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**Working Party on Rail Transport**

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**FACILITATION OF BORDER CROSSING IN INTERNATIONAL RAIL TRANSPORT**

Annual monitoring of progress made in the facilitation of  
border crossing in international rail transport

Transmitted by the Governments of Bulgaria, Finland, Lithuania, Luxembourg and Turkey

The Working Party on Rail Transport, at its fifty-eighth session (27-29 October 2004), considered, inter alia, questions related to the annual monitoring on the progress made in the facilitation of border crossing in international rail transport (TRANS/SC.2/202, para.13).

In connection with this item, the Working Party asked the Governments of all member countries to provide information on the reduction of the actual stopping time for all border crossing stations on the AGC lines on their respective territories and in compliance with Inland Transport Committee resolution No. 248 of 1999 which calls for the reduction of the border stopping time of shuttle trains in international traffic and to limit the overall waiting time at borders to 60 minutes (30 minutes for each of the neighbouring countries) and to submit information referred to in the monitoring system, for the period 7-20 February 2005.

The information transmitted to the secretariat is set out in detail below for consideration by the Working Party.

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**BULGARIA**

Railway administration: BDZ  
 Border crossing point: SVILENGRAD  
 Data collection period: 7-20 February 2005  
 Contact person and details: Georgi Ivanov, tel. 00359 2 932 4127

## Direction A (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	30	16	85	197	291	65	20	80	18
Shuttle trains	9	6	312	235	406	40	15	40	10
Container trains	7	6	312	206	367	60	20	60	15
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains									
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>

## Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	15	5	72	235	195	50	15	62	14
Shuttle trains	8	5	209	130	132	50	15	50	10
Container trains	7	7	145	145	150	55	15	50	10
Empty trains	7	4	21	140	128	20	25	60	10
Transit trains									
Other freight trains									
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>

**Direction A - trains leaving the country**

1. Untimely acceptance by the Turkish Railways (TCDD).
2. Train traffic schedule violation (diversions).
3. Delays due to the delay of train locomotive.

**Direction B - trains entering the country**

1. Arrival with delay due to the Turkish Railways (TCDD).
2. Occupied train path.
3. Delays due to the delay of train locomotive.

\* The shuttle trains are of Transfesa.

Railway administration: BDZ  
 Border crossing point: RUSE  
 Data collection period: 7-20 February 2005  
 Contact person and details: Georgi Ivanov, tel. 00359 2 932 4127

Direction A (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains	7	4	217	135	521	22	14	397	88
Container trains	7	5	176	220	581	25	16	430	110
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	44			200	624	35	13	576	
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>24</b>

Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains	7	7	692	180	391	39	7	182	163
Container trains	7	7	683	205	536	122	9	271	134
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	55			200	460	106	11	325	18
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>45</b>

1. Lack of uniform technology of activities between Bulgarian and Romanian border authorities and railway administrations.
2. Delivery and acceptance of technically faulty wagons.

Railway administration: BDZ  
 Border crossing point: KULATA  
 Data collection period: 7-20 February 2005  
 Contact person and details: Georgi Ivanov, tel. 00 359 2 932 4127

## Direction A (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	3			60	120	40		80	
Empty trains	6			60	120			120	
Transit trains	10			60	240	30		210	
Other freight trains	33			60	180	30		150	
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>52</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>128</b>	

## Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	3			60	133	30		83	30
Empty trains	17			60	630			630	
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	12			60	380	30		350	
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>32</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>2</b>

Railway administration: BDZ  
 Border crossing point: DRAGOMAN  
 Data collection period: 7-20 February 2005  
 Contact person and details: Georgi Ivanov, tel. 00359 2 932 4127

Direction A (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	12	11	360	120	255	70	35	150	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	19	17	120	136	145	35	20	81	
Transit trains	12	11	216	210	247	120	30	77	20
Other freight trains	11	11	232	180	237	100	30	87	20
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>							

Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	3	3	473	137	232	70	25	137	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	5	5	420	130	276	30	10	236	
Transit trains	40	40	627	250	516	180	40	206	30
Other freight trains	29	29	655	157	404	120	30	224	30
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>							

1. Delays at arrival.
2. Commercial and technical irregularities.
3. Bad organization of shunting activities.
4. Train traffic schedule violation (diversions).
5. Much more technological time needed for the customs, phytosanitary and veterinary control for some trains.
6. Acceptance of trains from JZ with delay.

Railway administration: BDZ  
 Border crossing point: KARDAM  
 Data collection period: 7-20 February 2005  
 Contact person and details:

## Direction A (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains	1			72	60	20		40	
Other freight trains									
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>40</b>	

## Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains	1			39	15			15	
Other freight trains									
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>15</b>	



## Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Schedule d (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains (Joniskis)	28			20	15		15		
Other freight trains (Mockava)	17			213	170				
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>45</b>								

**LUXEMBOURG****Direction A** (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping time for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains									
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>41</b>						

**Direction B** (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping time for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains									
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>46</b>						



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## TURKEY

Railway administration: TURKISH STATE RAILWAYS (TCDD)  
 Border crossing point: Kapikule  
 Data collection period: 7-20 February 2005  
 Contact person and details: Filiz Aydinoglu, Chief of Foreign Relations Department

### Direction A (trains leaving the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	9	7	158	203	339	140		75	124
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	5	5	200	253	332	112		145	75
Empty trains	2	2	50	75	80			65	15
Transit trains	18	12	46	126	194	87		80	27
Other freight trains	31	18	71	84	122	37		72	13
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>75</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>51</b>

### Direction B (trains entering the country)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	9	6	104	197	191	67		86	38
Shuttle trains	1	1	385	140	130	96		34	
Container trains	7	5	154	183	362	179		173	10
Empty trains									
Transit trains	29	21	92	99	135	64		53	18
Other freight trains	27	17	74	98	176	48		41	87
<b>TOTAL FREIGHT TRAINS</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>91</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>31</b>

Unfavourable weather conditions, lack of traction facilities in case of excessive freight traffic, lack of staff, long customs inspection of wagon, different working hours.

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