

LAW
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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ON ROAD TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Subject matter of the Law

This Law shall regulate legal and economic relations of organisation and implementation of road transport activities in the Republic of Armenia, relations pertaining to operation of road transport vehicles by legal and natural persons participating in those activities, transportation of passengers, luggage and loads, services and transportation safety, as well as their rights and obligations.

Article 2. Scope of the Law

1. The scope of this Law shall extend to all entities organising or performing road transport activities.
2. The scope of this Law shall not extend to road transport activities performed for purposes of military transportations and rescue, operative actions, personal and official use, as well as in emergency situations and other cases prescribed by law.
3. Relations pertaining to charity in the field of road transport shall be regulated by the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On charity".

(Article 2 supplemented by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 3. Legislation on road transport

The legislation on road transport shall be comprised of the Civil Code of the Republic of Armenia, the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On transport", this Law and other legal acts.

Where the international treaties of the Republic of Armenia prescribe norms other than those provided for by this Law, the norms of the international treaties shall apply.

Article 4. Main concepts of the Law

The following main concepts shall be used in this Law:

road transport — the entirety of road transport vehicles, communication pathways (motor roads) and technical structures and constructions (of facilities of the road transport);

field of road transport — a field of the transport system, which includes road transport vehicles, the technologically interconnected system of other facilities of road transport pertaining to loading-unloading operations, transport servicing and provision of shipping services, as well as the operation and servicing of the road transport vehicles and motor roads;

road transport activities — activities pertaining to technical means envisaged for performing transportation by road transport, the process of organisation and performing transportation by road transport, as well as provision of services related to coach station or traffic control within that process;

transport work — an indicator characterised by the quantity of transported load (passengers) by the transport vehicle and the distance of transportation;

participant of road transport activities — a legal or natural person performing transportation by road transport, providing services related to coach station or traffic control pertaining to the process of organisation of transportations;

facility of road transport — a construction or structure ensuring maintenance of the rolling stock of the road transport, technical readiness and organising of the process of transportations, the assembly facilities for road transport vehicles, the vehicle parks, the stations and points of technical servicing of rolling stocks of road transport, the auto repair workshops, coach stations, bus stations, traffic control points, motor roads, bridges, tunnels, other auxiliary structures and constructions of their maintenance and repair;

road transport of common use — a road transport vehicle, a road vehicle or rolling stock of road transport, whereby the transporter is obliged to perform paid transportation of passengers, luggage and loads upon the request of any citizen or legal person and under a transportation contract;

road transport vehicle — a wheeled transport vehicle equipped for transporting passengers and loads by motor roads, as well as performing non-transportation works;

moving parts (rolling stock) of road transport — a commonality of wheeled self-propelled road transport vehicles or those towed by a road vehicle, envisaged for transporting passengers, luggage and loads by motor roads, as well as performing non-transportation works, and equipped for that purpose;

coach station — a complex of constructions ensuring servicing of passengers in residential areas, which accommodates a waiting room with a capacity for more than 75 people, ticket offices, platforms for passenger boarding and disembarking, a site for bus parking, points of bus inspection and cleaning;

bus station — a complex of constructions ensuring servicing of passengers in residential areas, which accommodates a waiting room with a capacity for up to 75 people, ticket offices, platforms for passenger boarding and disembarking, a site for bus parking; a bus station organising load transportation and servicing shall be deemed to be a station for load transportation;

traffic control point — a construction envisaged for the regulation of the work of road transport vehicles performing regular transportations under the schedules, by the traffic controller or by other technical means, where no servicing is provided;

bus — a road vehicle the number of seats whereof, except for the driver's seat, exceeds eight; a bus with 9-17 seats, without the driver's seat, shall be deemed to be a minibus;

light passenger road vehicle — a road vehicle the number of seats whereof, except for the driver's seat, does not exceed eight;

passenger-taxi road vehicle — a light passenger road vehicle whereby, in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, servicing is provided;

intracity transportation — transportation performed within the borders of the administrative territory of the city;

suburban transportation — transportation — from the start point to the end point of transportations — at a distance of up to 50 km including, the start point or end point whereof is located outside the borders of the administrative territory of the city (residential area);

intercity transportation — transportation performed at a distance of more than 50 km from the start point to the end point of transportations;

intramarz transportation — transportation performed within the borders of the administrative territory of the marz;

intermarz transportation — transportation between marzes, performed with or without transit through the administrative territories of other marzes;

interstate transportation — transportation between states, performed with or without transit through the territories of other states;

regular transportation — transportation under a defined route line and an approved timetable, offered transportation fares, fixed stops for passenger boarding and disembarking, as well as in the regime of a route taxi;

non-regular transportation — transportation performed by individual orders of organisations or citizens, the terms of performance whereof shall be determined in each case upon the mutual consent between the customer and the transporter;

cabotage — transportation performed between two points located in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, by a transport vehicle record-registered in any other state;

route — a route line specified for the road transport vehicle to move from the start point to the end point of transportation;

mountain route — a route the road surface visibility whereof is less than 60 metres, and less than 120 metres from the oncoming road transport vehicle, has a radius of less than 1500 metres of convexity and less than 1200 metres of concavity at horizontal projection, includes passages through massifs and complex, highly dissected cliffs or those with insufficient stability, accompanied by gorges, having one or several horizontal declivities of 40 to 60 per cent in average, with a length of 2 km to 1 km respectively, or having 6 bends with a radius of less than 100 meters with a length of up to 1 km, with two and more road sections;

journey (route line) — the distance covered by the road transport vehicle from the start point to the end point of the transportation;

timetable — a schedule including data on the time of departure, arrival of buses (minibuses) (intermediate stops, driving up of the bus for boarding passengers in interstate, intermarz and intramarz transportations), the location and sequence of performance of journeys;

route bus — a bus performing regular transportation by boarding and disembarking passengers at fixed stops of the given route;

route taxi — a minibus performing regular transportation by a specified route, by boarding passengers according to the number of seats at fixed stops only and disembarking them at any point of the route upon the request of the passengers;

operator — an organisation with 100 per cent community participation, performing regular intracity transportation of passengers by road transport of common use;

route plan — a route servicing document containing information on the stops (in interstate transportations — the border crossing points) of the route, and the inter-stop distances;

consignment note — a document of main record-registration of the movement of the load (inventories) transported by the transport vehicle, on the basis whereof the consignor writes off the load, and the consignee makes the entry thereof. In case of interstate load transportations, the consignment note must comply with the requirements of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR);

waybill — a document of primary record-registration of the work of the road transport vehicle, which includes the make, the record-registration number plate, the name of the owner (person disposing), the transportation route of the road transport vehicle, a note certifying the daily inspection of the technical condition of the road transport vehicle and examination of the state of health of the driver, the working time of the road transport vehicle (hours of departure of routes actually performed), as well as other necessary data defined by the owner (person disposing) of the road transport vehicle;

route network — a system of interstate, intermarz, intramarz and intracity routes with relevant timetables and plans;

technical operation of the rolling stock of road transport — a system of technical, economic and organisational measures implemented for ensuring the effectiveness and safety of operation of the rolling stock of road transport and the minimum level of harmful impact of the road vehicle on the environment, which includes the

maintenance of the rolling stock of road transport, the technical servicing, current and main repairs and record-registration of performance of those works;

technical servicing of the rolling stock of road transport — complex mandatory technical measures implemented for the purpose of detecting breakages, preventing and eliminating malfunctions of the rolling stock of road transport, decreasing the frequency of the wear and tear of vehicle parts and extending the period of service until the main repair;

current repair of the rolling stock of road transport — complex technical measures implemented for the purpose of eliminating malfunctions and failures occurred during operation of the rolling stock of road transport;

main repair of the rolling stock of road transport — complex technical measures implemented for the purpose of recovering the useful life of the rolling stock of the road transport, of component parts thereof and extending the life cycle of the road transport vehicle;

production base — relevant premises accommodated with production buildings and constructions furnished with technical means and equipment, where the parking and maintenance (overnight stay) of the road transport vehicles, technical servicing, current repairs and record-registration, maintenance of documentation, the daily pre-route line inspection of the technical condition of road transport vehicles and examination of the state of health of drivers are organised;

assembly facility — a parking lot where points for daily medical examination of drivers and supervision over the technical condition of road transport vehicles before getting on the route are accommodated, and parking, maintenance (overnight stay) and the daily pre-route line examination of the state of health of drivers and inspection of the technical condition of road transport vehicles are carried out;

dangerous sectors of the motor road — sectors of the motor road, the traffic of road transport vehicles whereby is connected with abrupt changes of the movement regime and where, conditioned by the more possible occurrence of traffic accidents,

warning road signs are placed or must be placed, or other organisational and technical measures are undertaken;

setting of norms of speeds of the road transport vehicle — establishing norms for the movement (speed) of the road transport vehicles between the route stops or by the route;

container — a product receptacle exceeding the volume of 1m³, envisaged for transportation of unpacked loads, of multiple usage purpose and machine loading-unloading, as well as for temporary storage of load;

ordinary regime of traffic on routes — passenger transportations performed through all stops established by the route timetable;

semi-express regime of traffic on routes — passenger transportations performed from start point to the end point of the route, through limited stops (in the mass passenger visitation points — nearby the bus stops of organisations having a large number of employees, in the city centre, at industrial hubs);

express regime of traffic on routes — passenger transportations performed without stops from the start point to the end point of the route.

(Article 4 supplemented by HO-163-N of 20 November 2014, amended by HO-168-N of 20 November 2014, supplemented, edited, amended by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

CHAPTER 2

STATE REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIELD OF ROAD TRANSPORT

Article 5. Basics of state regulation in the field of road transport

1. The state regulation in the field of road transport of common use shall be implemented for the following purposes:

- (a) ensuring the protection of interests of the state, of the persons using road transport services and citizens and legal persons performing transportations by road transport of common use;
 - (b) ensuring the complex development of road transport of common use, the complete, effective, safe and quality activities.
2. The state administration in the field of road transport shall be implemented in the following forms:
- (a) implementing the state policy in the field of road transport;
 - (b) prescribing the objectives and competences of the state regulation bodies in the field of road transport;
 - (c) adopting regulatory legal acts and regulatory technical acts regarding the field of road transport and departmental regulatory acts regulating the activities in the field of road transport;
 - (d) licensing the specific types of activities in the field of road transport;
 - (e) certifying the compliance of certain works (services) implemented during transportation of passengers and loads by road transport and of certain technical means and facilities, as prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On assessment of compliance";
 - (f) managing the mobilisation readiness and the civil protection within the road transport;
 - (g) carrying out control over the safety of operation of road transport;
 - (h) prescribing the procedure for collection, accumulation and analysis of statistical information on the activities in the field of road transport;
 - (i) exercising other functions provided for by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

3. The state regulation in the field of road transport shall be implemented by the state administration bodies wherein relevant functions are vested by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 6. State administration of the field of road transport

1. The state administration of the field of road transport shall be implemented by the state administration body authorised by the Government of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised body").
2. The authorised body shall:
 - (a) ensure — within the competences thereof — the development and implementation of state programmes, concept papers, technical and strategic policy related to the field of road transport;
 - (b) ensure — within the competences thereof — the implementation of measures aimed at the reforming and harmonisation of the route network of passenger road transport, improvement and extension of the complex of coach station services, as well as improvement of services provision to passengers;
 - (c) ensure the implementation of international co-operation in the field of road transport;
 - (d) ensure the development and implementation of the strategy policy for improvement and harmonisation of communication pathways, road network of road transport;
 - (e) ensure — within the competences thereof — the co-ordination of administration of activities in the field of road transport, in co-operation with the territorial administration and local self-government bodies;

- (f) implement — as prescribed by the legislative acts of the Republic of Armenia — the development of legal and technical regulatory acts regulating the field of road transport, notwithstanding the form of ownership;
- (g) in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, implement the licensing of legal persons and individual entrepreneurs carrying out mandatory technical inspection of transport vehicles and their trailers;
- (h) exercise — within the competences thereof — supervision over fulfilment of the requirements of legal acts, licences and international permits in the field of road transport;
- (i) ensure — within the competences thereof — the implementation of works and measures for reduction of the harmful impact of road transport vehicles on the environment;
- (j) exercise other powers prescribed by law and other legal acts.

(Article 6 amended by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 7. Interstate transportations by road transport

1. The interstate transportations of passengers, luggage and loads by road transport shall be organised and performed in compliance with the requirements of international treaties of the Republic of Armenia and the procedure for performing interstate transportation of passengers, luggage and loads from the territory of the Republic of Armenia. The procedure for performing interstate transportation of passengers, luggage and loads from the territory of the Republic of Armenia shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.
2. The cabotage in the territory of the Republic of Armenia shall be prohibited, except for cases prescribed by international agreements.

3. The heavy goods vehicles and buses performing interstate transportation by road transport in the Republic of Armenia must be furnished with tachographs (except for the transport vehicles record-registered in states that are not parties to the Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport). The organisations and drivers operating transport vehicles furnished with a digital tachograph, engaged in interstate transportations, must have digital tachograph cards of the organisation and the driver, respectively, the forms of and procedure for issuance whereof shall be prescribed by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

(Article 7 edited by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 8. Licensing and insurance in road transport

1. Transportations by specific types of passenger road transport of common use shall be performed on the basis of a licence, as prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On Licensing".
2. The transporters shall be obliged to insure their civil liability risk for compensation of the damage caused to the life, health or property of third persons in the passenger road transport of common use, in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

CHAPTER 3

ORGANISING TRANSPORTATIONS OF PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE BY ROAD TRANSPORT

Article 9. Principal provisions of organising transportations of passengers and luggage

1. Transportations of passengers and luggage (passenger transportation) shall be performed:
 - (a) in case of regular transportations — by route buses, route taxis, and in case of non-regular transportations — by buses on individual orders;
 - (b) by passenger-taxi road vehicles;
 - (c) by load-and-passenger road vehicles re-equipped as provided for by the technical terms of the manufacturer of the road transport vehicle or as prescribed by the legislative acts of the Republic of Armenia.
2. The route network of passenger transportations shall be formed through organising routes. The routes, based on the working regime, shall be organised under permanent, additional, seasonal, special and temporary regimes, and based on the traffic regime — under regular, semi-express and express regimes.

The passenger transportations, based on the characteristic of the administrative territory, shall be organised upon intracity, intramarz, intermarz, interstate principles, based on the nature of organising — upon regular and non-regular principles, and based on the purpose intended— of common use, the tourism-related and special principles.
3. The minibus transportations shall be organised in compliance with the general requirements for organising the bus transportations, as well as other requirements prescribed by this Law for minibus transportations.

Article 10. Organisation of the route network of regular passenger transportations

1. Servicing of regular passenger transportation routes shall be implemented on the basis of the timetable and route plan (and in intracity routes — by the defined route line). The timetable must ensure meeting the actual demand for passenger transportation, organising the work and the rest regime of vehicle drivers, the efficient operation of buses and safety of transportations. Servicing of routes without the timetable and the route plan (and in intracity routes — the defined route line) shall be prohibited.
 - 1.1. The route network of interstate regular bus transportations shall be organised by the authorised body, in co-operation with the authorised bodies of other states regulating the sector of transport, and published thereby on the website of the authorised body.
2. The route network of regular intermarz bus transportations shall be organised by the authorised body, in co-operation with the territorial administration bodies, agreeing upon the route lines of routes passing through the administrative territory of the city of Yerevan with the Mayor of Yerevan.

The route network of regular intramarz bus transportations shall be organised by the relevant territorial administration body, agreeing with the authorised body in advance.

The route network of regular intracity bus transportations of the city of Yerevan shall be organised by the Mayor of Yerevan, agreeing upon the route lines exiting the administrative territory of the city with the relevant territorial administration body and the authorised body in advance.

The route networks of regular bus transportations of other cities of the Republic of Armenia shall be organised by the head of the relevant municipal community, agreeing upon the route line of the routes exiting the administrative territory of

the city with the relevant territorial administration body and the authorised body in advance.

3. The timetables and route plans of regular intermarz, intramarz and intracity bus transportations shall be developed and approved by the relevant body organising the route network thereof.
4. The routes of regular minibuses transportations may be organised also in the regime of a route taxi, in case of permanent passenger flow — under the timetables, in case of variable passenger flow — according to the intervals of occurrence of passenger crowding.

(Article 10 supplemented by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 11. Basic requirements for organising regular passenger transportations

1. The regular bus transportations shall be performed only by organisations or individual entrepreneurs selected by tender (hereinafter referred to as "organisations"), except for the cases where regular bus transportations are performed by the operator.
2. The tenders for regular intermarz bus transportations shall be organised and held by the tender commission formed by the authorised body, for regular intramarz bus transportations — the tender commission formed by the relevant marz governor, and for regular intracity bus transportations — the tender commission formed by the head of the relevant municipal community (in the city of Yerevan — by the Mayor of Yerevan), in compliance with the schedule for holding the tenders.
3. The procedure for formation of tender commissions for regular intermarz, intramarz and intracity bus transportations, holding the tender, terms for participation in the tender and determining the successful bidder, as well as the

criteria for determining the successful bidder shall be prescribed by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

4. The transport vehicles offered for the tender must comply with the requirements of safety, work and environmental protection and technical regulations, and be designed by the manufacturer for the given type of transportations. Buses adapted for boarding and disembarking of persons with disabilities must be included among the transport vehicles offered for the tender, the minimum number whereof shall be prescribed by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.
5. Servicing of the route shall be carried out at the transportation fare proposed by the organisation being the successful bidder, except for the routes under the service by the operator, where servicing of routes shall be carried out at the transportation fare defined by the council of elders.

The transportation fare of the route may be reviewed for objective reasons (devaluation or revaluation of the dram, change of prices of combustible and lubrication materials, vehicles and automobile spare parts), upon the initiative of the tender commission or based on the reasoned estimates delivered by the organisation, upon the submission by the tender commission and the decision of the relevant body organising the route network, and in case a transportation fare defined by the council of elders — upon the submission of the tender commission and the decision of the council of elders.

6. The process of performing regular bus transportations shall be regulated under the relevant contract concluded between the relevant body organising the route network thereof and the organisation performing the transportations, the terms whereof shall be prescribed by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.
7. The process of organising regular transportations of passengers and luggage in the territory of the Republic of Armenia shall be regulated under the procedure for organising passenger transportations by the road transport of common use.

The procedure for organisation of passenger transportations by the road transport of common use in the territory of the Republic of Armenia shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

(Article 11 supplemented, edited by HO-163-N of 20 November 2014, supplemented by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 12. Deprivation of the right to servicing routes of regular bus transportations

1. The organisations performing regular bus transportations may be deprived of the right to servicing the route upon the decision of the relevant body indicated in part 2 of Article 10 of this Law, upon the submission by the body exercising supervision and the opinion of the tender commission.
2. The grounds for depriving of the right to servicing the route shall be:
 - (a) violation of the terms prescribed for participation in the tender or lessening of the assessed criteria thereof;
 - (b) absence — on the waybill of the organisation performing transportations — of the relevant note made by the organisation authorised by the body issuing the right to servicing the route, or absence of the waybill;
 - (c) liquidation of the organisation or deprivation of the right to carry out road transport activities;
 - (d) breaking of the departure hours of buses (minibuses) with approved timetables, arbitrary deviations from the route line and violations of the end point (start point) of the route;
 - (d.1) failure — arbitrarily — to servicing the route, except for the cases prescribed by the law of the Republic of Armenia;

- (e) ***(point repealed by HO-163-N of 20 November 2014)***
- (f) violations of other terms indicated in the contract concluded with the relevant body set forth in part 6 of Article 11 of this Law, including the nature protection norms and requirements;
- (g) exceeding the emission limit values of road transport vehicles;
- (h) non-payment of the state duty — defined for organising regular transportations by passenger road transport of common use — for each following year.

In cases provided for by points "a", "b", "d", "f", "g", "h" of this part, the body provided for by part 1 of this Article shall warn the organisations performing regular transportations, within a period of five days after the day the violation is revealed by the Transport Inspectorate of the Republic of Armenia.

In case of failure to eliminate the violation within a period of five days after the receipt of the warning, as well as repeating the same violation within one year, the organisation shall be deprived of the right to servicing the route.

In the cases indicated in points "c" and "d.1" of this part, the organisation shall be deprived — without warning — of the right to servicing the route.

(paragraph repealed by HO-163-N of 20 November 2014)

3. After receiving the warning about the violation and the decision on deprivation of the right to servicing the route, the organisation shall have the right to appeal against them and may appeal through judicial procedure.

(Article 12 amended, supplemented by HO-163-N of 20 November 2014, amended, supplemented, edited by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 13. General requirements for regular bus transportation routes and servicing road transport vehicles

1. The stops of regular intracity and suburban bus transportation routes must be distributed at hub points of passenger crowding, those of intercity — at intermediate bus stops, ensure comfortable and accessible service and safe driving up for passengers, and comply with the rules of operation of stops. In compliance with the peculiarities of transportations, the route stops may be main, temporary and upon the request of the passenger.
2. The road transport vehicles servicing regular bus transportations must be equipped with a panel displaying the route, the timetable and the plan of the route (except for the intracity routes), a signboard with indication of the name and place of location of the servicing organisation, external and internal furnishing for the safety of road transport vehicles. The furnishing requirements shall be prescribed by technical regulations and standards.
3. A signboard shall be placed in the cabin of the road transport vehicles performing regular bus transportations, at a central place visible to the passengers, which shall include necessary information on the rights and obligations of passengers and the drivers performing the passenger transportation.
4. Distribution of stops of routes of regular bus transportations must be agreed with the bodies of the road sector, the architecture and environmental bodies within the administrative territory of distribution, the "Road Police" service of the Police of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as "the Road Police"), in case of existence of a railway level crossing — with the relevant bodies disposing of the railway level crossings.

(Article 13 amended by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 14. Organising regular transportations of passengers and luggage

1. Regular transportations of passengers and luggage by buses shall be performed on the basis of passage tickets and luggage receipts.
2. Ticketing of passengers of intercity and interstate routes shall be carried out from ticket offices of coach stations and bus stations, as well as another organisation having a contract with them, and at intermediate stops — by vehicle drivers.

Preliminary sale of passage tickets of intercity and interstate routes shall also be carried out at coach stations, bus stations, as well as other organisations. No more than 80 per cent of the passage tickets for the given bus journey may be realised through preliminary sale of tickets.

3. Boarding and disembarking of passengers shall be permitted at the stops defined for the route, in case of availability of vacant seats in minibuses, and disembarking from minibuses working in the regime of a route taxi — also at permitted places, according to the request of the passengers.

The stopping of a minibus for the purpose of boarding a passenger in case of driving with fully occupied seats shall be prohibited. In case the seats are fully occupied, the stopping of the minibus at the defined stops of the route shall be carried out upon the request of passengers in the cabin.

In the city of Yerevan, based on the load imposed by transport vehicles, disembarking of passengers — upon their request — in certain streets or certain sections of streets outside the stops may be prohibited upon the decision of the Mayor of Yerevan.

4. The fees from travellers in the administrative territory of the city by buses servicing the routes of regular suburban transportations shall be charged in the amount of the transportation fare fixed for intracity bus routes.

5. In case the passenger is late — by his or her fault — for departure at the start point, as well as at the intermediate stops of the route, the acquired passage ticket shall not be updated, and the paid amount shall not be returned.

In case of being late for up to three hours for the departure of the bus due to the passenger's illness or an accident, the passage ticket can be restored upon the wish of the passenger, within three days from the moment of the departure, with an additional payment of 25 per cent of the price thereof, or 75 per cent of the paid amount may be returned. Restoration of the passage ticket or return of the amount shall be carried out on the basis of a statement of information on the illness, approved by the medical institution, or a protocol on the accident, drawn up by relevant bodies.

In case the passenger does not continue the journey or refuses it due to force majeure, an accident or illness (insufficiency of health condition), the part of the transportation fare comparable to the remaining distance to the destination of the journey shall be returned to the passenger.

6. In case of allocating a bus of lower class instead of the bus envisaged for servicing the route, the passenger shall have the right to return the passage ticket, receive the amounts paid for the luggage, the passage ticket and the preliminary sale. In case of consent of the passenger to travel by the allocated bus of lower class, the difference between the prices of passage tickets must be returned to the passenger.

In case of allocating a bus of higher class instead of the envisaged bus, the passenger shall have the right to travel without an additional payment until communicating information thereon or by the passage ticket acquired through preliminary sale.

7. In case of returning — up to 2 hours before the departure of the bus — the passage ticket to the ticket office of the bus station or another ticket office selling a passage ticket for the given route, the transportation fare shall be returned to the

passenger, and from the indicated time limit until the departure of the bus — 85 per cent of the amount paid for the passage ticket.

8. Preliminary provision of passage tickets for orders of group transportation by buses of intercity communication shall be carried out upon written applications submitted at least 7 days before the day of departure and a cash payment of 20 per cent. The ordered passage tickets must be requested no later than 24 hours before the departure of the bus. The non-requested passage tickets shall be given for realisation to the ticket offices of current sale. In case of returning the passage tickets acquired upon applications to the ticket office of the bus station up to 3 days before the departure of the bus, 10 percent of the cost of travelling shall be withheld, and in case of a time period less than 3 days — no more than 20 per cent.
9. If the bus departure has not taken place or it has been delayed — for various reasons — for a time period exceeding one hour, irrespective of the time limit for return of passage tickets, no amount shall be withheld from the price of the passage tickets.
10. The luggage with packaging defects, which raises suspicion of loss, deficiency or damage, may be accepted for transportation with an indication of those defects in transportation documents.
11. The luggage shall be handed over to the passenger submitting the luggage receipt. In case of absence of the luggage receipt, the transporter shall hand over the luggage to the person who substantiates (declaration of the content and description of items available in the luggage) belonging of that luggage thereto. In case the passenger claiming— without the luggage receipt — for the receipt of the luggage delivers insufficient substantiation for the fact of belonging the luggage thereto, the transporter shall have the right to request the declared price of the luggage.

12. During the regular bus transportations, the following shall be prohibited:
- (a) use of alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, and smoking in the passenger cabin;
 - (b) opening of doors by passengers without the permission of the vehicle driver;
 - (c) switching on music in the passenger cabin of the bust by the vehicle driver and the passengers during the intracity and suburban transportations, and switching on music during intercity, interstate transportations without the consent of the passengers;
 - (d) transportation of explosive, flammable, radioactive, corrosive chemicals, weapons without case, ammunition, substances and items staining or damaging the road transport vehicle and the clothes of passengers, items having an unpleasant, strong smell, items and objects exceeding the permissible sizes and weights indicated in part 6 of Article 23 of this Law, other materials and items prohibited by law.
13. Other relations pertaining to the journey during regular bus transportations shall be regulated by the laws and other legal acts of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 15. General requirements for organising coach station activities

1. Coach stations, bus stations and traffic control points, in compliance with the volume of services for transportation, must have external and internal furnishing necessary for the regulation of the working regime of road transport vehicles, for organising the journey within the service regime according to the timetables prescribed. The requirements for furnishing shall be established under the procedure for organising the coach station activities. The procedure for organising the coach station activities shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

2. The coach stations and bus stations must be accommodated with units of household, sanitary and hygienic, and medical service for passengers and vehicle drivers, dining facilities, possibility of pre-route inspection of the technical condition of road transport vehicles and examination of the health condition of drivers servicing the transportations, rooms for temporary storage of luggage, must ensure acceptance of, formalities with, record-registration of the luggage, as well as the record-registration, storage and delivery of lost or abandoned items. The requirements for storage of the luggage, the procedure for record-registration and delivery of luggage shall be established by the procedure for organising the coach station activities.
3. The working regime of the coach stations, bus stations, as well as the traffic control points must fully ensure the servicing of routes envisaged by the timetable, the uninterrupted activities of services, regular informing of the transporter, as well as the vehicle driver about the road conditions of the route.

Article 16. Organising non-regular bus transportations

1. The non-regular interstate bus transportations shall be carried out only through transporting the same group of passengers to the destination and returning vacantly, or departing vacantly and transporting passengers from the destination, or through organising transportation to the directions of destination and return. In case of non-regular interstate transportations, only the groups having been transported to the destination by the given transporter may be transported in the return direction. During the non-regular interstate bus transportations, transportation of a group exceeding the defined number of passengers or of other passengers by no more than one passenger per each 10 passengers shall be permitted.
2. *(part repealed by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)*

3. Scheduling of orders for non-regular bus transportations and the organisation and the service regime of transportations shall be defined in each case upon the consent of the client and the transporter.

The name list of passengers shall be available with the vehicle driver performing non-regular interstate transportations.

- 3.1. The non-regular interstate passenger transportations from the Republic of Armenia and to the Republic of Armenia must be performed in compliance with the requirements of the international agreements regulating the field of transport, concluded between the Republic of Armenia and the states being the other party to transportation, and this Law. The non-regular interstate passenger transportations from a state not having international agreements with the Republic of Armenia, regulating the field of transport, to the Republic of Armenia and in the opposite direction by transport vehicles record-registered in other states must be performed from coach stations and bus stations, and parking, keeping (overnight stay), pre-route technical inspection, medical examination of drivers thereof must be performed in organisations carrying out coach station activities in the Republic of Armenia, and a record must be made thereon in the waybill of the transport vehicle. State duty shall be charged for each route of the non-regular interstate passenger transportations, in the amount and manner prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On state duty”. During the entire process of performing the non-regular interstate passenger transportation, the state duty payment receipt must be with the driver.
4. The relations between the passengers and transporters during the performance of non-regular bus transportations shall be regulated by the Civil Code of the Republic of Armenia, this Law and the contract.

(Article 16 edited, amended, supplemented by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 17. Principal provisions of organising transportation of passengers by passenger-taxi road vehicles

1. Transportations by passenger-taxi road vehicles (cabbing) shall be organised for the purpose of providing services to the population or the organisations.

The organisations or individual entrepreneurs or natural persons having road transport vehicles complying with the requirements for the given transportation and the technical condition may perform transportations by passenger-taxi road vehicles, in case of existence of a licence. The natural persons may perform transportations by passenger-taxi road vehicles personally, by one road vehicle.

The procedure for organising transportations by passenger-taxi road vehicles in the territory of the Republic of Armenia shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

2. The road transport vehicles of persons performing cabbing must be furnished with:
 - (a) a taximeter (tariff meter);
 - (b) a distinguishing sign on the top of the road vehicle with the writing “TAXI” or a distinguishing sign in yellow and black squares;
 - (c) the information on the organisation providing taxi services and the driver of the given transport vehicle or the natural person that is not an individual entrepreneur;
 - (d) a price list on the side quarter of the body and in the passenger cabin, which must include at least the minimum price of passenger transportation (where available), the tariff for the passenger transportation, and the information on sitting fee and (or) waiting fee (where available).
3. Organising (performing) cabbing by two-door (not counting the boot lid) light passenger road vehicles, with the right-hand steering allocation, the hand brake control shall be prohibited.

4. Boarding on the passenger-taxi road vehicles shall be performed:
 - (a) at the stops specially envisaged for the taxi road vehicles;
 - (b) at sectors of the road and street network, where stopping of relevant road transport vehicles is permitted;
 - (c) upon the order of passengers, at the location indicated by the passenger.

(Article 17 edited by HO-168-N of 20 November 2014)

Article 18. Organising the journey by passenger-taxi road vehicles

1. Boarding of passengers at taxi road vehicle stops shall be carried out under the general queue order.
2. A non-occupied taxi may stop and board the passenger at the permitted places of the road and street network, in case of availability of taxi stops — at a distance of no less than 200 metres from those stops.
3. Using the taxi simultaneously by several persons at the taxi road vehicle stops shall be permitted upon the consent of the first passenger in the queue order, and using the taxi in movement, with vacant seats — only in case of consent of the passenger (passengers) in the taxi.
4. Opening of doors in the taxi passenger cabin, rolling down the windows, turning on music shall be permitted upon the mutual consent of passengers and the driver. Smoking in taxi road vehicles shall be prohibited.
5. The procedure for acceptance of orders, provision of road vehicles and the tariffs for transportation shall be defined by the transporters. The transporter shall be obliged to ensure informing of the client about the class of the road vehicle provided, the equipment and transportation conditions thereof, performance of the order at the booked time and place.

Irrespective of the number of passengers and the volume of the luggage being transported, the payment for the journey shall be made after the unloading of the luggage. In case of refusing to make the payment, the amount shall be charged as prescribed by law. The person performing passenger cabbage shall be obliged to ensure — upon the request of the passenger — handover of the document certifying the payment of the transportation fare.

The payment for the order and journey shall be made in cash, as well as non-cash (upon mutual consent), according to the taximeter reading.

In case of refusing the service provided by the taxi-road vehicle, the minimum price or sitting fee of the passenger transportation may be charged from the client, except for cases provided for by law.

6. In case of failure to take the passenger to the agreed location not by the fault of the vehicle driver, as well as upon the request of the passenger, the payment shall be made as of the moment of terminating the journey. In case of malfunction of the road vehicle, the driver of the taxi road vehicle must ensure the quick taking of the passenger to the agreed location or to the nearest stop of passenger transport, the payment for which shall be made by the passenger.
7. In case of boarding other passengers to the same direction upon the consent of the passenger having hired the taxi, each passenger shall be charged the journey fare based on the travelled distance.
8. Transportation by passenger taxi-road vehicles must be performed by the shortest route line permitted for traffic, unless the passenger has expressed a wish to travel by another route line.

(Article 18 amended by HO-90-N of 7 April 2009, edited by HO-168-N of 20 November 2014)

CHAPTER 4

ORGANISING TRANSPORTATIONS OF LOADS BY ROAD TRANSPORT

Article 19. Principal provisions and basic requirements for organising load transportations

1. Organising the load transportations by road transport must exclude the discharge of transported load or material into the atmosphere.
2. *(part repealed by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)*

(Article 19 amended by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 20. Transportations of loads by containers, in pallets, parcels and other specialised transportations

1. In case of performing transportations of loads by way of transposition of containers, delivery and receipt of the load between the points provided with conditions for carrying out actions related to loading-unloading of containers shall be organised.

Transportations by containers may be organised through the procedure of transposition of containers. The containers must be equal in sizes and capacity and comply with the requirements of technical regulations.

2. Transportation of poisonous and caustic, bulk loads without receptacle, as well as other materials (substances) staining or damaging the containers in road vehicle containers shall be prohibited.
3. Loads in containers must be placed in a way to exclude their dislocation in the boot during transportation, and to ensure the equal distribution of the loading onto the bottom of the container.

The transporter shall not bear responsibility for destruction and damage of the load as a result of wrong placement or fixing of the loads in containers, where no responsibility for the placement or fixing has been undertaken thereby.

4. The conditions for transportations of loads in pallets, parcels and other specialised transportations shall be prescribed by the procedure for organising the transportations by road transport.

CHAPTER 5

RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRANSPORTER AND THE CLIENT

Article 21. Rights and obligations of the transporter

1. The transporters of the Republic of Armenia or the foreign citizens and organisations registered in the Republic of Armenia as prescribed by law shall have the right to perform transportations by the road transport of common use where such transportations are performed by road transport vehicles (a road transport vehicle) belonging thereto by the right of ownership or use.
2. The transporter shall have the right to waive the obligations undertaken by the contract on transportation of passengers, luggage and loads, where the transportation documents, the sizes and weights of the luggage and the load do not comply with the requirements prescribed by this Law and other legal acts, are prohibited for transportation, or the given transportation is impossible to be performed in cases prescribed by law.

In case of performance of minibus transportations, the transporter shall have the right to organise the transportation of the luggage by an accompanying road transport vehicle.

3. The transporter shall be obliged to ensure:
- (a) performance of transportations by road transport vehicles (a road transport vehicle) state registered as prescribed by law, technically operable, and complying with the sanitary norms and the given transportation;
 - (b) submission of road transport vehicles (a road transport vehicle) for technical inspection as prescribed by law and insurance of liability arising from the use thereof as prescribed by law;
 - (c) conducting technical services and repairs of road transport vehicles (a road transport vehicle) within the time limits guaranteed by the manufacturer and the procedure for technical operation, in own production base or that on contractual basis, with required furnishing (in case of conducting it in own production base — also record-registration);
 - (d) qualification of vehicle drivers in compliance with the requirements prescribed by law;
 - (e) following the work and rest regime of vehicle drivers in compliance with the requirements prescribed by law;
 - (f) rules of technical operation of the rolling stock of the road transport;
 - (g) ***(point repealed by HO-168-N of 20 November 2014)***

In long distance routes of intercity communication, when the work of the vehicle driver finishes outside the production base of the transporter and in isolation from the production base of the transporter, the daily technical inspection of aggregates and hubs ensuring the safety of the traffic of road transport vehicles when performing transportation and the daily examination of the health condition of vehicle drivers must be carried out through the organisation having the capacities concerned.

4. The transporter performing regular passenger transportations shall be obliged to:
 - (a) ensure fulfilment of the requirements on the approved timetables, prevent from route failures, arbitrary deviations from the route line, delays in provision of road transport vehicles;
 - (b) ensure ticketing of passengers during the service of the route and prevent violation of the fixed transportation fare;
 - (c) ensure the polite and safe servicing of passengers, courteous treatment and proper appearance of vehicle drivers;
 - (d) carry out the servicing by the road transport vehicles complying with the furnishing requirements prescribed by this Law and other legislative acts;
 - (e) carry out transportations in case of availability of waybills and ticket record-registration documents, the forms whereof shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia;
 - (f) the daily technical inspection of aggregates and hubs ensuring the safety of the traffic of road transport vehicles and the daily examination of the health condition of vehicle drivers.

5. In case of impossibility of take the passenger to the destination with a ticket, the transporter shall be obliged to return thereto the transportation fare calculated from the point of termination of the journey to the point of arrival or take the passenger to the bus station which is the nearest to the railway station, airport of the route line, or — upon the consent of the passenger — undertake measures for taking the passenger to the destination.

In case the bus taken out of the route is the last (in case of unavailability of another bus), where the bus is returned to the departure point as a result of the termination of the journey, the transporter shall not be exempted from the obligation provided for by this part and must ensure the fulfilment of contractual obligations concluded under the passage ticket (under the luggage receipt).

6. During boarding of passengers, the driver of the taxi shall be obliged to assist in placing of the luggage, remind the passenger about unloading of the items and luggage at the end of the journey, ensure the storage or depositing of abandoned items and the return thereof upon the request (reasoning) of the passenger.
7. The transporter shall be obliged to perform the transportation by the shortest route line of the road network operating for the road transport traffic, except for performing regular transportations and for the cases when, based on the road conditions, efficient transportation by extra run is preferable, about which the transporter must notify the client in advance.
8. The transporters performing technical servicing of rolling stocks of the road transport shall be obliged to:
 - (a) ensure performance and record-registration of works in volumes guaranteed under the operations instruction for the rolling stock of the road transport by the manufacturer of the rolling stock of the road transport;
 - (b) provide the competent bodies with the requested information in case of an accident with the road transport vehicle serviced or repaired thereby.

(Article 21 supplemented by HO-76-N of 18 May 2010, amended, supplemented by HO-168-N of 20 November 2014)

Article 22. Rights and obligations of the consignor and the consignee

1. In case of transportation of loads, the consignor shall not have the right to present for transportation by a unit of road transport vehicle loads having different characteristics, where the joint transportation thereof may lead to destruction of any load.

2. The consignor (consignee) shall have the right to present — at the consent of the transporter — for transportation loads with declared value not prohibited by law. The declared value of loads must correspond to the reasonable value thereof.

Declaring the value of bulk, free-flowing, heap, perishable loads and those sealed by the consignor, as well as of a certain part of the load processed by one goods transportation consignment note shall not be permitted.

3. The consignor shall not have the right to present loads for transportation, where:
 - (a) transportation of such loads by road transport is prohibited;
 - (b) the presented load is not envisaged by the application or by the load transportation contract, or is presented improperly packaged, packed in a receptacle, or the processing and goods transportation documents of the load are incomplete;
 - (c) the weight of the presented load exceeds the permitted load capacity — pursuant to the application — of the road transport vehicle presented for loading, it is not permissible — due to sizes or peculiarities thereof — to perform transportation by the given road transport vehicle;
 - (d) performance of transportation by the motor roads of the route has been terminated or restricted due to natural disasters, unfavourable road, climate conditions;
 - (e) the shipper has presented — without the consignor — for accompanying such loads that require, in their nature, transportation under special conditions and with care, where the transporter does not undertake the obligation for shipping.

Article 23. Rights and obligations of passengers

1. The passenger must have a passage ticket or another document confirming the right to travel (a permanent passage ticket, a certificate of the right to free

travel, etc.) for the journey, in case of existence of the luggage — a luggage receipt, take a seat according to the seat indicated in the passage ticket, keep the passage ticket during the entire journey and submit upon the request of the vehicle driver (ticket seller) or persons exercising supervision.

The passenger having failed to receive a passage ticket (a luggage receipt) before the departure of the bus on the interstate and intercity routes shall not have the right to travel (to transport luggage) from the coach station (bus station).

2. The passenger using regular bus transportations shall have the right to the free transfer with him or her one child under the age of 7, where the latter does not occupy a separate seat. In case of occupying a separate seat, as well as when travelling with several children under the age of 7, 50 per cent of the fixed transportation fare shall be paid for each child.

When travelling by intercity communication buses, a passage ticket at the price of 50 per cent of the passage ticket shall be acquired for children aged 7-12 years. The fee for travel of children over 12 years shall be charged in the amount of the fixed transportation fare.

3. Fulfilment of the conditions for passenger and luggage transportation by the road transport of common use for passengers having the right to travel with privileges shall be carried out upon general bases.
4. In cases of termination of the journey due to malfunction of the bus on the route, an accident, as well as by no fault of the transporter or for other reasons (unfavourable road, climatic conditions, force majeure circumstances, etc.), the passenger shall have the right to continue the journey with the acquired passage ticket by another bus of the same route (by intercity bus routes, in case of availability of vacant seats).
5. When handing over the luggage for transportation, the passenger shall have the right to declare its value, paying the amount defined.

6. The passenger using regular bus transportations shall have the right to transfer — according to one passage ticket acquired — the following:
 - (a) free of charge, one hand baggage not exceeding the sizes 60 X 40 X 20 (cm) and 20 kg, including small animals, birds, other household items of small sizes;
 - (b) by buses without luggage compartments, on a paid basis, one piece of luggage not exceeding the sizes 100 X 50 X 30 (cm) and with a weight of up to 50 kg, except for the hand baggage transported free of charge;
 - (c) by buses having a luggage compartment, on a paid basis, two pieces of luggage not exceeding the sizes 100 X 50 X 30 (cm) and with a weight of up to 50 kg each, except for the hand baggage transported free of charge;
 - (d) by minibuses, as prescribed by point “a” of this part.

7. The passenger shall have the right to transfer in the cabin of taxi road vehicles such items and objects which may be placed by the permitted openings of doors (without taking out the door restraints), will not damage or pollute the cover and the equipment of the cabin, will not hinder the vehicle driver to control the road vehicle.

It is permitted to transport household items and devices of small sizes in taxis with universal body, which will not damage or spoil the cover and equipment of the cabin.

It is permitted to transport small animals placed in bags and birds in cages, dogs with muzzles with the availability of pet carriers and bedding, fruits and vegetables may be transported in baskets with a closed floor.

8. ***(part repealed by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)***
(Article 23 amended by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 24. Liability during organisation of transportations

1. The transporter and the client shall bear liability — as prescribed by law — for accidents and incidents occurred as a result of violation of the safety requirements of machinery during the technical servicing and repairs, loading-unloading works of the rolling stock of the road transport.
2. Travelling of passengers without a ticket in case of regular passenger transportations, in case of non-regular transportations — under unexecuted documents, performance of transportations by occupied passenger-taxi road vehicles without the light indicator switched on, shall entail liability as prescribed by law.

Article 25. Liability of entities carrying out technical servicing and repair of the rolling stock of the road transport

The organisations carrying out technical servicing and repair of the rolling stock of the road transport shall bear liability — as prescribed by law — for malfunctions occurred due to non-quality service until the completion of the run (time limit) defined from the time of the technical service implemented thereby to the next technical service, for the road accidents and the material damage caused as a result thereof.

CHAPTER 6

REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY OF TRANSPORTATIONS BY ROAD TRANSPORT

Article 26. Requirements for the safety of road transport vehicles

1. The technical condition of the road transport vehicles must comply with the requirements prescribed by law for ensuring safety of road traffic.

2. The technical servicing and repair of aggregates and hubs ensuring the safety of the traffic of the road transport vehicles, carried out in the production bases of organisations shall be subject to certification of compliance of services with the technical requirements as prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On assessment of compliance”.
3. Re-equipment of road vehicles under operation, which have an impact on the safety of the road traffic and protection of the environment from the harmful impact of the road vehicle shall be carried out on the basis of technical documents agreed with the Police of the Republic of Armenia and approved by the authorised state administration body of the transport system.
4. Compression of seats in the cabin of road transport vehicles of common use being used in passenger transportations, making another adaptation, installing other seats not designed for the given road transport vehicle, as well as performance of transportations in case of existence of seats with ripped covers, shall be prohibited.
5. For the purpose of ensuring the technical condition of road transport vehicles, the Government of the Republic of Armenia, shall approve — upon the submission by the authorised state administration body of the transport system — the procedure for technical operation of the rolling stock of the road transport.
6. Performance of regular intracity transportations by buses having more than 17 seats and one door for boarding and disembarking of passengers shall be prohibited, and relevant buses engaged in transportations envisaged for interstate, intermarz and intramarz significance may have one door for boarding and disembarking of passengers, where that transport vehicle is designed by the manufacturer for performing transportations of the given type.
7. The buses having at least 60 per cent of useful life designed by the manufacturer or gaining that criterion through repair shall be permitted for servicing the

mountain routes; moreover, the pattern of the tyre tread depth must be no less than 3 mm. The buses servicing the mountain routes must also be furnished with auxiliary front anti-fog and rear lights.

(Article 26 amended, supplemented by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 27. Requirements for the safety of transportations

1. During performance of transportations, the weight (full weight and axle load) and outline dimension parameters of the road transport vehicles must comply with the actual technical class of the motor road of the transportation route and must not exceed the maximum of the load and the outline dimension parameters of bridges, viaducts, and other artificial structures located along the route line.

Organising transportations by routes not meeting the requirements for transportations, as well as by routes threatening the safety of transportations shall be prohibited.

2. The movement speed of road transport vehicles during transportations must not exceed the speeds fixed by the timetable or conditioned by the road conditions, the movement directions must correspond to the route line designed by the timetable, unless otherwise provided for by law.
3. Organising tourist and mass transportations of children by three and more road transport vehicles shall be performed by informing the road police, accompanied by special road transport vehicles of the transport column, accompanied by adults in road transport vehicles accompanying the transportation (with one accompanying person per 15 children) and under the following conditions:
 - (a) movement of buses must be carried out at the day-time hours;
 - (b) in case of performance of one-time transportations by up to two road transport vehicles — at a speed not exceeding 60 km/h and switching the headlights on;

- (c) during performance of mass transportations — accompanied by a transport column, at a speed not exceeding 40 km/h;
- (d) the accompanying person must instruct children on the safety techniques and rules of behaviour during transportation, maintain the order during the movement of the bus, and boarding and disembarking.

Selection of group leaders during performance of tourist and special transportations, instruction on bus usage and conduct during the journey shall be carried out by the client.

In case of performing tourist and special transportation of children, windows of the bus must be rolled up during the movement, the accompanying persons must be at each door.

- 4. ***(part repealed by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)***
- 5. Performance of passenger, luggage and load transportations shall be permitted within the limits of seats and load of the road transport vehicles permitted by the producing factory or as prescribed by law.
- 6. Servicing of interstate and intercity routes exceeding the standard duration of the working shift of the vehicle driver, prescribed by the labour legislation, must be organised with two drivers, the road transport vehicles must be furnished with sleeping facilities.

(Article 27 amended, supplemented by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

Article 28. Requirements for vehicle drivers

- 1. The vehicle driver must have the qualification required for driving the relevant road transport vehicle, prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On ensuring road traffic safety”.

2. In case of performing transportations by road transport of common use, in addition to the general requirements for qualification, the vehicle drivers must have:
 - (a) for transportations with a trailer or semi-trailer — 2 years of work experience of uninterrupted driving of a heavy goods truck or a basic class of saddle tow road vehicle, and 3 years of work experience of uninterrupted driving — for mountain routes;
 - (b) for transportations by passenger-taxi road vehicles — at least one year of experience of driving a road transport vehicle of B class;
 - (c) for regular minibus transportations — one year of work experience of driving a road transport vehicle of D class, or two years of works experience of transportations by passenger-taxi road vehicles;
 - (d) for bus transportations — two years of work experience of performing minibus transportations;
 - (e) for mountain-routed bus transportations — two years of work experience of performing bus transportations;
 - (f) for transportations of a group of children under 16 by intercity, interstate and mountain routes — three years of uninterrupted work experience of performing transportations by the indicated routes.

In case of transferring a vehicle driver from an operating mountain route to servicing another route, a trial period with a duration of two days must be conducted, and in case of change of the make of the bus in a mountain route — with a duration of four days.

- 2.1. The Government may prescribe rules of ethics of vehicle drivers in case of performing transportations by road transport of common use.

3. The maximum duration of driving — by the vehicle driver — during the day, including the overtime work, must not exceed 9 hours, and 48 hours during the week. The daily continuous rest time of vehicle drivers must not be less than 10 hours, and with duration of not less than 8 hours on 2 days of the week — upon the permission of competent bodies. Driving a road transport vehicle of common use for more than 4 hours without a break shall be prohibited.

(Article 28 supplemented by HO-168-N of 20 November 2014, amended by HO-17-N of 16 December 2016)

CHAPTER 7

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 29. Transitional provisions

1. Part 2 of Article 17 of this Law shall enter into force 6 months after the moment of entry into force of the Law.
2. This Law shall enter into force on the tenth day following its official promulgation.