To the attention of transport companies performing international road transport operations of goods to/from the Union State of Belarus and Russia

From 27 January 2025 <u>the mandatory use</u> of navigation seals is introduced for all persons and (or) organisations when transporting certain categories of goods by road to/from the Union State of Belarus and Russia.

1. Legal framework:

- the Decree of the Supreme State Council of the Union State No. 7 dated December 6, 2024 No. 7 "On Certain Measures to Combat Illegal Import of Goods into the Territory of the Union State" (hereinafter referred to as the Decree),
- Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Union State of November 5, 2024 No. 44
 "On Certain Measures to Counter the Illicit Trafficking of Tobacco and Tobacco Products on the Territory of the Union State" (hereinafter referred to as the Resolution).
- 2. Categories of goods and transport scenarios covered by the Decree:
- alcoholic beverages with the EAEU HS codes 2203 00, 2204, 2205, 2206 00, 2207, 2208.
- tobacco, tobacco products, nicotine-containing products, nicotine raw materials with HS codes 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404,
- clothing (HS codes 4303, 6101-6106, 6110),
- footwear (HS codes 6401-6405),
- mobile phones (HS code 8517),
- sound recording or reproducing apparatus (HS code 8519),
- video recording or reproducing apparatus (HS code 8521),
- transmission apparatus for radio-broadcasting or television (HS code 8525),
- radio navigation systems (HS code 8526),
- reception apparatus for radio-broadcasting (HS code 8527),
- monitors and projectors (HS code 8528),
- foreign goods classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the legislation
 of Belarus and placed under the customs procedure of customs transit
 (hereinafter referred to as the customs transit procedure) in Belarus (in accordance
 with the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus dated
 21.01.2023 No 53 dangerous goods specified in Annex A to the European Agreement
 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (Tables
 1.10.3.1.2 and 1.10.3.1.3),

when they are entering in (or crossing through) the territory of one of the member states of the Treaty on the Establishment of the Union State, i.e. Belarus or Russia, from the territory of a third state:

- transported in accordance with the customs transit procedure (for example, the movement of goods "hookah tobacco" (EAEU HS code 2403) in accordance with the customs transit procedure from Türkiye to Russia transiting the territory of Belarus),
- the customs procedure of export (for example, the movement of goods "malt beer" (EAEU HS code 2203 00) in accordance with the customs procedure of export from Kyrgyzstan to Lithuania),

- within the framework of mutual trade between the EAEU member states, with the
 exception of mutual trade between Belarus and Russia (movement of goods "fur coats
 made of natural polar fox fur" (EAEU HS code 4303) within the framework of mutual
 trade between business entities of Kazakhstan and Belarus).
- 3. Categories of goods and transport scenarios falling within the scope of the Resolution:
- road transportation of tobacco, tobacco products with EAEU HS codes 2401, 2402, 2403,

provided that <u>such goods are transported through the territories of two member states</u> to the Treaty on the Establishment of the Union State, i.e. Belarus and Russia:

- exiting the territory of the Union State in accordance with the customs procedure of export (for example, when exporting tobacco products from Belarus to Georgia through the territory of Russia);
- exiting the territory of Belarus within the framework of mutual trade of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter referred to as the EAEU) (for example, within the framework of mutual trade between business entities of Belarus and Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan);
- 4. Places where navigation seals are affixed (removed):
- when using the customs transit procedure customs control zones,
- when using the customs procedure of export customs control zones, consignor's facilities.
- when transporting between the EAEU member states within the framework of mutual trade: consignor's facilities – for affixing procedures, consignee's facilities – for removal procedures.
- 5. National authorised operators for tracking using navigation seals (hereinafter referred to as a national operator):
- Beltamozhservice, in Belarus
- Digital Platforms Development Center, in Russia.
- 6. Applicable procedures and processes when affixing a navigation seal:

Navigation seals can be affixed by a national operator or a carrier by decision of competent authorities.

Decisions to affix and activate navigation seals are made:

- in Belarus:
- by customs officers in case of the customs transit procedure, the customs procedure of export and mutual trade.

NB. A carrier should send a request to the national operator for affixing a navigation seal at least 24 hours before the planned date when a navigation seal has to be affixed. Application forms for affixing a navigation seal in case of the customs procedure of export and mutual trade are available through the link.

- in Russia:

- by customs authorities when goods are placed under the customs transit procedure or when goods exit the customs territory of the EAEU,
- by transport inspection body (Rostransnadzor) when goods enter the territory of the Union State through the Russian-Kazakh section of the state border of Russia.

NB. When arranging an itinerary through a border crossing point (BCP) of Russia or through a control post on the Russian-Kazakh section of the Russian state border, where the national operator is not available, a navigation seal must be obtained in advance at any operator's office on the Russian border or in the territory of Russia, and put it into use in coordination with the national operator in the remote mode.

7. Applicable procedures and processes when removing a navigation seal:

Removal of navigation seals is performed by a national operator or a carrier by decision of competent authorities.

Decisions to deactivate and remove navigation seals are made:

- in Belarus:
- by customs officers in case of the customs transit procedure, the customs procedure of export and mutual trade.

NB. Upon arrival of goods which are subject to tracking using navigation seals within the mutual trade at the point of destination on the territory of Belarus, a carrier should send a request to the national operator for removing a navigation seal using national operator's e-mail plombysouz@btslogistics.by. The application form for removing a navigation seal is available here.

- in Russia:
- by customs authorities upon termination of the customs transit procedure or when the goods exit the customs territory of the EAEU,
- by transport inspection body (Rostransnadzor), when goods exit the territory of the Union State through the Russian-Kazakh section of the state border of Russia,
- by tax authorities or bodies authorised to perform control over the production and circulation of tobacco products, nicotine-containing products and raw materials for their production upon arrival of goods transported within the mutual trade of the EAEU member states, to the point of destination (consignee's warehouse).

NB. If a carrier subject for tracking has arrived at the point of destination on the territory of Russia, where the national operator is not available, a carrier should inform the national operator about arrival and readiness to terminate tracking, deactivate and remove the navigation seal, by calling the hotline: 8 800 550 4334 / +7 499 755 4334.

Full list of the Russian national operator's own offices, where a carrier can affix, remove and return a navigation seal, can be found through the <u>link</u>.

The list of official partners, where a carrier can remove a navigation seal is given <u>here</u>. In places where representatives of the Russian national operator are not available and a navigation seal is removed by a carrier, a navigation seal must be returned to the offices of the <u>Platon System Operator</u> or the national operator's own offices.

IMPORTANT. In case of absence (failure to specify) in the request for affixing (removing) a navigation seal sent by a carrier to the national operator of the information that must be

specified in such application, the decision of a competent authority to affix (remove) and activate (deactivate) a navigation seal will not be made.

- 8. Cost of services of national operators for the use of navigation seals:
- in Belarus, cost of services of the national operator for tracking under the Decree and the Resolution is fixed by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus "On Setting Tariffs for the Services of the National Operator" No 154 dated 07.03.2024:
 - start of transportation and its tracking (services to affix a navigation seal, provide information, ensure tracking and provide the sufficient number of navigation seals) 10 basic units (BYN 420),
 - tracking through the territory of Belarus (services to provide information and ensure the sufficient number of navigation seals) 3 basic units (BYN 126),
 - termination of transportation and its tracking (services to provide information, remove a navigation seal) 6 basic units (BYN 252).

NB. From 1 January 2025, the basic unit in Belarus is BYN 42.

- in Russia, tariffs for services are set by the national operator:
- start of transportation and its tracking (along the itinerary Russia-Belarus) RUB 12,594, including VAT 20%,
- termination of transportation and its tracking (along the itinerary Belarus-Russia) RUB 9,858, including VAT 20%,
- start of transportation and its tracking via the territory of Russia and termination of transportation and its tracking on the territory of Russia – *RUB 15,357.60*, including 20% VAT.

IMPORTANT. When the use of navigation seals starts on the territory of Russia, to the costs of the Russian operator relevant costs for the services of the national operator in Belarus upon termination of the transportation and its tracking should be added. Navigation seals of the national operator in Russia are used.

When the use of navigation seals starts on the territory of Belarus, to the costs of the Russian operator relevant costs for the services of the national operator in Belarus for starting transportation and its tracking should be added. Navigation seals of the national operator in Belarus are used.

- 9. Immediate actions to be taken by transport operators:
- register in the information systems on the web-portals of the national operators of <u>Belarus</u> and <u>Russia</u> and create personal accounts, well in advance,
- using the functionalities of a personal account accept offer contracts with the national operator in <u>Belarus</u> and <u>Russia</u> separately for the tracking services,
- fill in and send to the national operator a request for a navigation seal, specifying the necessary data about the planned transport operation (in Belarus, a request for affixing a navigation seal must be sent to the national operator no later than 24 hours before the planned date of affixing a seal),
- pay for the national operator's services prior to transportation.

NB. Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of 22.08.2023 № 128 "On Certain Issues of Application of Navigation Seals" provides that the persons responsible for ensuring the necessary amount of navigation seals shall be the clients (users) of services for tracking with the use of navigation seals, i.e consignors, freight forwarders, carriers, consignees. Therefore, a user of tracking services who transports goods must ensure the availability of a navigation seal during such transportation across the territory of the Union State.

- 10. Hotline from national operators of navigation seals:
- in Belarus 24/7: phone number 197 (available in Belarus via Beltelecom, MTS, A1, Life communications providers), or by sending a written request to the e-mail address: office@btslogistics.by,
- in Russia 24/7: support line 8 800 550 4334 / +7 499 755 4334, or by sending a written request to the e-mail address: info@crcp.ru.
 - 11. Liability of transport operators for failure to use navigational seals:

Carriers who fail to comply with the provisions of the Decree will be subject to administrative penalties for non-using navigation seals, set by the national legislation of the member states of the Treaty on the Establishment of the Union State.

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IMPORTANT. Tracking of transit of sanctioned goods with the mandatory use of navigation seals through the territory of Russia in accordance with the <u>Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 290 of 24.06.2019</u>,

conducting a pilot on the application of navigation seals for timber and wood products placed under the customs procedure of export in Belarus, transported through the territory of Russia by road for the purpose of subsequent exit from the territory of the EAEU in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 150 dated 2 February 2023,

application of navigation devices (seals) for transit of goods by road via Belarus in accordance with the <u>Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus No. 311</u> of 25.05.2020,

has not changed and continues to apply as before.

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Transport operators are requested to report all problems arising from 27 January 2025 when using navigation seals for transportation of certain categories of goods by road to/from the Union State of Belarus and Russia to their national associations and IRU by email: moscow@iru.org.

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