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Exchange of experiences in the field of road safety

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Information from the Russian Federation on changes in domestic legislation

1. Paragraph 1 of article 25 of the federal Road Traffic Safety Act has been supplemented by the following subparagraph:

“Driving tests for motor vehicles in category ‘V’ shall be open to persons who have reached the age of 17 and undergone the appropriate training in general educational establishments, educational establishments offering initial vocational training, if provision is made for such training in the curricula, specialist driving schools for young people, and also other organizations offering driving lessons on behalf of the armed services. These persons shall receive their driving licences on reaching the age of 18.”

2. Paragraph 2.2 of the Road Traffic Regulations of the Russian Federation has been supplemented by the following subparagraph:

“Drivers of mechanical vehicles in international road traffic must:

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“If required to do so by officials of the Russian Transport Inspectorate of the Russian Federation Ministry of Transport, halt at checkpoints specially indicated by road signs and present for inspection their vehicles as well as authorizations and other documents stipulated in international treaties entered into by the Russian Federation.”

Paragraph 2.4 of the Road Traffic Regulations of the Russian Federation reads as follows:

“Traffic police officers shall be authorized to stop motor vehicles, while officials of the Russian Transport Inspectorate of the Russian Federation Ministry of Transport shall also be authorized to stop goods vehicles and buses engaged in international road transport operations at checkpoints which are specially indicated by road signs.

“When stopping vehicles, officials of the Russian Transport Inspectorate of the Russian Federation Ministry of Transport must be in uniform and must use a disc with red markings or a reflecting surface. They may use a whistle as an additional means of attracting drivers’ attention.

“Persons who have the right to stop motor vehicles must present official identification at the request of drivers.”

3. By decision No. 880 of 31 July 1998, the Government of the Russian Federation approved regulations concerning the conduct of technical inspections of motor vehicles and trailers by the State Road Traffic Safety Inspectorate of the Russian Federation Ministry of Internal Affairs, providing for the step-by-step introduction by 1 July 2005 of checks on the technical condition of road vehicles using technical diagnostic facilities during the State technical inspection.
