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## **Concerted statements in road accidents are being applied 26 times oftener than a year ago**

**Data processed at the Latvian Motor Insurer's Bureau (LTAB) proves that within three first months of this year concerted statements made about 52% (or 4 303 cases) of all written applications on road accidents, received by insurers. Last year within the same period of time the proportion thereof made only 2% or 170 cases.**

**If compared to the first quarter of 2005, at present concerted statements are used 26 times oftener for application on road accidents.**

**Juris Stengrevics, LTAB Director - General:** „Latvia, within two years since introduction of concerted statements on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004, has attained excellent results. At the end of last year the number of applied concerted statements already achieved 48,6%. Today this figure is 52%. Such figures prove that drivers more and more trust concerted statements and advantages thereof.

One should consider that accidents, which may be registered with the help of concerted statements, form only a share of road accidents. In rest cases motor drivers must not apply concerted statements at all; the Road Police must be called in instead.”

### **About practice of application of concerted statements in road accidents**

In Latvia a simplified procedure of registration of road accidents was introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004. A concerted statement simplifies record of road accidents and enables to receive insurance indemnification.

Concerted statements are designed for registration of insignificant motor car crashes. Record of road accidents through concerted statements is allowed in definite cases: when in a road accident there are no aggrieved parties, there haven't been incurred damages to property of third parties, also if there haven't been incurred damages to the vehicles involved into the road accident through which it would be impossible or prohibited to drive the vehicles. Concerted statements may be filled out in such cases when only two vehicles are involved into the road accident and when drivers don't have discords on the accident circumstances.

Filling out concerted statements facilitates receipt of insurance indemnification, since there is no necessity to require the Road Police for additional information about a culpable person. An insurer on the assumption of furnished documents assesses and determines liability of each person, involved into a road accident, for damages incurred and effects payment of indemnification.

Application of concerted statements for registration of insignificant road accidents facilitates the work of the Road Police, which can much more promptly go to accident sites, as well as carry on preventive measures on improvement of traffic safety on roads. Besides, at accident sites vehicles don't cause obstructions, also penalty points are not being applied to drivers.

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