 nd quarter	15	Consultancy, provisional expertise
6.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for	Regulation (EC) No. 261/2004 of the European Parliament and of the	General Department of Civil Aviation of	2 nd quarter	15	

	compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of cancellation or long delay of flights	Council of 11 February 2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights	Armenia (Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Armenia)			
7.	 Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on making amendments to the Government Decree No 1307- N of 02.10. 2003 on National programme for civil aviation security of Armenia Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on making amendments to the Government Decree No. 944- N of 27.05.2004 on approving the procedure for organizing and carrying out checks for aviation security at airports in Armenia 	Regulation (EC) No. 2320/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation security	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia (Police under the Government of Armenia, National Security Service of Armenia)	3 rd quarter	15	Provisional expertise
8.	 Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Aviation Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on Licensing Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for licensing of air carriers 	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2407/92 of 23 July 1992 on licensing of air carriers	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia (Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia)	4 th quarter	15	Consultancy

		TOTAL			115	
9.	 Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for issuing certificates for aircrafts and aeronautical product types Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for licensing of undertakings carrying out technical work on aircrafts 	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3922/91 of 16 December 1991 on the harmonization of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation and the following documents entered into force by it: JAR 1, JAR 22, JAR 25, JAR AWO, JAR P, JAR APU, JAR TSOT, JAR VLA, JAR 145.	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	1 st quarter	200	Training of personnel, consultancy, provisional expertise
10.	Elaboration of a draft Government Decree on approving the procedure for allocation of slots at airports"	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 95/93 of 18 January 1993 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	2 nd quarter	15	Consultancy, provisional expertise
		TOTAL			215	
		TOTAL			500	

3.1.2. Institutional Capacities

0	1	2	3	4
NN	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	-	Training course on airworthiness, exploitation and related issues (5 days/2006)	Consultancy, provisional expertise
2.	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia	-	Training course on issues related to granting licenses to flight personnel (2 days, 2006)	Consultancy, provisional expertise
3.	Government of Armenia	(Council Directive No. 94/56/EC of 21 November 1994 establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of civil aviation accidents and incidents)		
4.	General Department of Civil Aviation of Armenia		Training course on submitting occurrence reporting in aviation and conducting investigations (3 days/2007)	Consultancy, provisional expertise
5.	RoA Ministry of Transport and Communication	Establishment of a Centre for transport accidents investigation 2007		

3.1.3. Policy Approximation

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2007			
1.	Conclusion of a Horizontal Agreement with the European Union on air communications	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes European Neighbourhood Policy, report on Armenia (02.03.2005)	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia	3 rd quarter	10	Consultancy, provisional expertise
2.	Ratification of the Montreal Convention by Armenia	Council Decision No. 2001/539/EC of 5 April 2001 on the conclusion by the European Community of the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (the Montreal Convention)	Ministry of Transport and Communication of Armenia	4 th quarter	3	Provisional expertise