



Dear colleagues,

IRU has been informed that as of 1 August 2018 the foreign citizens (other than Russians and Belarussians) will not be allowed to cross the border between Belarus and Russia. The list of border crossing points is established by the Governmental Order N°2665-p of 29.11.2017 <http://pravo.gov.ru/proxy/ips/?docbody=&prevDoc=102125863&backlink=1&&nd=102452508>.

This regulation is not related to the customs affairs but to the competence of Frontier Service of Russia that will be in charge of implementation of the “Federal Law on state border of the Russian Federation”.

In the past, a similar reinforcement of the above-mentioned law has been observed in March 2017 where IRU addressed the competent Russian authorities and received a formal reply that it is recommended for the foreign drivers of international road transport to cross the Russian border with other countries than Belarus (Lithuania, Latvia, etc.). Some time after the restrictions were abolished in practice, while the law has always been in force.

IRU recommends its members to inform the transport operators accordingly and to advise them to adapt their transport operations (especially drivers involved) accordingly. IRU will monitor the situation closely and keep you informed of the developments. At the same time we will appreciate to receive any practical information regarding the situation at the borders with Russia, to share it with the others, via our Flash News, and to undertake any necessary steps.

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