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Transport volume on Austrian roads increased by 3.1% to 574 million tonnes in 2018

Vienna, 2019-10-24 – In 2018, the **transport volume** on Austrian roads carried out by domestic and foreign road freight vehicles amounted to 574.0 million tonnes and increased by 3.1% compared to 2017 (557.0 million tonnes), as Statistics Austria reports. With 51.9 billion domestic tonne-kilometres, the **transport performance** rose by 4.5% in the reference year (2017: 49.6 billion tonne-kilometres).

Transport volume increased in all types of transport

As in previous years, the **transport volume** increased in all types of transport in 2018. **National transport**, which accounted with 377.0 million tonnes for the main part of the transport volume, rose by 2.6% compared to 2017. **International receipt** (66.5 million tonnes) and **dispatch** (57.2 million tonnes) increased by 4.0% and 5.0%, respectively. **Transit transport** (73.3 million tonnes) rose by 3.3% compared to the previous year.

More than two-thirds of the total **transport volume** (67.9% resp. 389.5 million tonnes) was performed by **Austrian road freight vehicles**. While national transport was carried out primarily by Austrian vehicles (97.5% or 367.6 million tonnes), the share of domestic road freight vehicles reached only 15.6% in international receipt (10.3 million tonnes) and 18.6% in international dispatch (10.6 million tonnes). To transit traffic, Austrian vehicles contributed only marginally with 1.3% (1.0 million tonnes).

With 35.8% (18.6 billion tonne-kilometres), the share of Austrian road freight vehicles in total **transport performance** was lower than in transport volume. This is mainly due to the longer journeys of foreign vehicles in transit transport. The 18.0 billion tonne-kilometres in transit transport, of which 99.4% were achieved by foreign vehicles, accounted for more than a third of the total transport performance.

The transport volume of **third countries** (8.7 million tonnes) estimated from toll data accounted for 1.5% of total transport volume and with 1.9 billion tonne-kilometres for 3.7% of total transport performance.

For more detailed results and further information concerning road freight transport statistics please refer to our [website](#).

Information on methods, definitions: In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2012 (amendment of Regulation (EG) No 1172/98), all EU member states have to collect statistical data on freight transport conducted by freight vehicles registered in the respective countries since 1999. Like in Austria, data collection is usually arranged as a sampling survey. Thereby small vehicles may be excluded, which is carried out differently among some member states. The states transfer the statistical data regularly to the statistical office of the European Union, Eurostat. From this data pool, Eurostat provides results (so-called **D-tables**) in accordance with Regulation (EG) No 6/2003 to the national statistical authorities to complete their own national statistics.

Included are all reported journeys which start or/and end in or transit through Austria and which were conducted with freight vehicles registered in one of the reporting countries (EU-28 without Malta, as well as Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland). Journeys of smaller freight vehicles (mostly up to 3.5 tonnes loading capacity or 6 tonnes permissible maximum weight) are not included. As the results are derived from sampling surveys, there can be partly significant sampling errors.

From reporting year 2018, data from the Austrian **toll collection system**, provided by the "Autobahnen und Schnellstraßen-Finanzierungs-Aktiengesellschaft" (Asfinag), are used for weighting the results from the D-tables. Furthermore, results from so-called third countries (countries that are not included in the D-tables) can now be provided. With the help of this additional data source, the results were weighted starting from the reporting year 2015.

Transport volume is the amount of transported goods in tonnes.

Domestic transport performance is the product of the transport volume and the distance travelled within Austria in kilometres, measured in tonne-kilometres.

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