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Subject:

Proposal and assessment of transport route, "season tickets" and opinions of road administrators (changes valid from 01.01.2016) - guidance

Article IV of the Act No 387/2015 Coll. on a uniform information system in road transport and on amendments of some acts, which enters into force on 1 January 2016, amends the Act of the National Council of SR No 145/1995 Coll. on administrative fees, as amended (hereinafter "Act of NC SR No 145/1995 Coll.").

This amendment introduces the issue of authorizations for recurrent transport of excessive and oversized loads, provided for in the Tariff of Administrative Fees, Part VI TRANSPORT, item 80.

According to subparagraphs c) and d) of item 80 of the Tariff of Administrative Fees, annexed to the Act of NC SR No 145/1995 Coll.:

- c) for transport of excessive loads, where total weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 t, and for recurrent transport of oversized loads carried out along one or several transport routes for a period not longer than six months, the fee calculated according to subparagraph a) will be increased to five times of the respective amount;
- d) for transport of excessive loads, where total weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds 60 t, and for recurrent transport of oversized loads carried out along one or several transport routes for a period not longer than three months, the fee calculated according to subparagraph a) will be increased to two and a half times of the initial amount.

The new amendment introduces the possibility of recurrent transport operations carried out for a period not longer than three or six months, subject to payment of two and a half or five times of the amount specified for an individual transport operation and transport plan. The objective of this change is to satisfy those carriers who recurrently (daily, weekly, monthly) use the same assessed transport route and who, according to existing regulations, were obliged to apply for and pay the administrative fee for each single authorization for a special use.

Transport of excessive loads:

up to 60 t: transport operation will be authorised for a period not longer than six months;

- 60 t and more: transport operation will be authorised for a period not longer than three months.

Transport of oversized loads:

- Transport operation will be authorised for a period not longer than six months.

If a carrier applies for a concrete transport of excessive and oversized loads this transport operation will be authorised by issue of a single decision for a period not longer than three or six months (depending on weight of vehicle), or different periods of validity for transport of excessive and oversized loads will be specified in the decision, if the carrier requires it or if the road administrator suggests it in justified cases.

If a carrier applies for authorization of a transport operation classified under item 80 (c), e.g. for a period of 4 months, also in this case the fee calculated according to subparagraph a) will be increased to five time times of the respective amount.

Similarly, if a carrier applies for authorisation of a transport operation classified under item 80 (d), e.g. for a period of 2 months, also in this case the fee calculated according to subparagraph a) will be increased to two and a half times of the respective amount.

• Application for authorisation of recurrent transport of excessive (up to 60 t) or oversized loads (width or height up to 4.5 m) must contain, in addition to general information, the following:

- a) purpose, scope and period of validity of recurrent transport operation;
- b) transport route assessed by Slovenská správa ciest, Division of Road Databank (hereinafter "SSC"), where the transport operation requires it,
- c) opinions of road administrators to the transport route, where the transport operation requires it;
- d) kind, type and registration numbers of vehicles used for the transport operation;
- e) data on weight, number, load and wheel base of axles, on the number, dimensions, inflation and type of tires of individual axles, on the smallest turning radius of a vehicle or combination of vehicles and the corresponding smallest external turning radius;
- f) profile (drawing) of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with marking of all dimensions and load positioning.

Explanatory note:

To subparagraph b), as mentioned below, for recurrent transport operation:

- If total weight is below 40 t the proposal and assessment of transport route is not required. In this case the carrier has the right to carry out recurrent transport operations on several transport routes.
- If total weight is 40 t to 60 t and width or height is below 4.5 m the carrier is obliged to propose the transport route using the application TRASY, which is available on the website of SSC http://www.cdb.sk/sk/Urcovanie-tras-pre-prepravu-NNN/Prepravy-s-celkovou-hmotnostou-do-60-t.alej

Procedure for proposal and assessment of the route:

A detailed plan of the route, created using the application TRASY, will contain the list of road sections with basic data such as the width, district, road section administrator, etc.

The carrier will send the detailed plan of the proposed route, obtained using the application, for assessment to SSC to the e-mail address: trasyNNN@ssc.sk.

SSC will assess the proposed route and issue a document about the assessment. When assessing the loading capacity of affected bridges, it may propose to the applicant a suitable transport route or inform the carrier that the transport operation may only be carried out after submission of the structural analysis to the road administrator.

Subsequently, the carrier is obliged to contact all affected road administrators for the purpose of issue of the opinion to the proposed and assessed route. The contact data of individual road administrators are published on the website of SSC http://www.cdb.sk/sk/Urcovanie-tras-pre-prepravu-NNN/Prepravy-s-celkovou-hmotnostou-do-60-t.alei

In case of a grounded negative opinion received from one of the road administrators, giving rise to the need to propose a new transport route, the carrier will again propose a transport route using the application TRASY, taking into account the requirements of road administrators, and send such modified route to SSC for reassessment.

• Application for authorisation of recurrent transport of excessive (60 t and more) or oversized (width or height 4.5 m and more) loads

The procedure of authorisation of routes for transport of loads above 60 t with width or height of 4.5 m remains unchanged.

The carrier submits the application for recurrent transport of loads above 60 t, accompanied by the plan of route proposed by SSC and opinions of affected administrators.

Detailed information regarding individual transport operations:

Transport of oversized loads

- The proposal of transport route is prepared by SSC, for transport of loads with width or height of 4.5 m and more,
- If oversized loads with height above 4.5 m are to be transported under a trolley line the carrier is obliged to apply the administrator, owner or operator of the trolley line for approval to its crossing.

Transport of excessive loads

Transport of loads with total weight up to 40 t

- It may be authorised without determination and assessment of the concrete route and without opinions of road administrators, subject to respecting the installed traffic signs according to the Act No 8/2009 Coll. on road traffic and on amendments of some acts, as amended, and the Decree of MI SR 9/2009 Coll. implementing the Act on road traffic and on amendments of some acts, as amended.

(It applies to vehicles or combinations of vehicles requiring the authorisation for transport of excessive loads with total weight not exceeding 40 t; vehicles or combinations of vehicles with exceeded axle load and with total weight not exceeding 40 t)

<u>Transport operations carried out using a vehicle or combination of vehicles with total weight of 40 to 60 t and width or height up to 4.5 m</u>

- These operations may be authorised only on the basis of a transport route processed by SSC and opinions of all affected road administrators to the transport route.
- The road administrator will issue its opinion with validity for the period of requested recurrent transport operation.
- For a transport operation carried out using a vehicle with total weight of 40 to 60 t, if the exceptional loading capacity of some of the bridges is exceeded on the proposed route, the carrier must submit to the affected road administrator the structural analysis of these bridges.

Transport operations carried out using a vehicle or combination of vehicles with total weight of 60 t and more, width or height 4.5 m and more

- These operations may be authorised only on the basis of a transport route processed by SSC and opinions of all affected road administrators to the transport route.
- The road administrator will issue its opinion with validity for the period of requested recurrent transport operation.
- If the carrier proves that it is technically impossible to decrease the weight of transported loads or use other transport mode and the exceptional loading capacity of some of the bridges is exceeded on the proposed route, the carrier must submit to the affected road administrator the structural analysis of these bridges.
- If a vehicle transporting excessive loads with total weight of 60 t and more is to cross the railway at the level of tracks the carrier is obliged to obtain the approval to crossing from the owner or operator of the railway.
- If the vehicle transporting excessive loads with height above 4.5 m is to pass under the trolley line the carrier is obliged to obtain the approval to crossing from the administrator, owner or operator of the trolley line.

The approval of the Transport Inspectorate issued for a calendar year within the meaning of Article 8 (1) of the Road Act also applies to authorisation of recurrent transport.

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