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CIRCULAR NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Missions, International Organizations and Representations of International Organizations, and would like to convey the following.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia informs that in accordance with Article 3i of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, as amended, it is prohibited to purchase, import, or transfer, directly or indirectly, goods which generate significant revenues for Russia thereby enabling its actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, as listed in Annex XXI into the Union if they originate in Russia or are exported from Russia.

Furthermore, paragraph 3ab of the aforementioned Article states that the national competent authorities may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, the entry into the Union of a vehicle falling under CN code 8703 not intended for sale and owned by a citizen of a Member State or an immediate family member who is resident in Russia and is driving the vehicle into the Union for strict personal use.

According to the decision of Latvian competent authorities, entry of vehicles registered in Russia into the European Union through Latvian border crossing points is prohibited. The vehicles registered in Russia will be denied entry into the European Union and will have to return to Russia or Belarus from the border crossing point.

However, according to the Road Traffic Law, as of 15 February 2024, the vehicles registered in Russia will be allowed to apply for a transit permit allowing a single transit for return to Russia only through the territory of Latvia within 24h from the moment of the border crossing after registering with the Road Traffic Safety Directorate (CSDD) through filling out an online form on their website: <https://e.csdd.lv/rutlcaur>.

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Exemptions from the prohibition shall apply to:

(1) diplomatic, administrative and technical staff, and their family members of foreign diplomatic missions accredited to the Russian Federation when arriving with vehicles registered as diplomatic vehicles in the Russian Federation (with diplomatic license plates);

(2) diplomatic, administrative and technical staff, and their family members of foreign diplomatic missions accredited to the Russian Federation, when arriving with vehicles registered as a non- diplomatic vehicle in the Russian Federation (with regular license plates). In this case, a written attestation (an original diplomatic note) issued by the relevant foreign diplomatic mission is mandatory certifying that the particular person is a member (or a family member) of the relevant foreign diplomatic mission. The attestation must include relevant details that identify the travelers and the vehicle, as well as a statement on the purpose of travel;

(3) persons that arrive with vehicles registered as non- diplomatic vehicles in the Russian Federation (with regular license plates) to ensure the functioning of diplomatic and consular missions to the Russian Federation. In this case, a written attestation (an original diplomatic note) issued by the relevant foreign diplomatic mission is mandatory certifying that the particular person is travelling or transporting cargo or passengers on behalf of the mission in question. The attestation must include relevant details that identify the travelers and the vehicle, as well as a statement on the purpose of travel.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions, International Organizations, Representations of International Organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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