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ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN COMBINED TRANSPORT OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

New developments in the field of combined transport in UNECE member countries

Transmitted by the Government of Hungary

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ON TERMINAL SITUATION IN HUNGARY

At present, there are 19 terminals spread all over the country of 93.000 km². 2 terminals serve both accompanied and unaccompanied traffic, 2 are specialized in rolling road service only, 3 are ports for rail/ship connection along the Danube, while the rest offers rail/road combination. (see the map on backside.) Characteristically, 80% of total unaccompanied transport in Hungary by rail, is concentrated into 5 terminals.

The largest rail/road terminal is that at Sopron on the western frontier of the country, managed by the Győr-Sopron-Ebenfurt Railway Co Ltd. (GySEV Co Ltd.) and recently, the second is the old one in Budapest, operated by MÁV Kombi Ltd. This latter one will be replaced by the new Budapest Intermodal Logistic Center (BILK) with the biggest traffic after its full development in 120 million Euro value of which 45 million Euro granted by the State, by 2010. Its first phase, the terminal for combined transport units, will be inaugurated on 10 November 2003 with 70 thousand TEU per year as starting capacity. The second phase will be a logistic center with 200 thousand m^2 covered stores and 10 thousand m^2 office facilities in full extent.

It is also worth to note Záhony at the north-easternmost edge of the country, on future external border of the European Union, for normal/broad gauge transshipment of all kinds of goods and combined traffic from to CIS and Far East. The huge and diverse transshipment facilities of Záhony area, developed in more decades in more hundred million Euro value, were renewed with PHARE aid from the European Union in 2001. On this basis a logistic service center is projected in a Hungarian–Russian joint venture investment of 40 million Euro magnitude.