



Dear CLTM members,

This email is to update you on the border crossing situation between Belarus and Russia (as communicated in the IRU Flash Info in February 2017 [1]).

Officially, border crossings between Belarus and Russia by third country nationals have not been permitted since February 2017 with drivers being required to enter and exit Russia at designated multilateral or bilateral border crossing points, of which none exist in Belarus.

Therefore, since then third country truck drivers using the Belarus- Russia border could be liable to fines.

There has been some reports in the media that as of 1 August this situation would change, but this email is to clarify that there will be no change to the current situation as of 1 August.

IRU therefore advises third country national drivers to use the official multinational or bilateral border crossing points to enter or exit Russia and not to use the Belarus - Russia border as this is not legally permissible. IRU has been informed that unofficially truck drivers have been exempted from this rule and have therefore not received fines but rather verbal warnings. However there are no legal grounds for this exemption therefore IRU cannot guarantee that drivers will not be fined so drivers who use this border do so at their own risk.

IRU continues to monitor this situation closely and will inform members of any upcoming changes.

Kind regards,

IRU Secretariat

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