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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The National Statistical Service of RA (NSSRA) conducted sample survey of the organizations dealing with the intraurban passenger transportation by general purpose road transport, as well as transport means (minibuses and buses) of those organizations operating on a route in May-June 2006 within the framework of the Project Component “Transport Statistics” TACIS Program under the Contract “Statistics – 8”. The aim of the survey was to study and enlarge the composition and content of appropriate indicators for conducting road transport statistics, as well as to improve set of tools and methodology of calculation of those indicators.

114 organizations dealing with the intraurban passenger transportation by general purpose road transport were covered by the sample survey.

The survey was conducted through the completion of questionnaire by the road transport organizations serving intraurban routes and direct observation of transport means (minibuses and buses) operating on a route by interviewers.

The survey was conducted for:

- organizations – through the questionnaire “Survey on passenger transportation” confirmed by the Resolution No 07-A of the 20.03.2006 of the State Council on Statistics of RA, and
- road transport means - through the 4 individual questionnaires “Survey on passenger transportation” confirmed by the Resolution No 02-N of the 20.03.2006 of the State Council on Statistics of RA (*see Annex 3*).

Before the confirmation by RA State Council on Statistics, the survey questionnaires have been methodologically tested and approved by Eurostat’s expert within the program Mr. Szilard Pall from Hungarian Central Statistical Office.

Indicators included in the questionnaires gave the opportunity to receive information on rolling-stock of road transport organizations, models and operation period of this rolling-stock, number of routes and length of circular route, number of transported passengers, as well as number of motor vehicles set out on route, average daily number of circular routes per motor vehicle, number of average monthly working days and other indicators.