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Freight transport volume on the river Danube decreased by a quarter in 2018

Vienna, 2019-03-28 – A total of 7.2 million tonnes (t) of goods was transported on the Austrian section of the Danube in 2018, Statistics Austria reported. Compared to 2017, this was a decrease of 2.4 million t (-25.1%). The total transport performance (the product of transport volume and distance travelled) was 7.0 billion tonne-kilometres (tkm) and therefore by 2.8 billion tkm (-28.4%) lower than in 2017. Around 1.5 billion tkm (-26.4%) of this transport performance took place on the Austrian section of the Danube. The number of laden journeys decreased from 8 932 to 7 622 (-14.7%).

For international goods receipt a drop by 21.3% to 3.8 million t was reported, and the international goods dispatch was reduced by 25.4% to 1.8 million t. Transit through Austria decreased by 33.1% to 1.4 million t. For inland transport a decline of 28.9% to 0.3 million t was reported in the reference year.

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.