UIC, the worldwide railway organisation, is pleased to present the international workshop on INTERTRAN Project

(Paris, 1 October 2021) An international workshop on the INTERTRAN project was held on 29 September in a hybrid format. The INTERTRAN project is being implemented by JSC "Russian Railways" under the auspices of the International Union of Railways. The workshop was attended by leaders and experts from railway companies in more than 20 Eurasian countries, as well as Australia and the USA, international organisations, state regulatory bodies and a number of the largest forwarding and logistics operators from the Asia-Pacific region.

The workshop was dedicated to summing up the results of the project, as well as discussing further challenges to be addressed by all intermodal transport market stakeholders in respect of business process digitalisation and the distribution of INTERTRAN information technology on new routes connecting Asia and Europe. Participants noted the importance of coordinating the efforts of the transport and logistics business, state regulatory bodies and international organisations for continued digital transformation of the trans-Eurasian container transit market.

The next stage in the implementation of the INTERTRAN project will involve extending the geographical coverage of fully digital services, as well as the range of goods transported using INTERTRAN information technology, particularly perishable goods.

Background information

INTERTRAN is a complex project for implementation of intermodal transport accompanied by electronic documents, in which the operator of the shipping line, the carrier represented by JSC "Russian Railways", customs authorities, consignors and consignees participate.

The information technology created within the framework of the project for interaction at the port-railway junction, as well as the introduction of an electronic discharge system for the customs procedure for customs transit at destination stations, has reduced the time required for document processing in the implementation of intermodal transport to 21 hours.

Thanks to the introduction of INTERTRAN information technology, the volume of container traffic using electronic shipping documents and transit declarations is rapidly

growing, and digital interaction with customs authorities is also provided. As of 29 September, more than 21,000 containers have already been transported.

The first fully digital intermodal transport operation took place in 2019 from the port of Yokohama via the port of Vladivostok to Moscow. Today, transport using INTERTRAN information technology is carried out on a regular basis to all JSC "Russian Railways" stations working with containers. In 2020, INTERTRAN information technology was introduced for transit traffic at destination stations in the Republic of Belarus.

The benefits of the INTERTRAN project became particularly evident in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic as contact between people was minimised during transport due to digital interaction. This has resulted in increased stability and safety of intermodal container delivery between Asia and Europe through the territory of the Russian Federation.

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