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Transport volume on Austrian roads increased by 4% in 2019

Vienna, 2020-10-14 – The **transport volume** carried out by domestic and foreign road freight vehicles on Austrian roads rose in 2019 compared to the previous year by 4.0% to 598.0 million tonnes (2018: 575.2 million tonnes), according to Statistics Austria. Taking into account the distance travelled, this results in a **transport performance** of 54.5 billion domestic tonne-kilometres, representing an increase of 4.6% over the previous year (2018: 52.1 billion tonne-kilometres).

Transport volume increased in all types of transport

As in previous years, the **transport volume** increased for all types of transport in 2019. **National transport**, which accounted with 386.2 million tonnes for the main part of the transport volume, rose by 2.4%. **International receipt** (70.9 million tonnes) and **dispatch** (63.1 million tonnes) showed a growth by 5.7% and 9.4% compared to the preceding year. In 2019, **transit transport** (77.8 million tonnes) rose by 6.0% compared to 2018.

Two thirds of the total **transport volume** (66.6% resp. 398.4 million tonnes) was performed by **Austrian road freight vehicles**. While national transport was carried out primarily by Austrian vehicles (97.7% and 377.3 million tonnes respectively), the share of domestic road freight vehicles in international receipt and dispatch reached only 14.0% (9.9 million tonnes) and 15.7% (9.9 million tonnes). However, Austrian vehicles only contributed marginal to transit traffic with 1.5% or 1.2 million tonnes.

With 34.7% (18.9 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 long journeys foreign vehicles conduct in transit transport. More than one third of the total transport performance (19.0 billion tonne-kilometres) was carried out in transit transport, where 99.2% were performed by foreign vehicles.

Road freight vehicles from **third countries** estimated from toll data accounted with 9.5 million tonnes for 1.6% of total transport volume and with 2.1 billion tonne-kilometres for 3.9% 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 the 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** – which are 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.

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