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Goods transport in 2000 nearly 1.5 billion tonnes

In 2000 nearly 1.5 billion tonnes of goods were transported, which constitutes a tiny increase on 1999. Road transport fell, the other forms of transport increased. The biggest increase, of +7%, was in ocean shipping according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands. The drop in road transport occurred both in domestic and in international road haulage, albeit only in professional transport. Transport by companies hauling their own products remained stable.

Domestic transport had of share of nearly 40% of total road transport, carrying 572 million tonnes of goods.

Substantial increase in bulk transports by sea

There was a substantial growth of plus 27 million tonnes in overseas shipping to and from the Netherlands. Given a total transshipment of 425 million tonnes in 2000 this constitutes a 7% increase on 1999. The increase is due to the transport of bulk goods, such as oil, oil products, ore, fuels and chemical products.

Less professional transport by road

Road haulage fell from 608 million tonnes in 1999 to 585 million tonnes in 2000. This decrease was entirely in professional road haulage. There were decreases in domestic and international transport by road.

Domestic road transport takes up the largest share with 465 million tonnes. Dutch companies see to almost a third of the haulage of their own goods. The remaining domestic road transport is carried out by professional transport companies. Over 60% of domestic transport by road is loaded and unloaded within the boundaries of a province.

International goods transport by road deals with 120 million tonnes and is almost entirely carried out by professional transport companies.

Other forms of transport

Inland shipping increased by 0.6% to 314 million tonnes. While domestic shipping increased by 3 million tonnes, international shipping fell by 4 million tonnes.

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Transition through the Netherlands increased by almost 3 million tonnes.

Goods transport by rail went up by 11% to 28 million tonnes. Both domestic and international rail transport show a comparable growth rate. Goods transport by air has the smallest share in goods transport with 1.3 million tonnes. This constitutes a 4% increase on 1999.

Container transport

In 2000 more than 9 million containers were transported. The number of containers carried in and out across the ocean was almost identical, about 2 million each. This is comparable to the number of containers carried in 1999.

Over 70% of domestic container transport is hauled by road. In international container transport about two thirds is carried over sea. Asia is a popular point of origin and destination: almost 45% of total shipping to and almost 40% of shipping from the Netherlands across the ocean is with Asian countries. Second to shipping by sea is inland shipping with a 22% share in international transport.

Every day some 3000 containers are shipped from the Rotterdam area to the European hinterland, unloading more than half in Germany, mostly by inland shipping vessels. Container transport from Rotterdam to Eastern European countries has grown substantially in recent years. In 2000 nearly 22 thousand containers were destined for Eastern Europe, against 665 containers in 1997.

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Table 1: Goods transport by transport flow, 1999-2000

	Total	Domestic	International bilateral			Cabotage	Third country transport	Transshipment without loading/unloading
			Total	Unloaded in the Netherlands	Loaded in the Netherlands			
	1000 tonnes							
Total								
1999	1425268	584998	780462	415518	364944	9885	12911	37012
2000	1456765	571993	822606	442314	380292	9566	12719	39881
Sea								
1999	397310	-	397310	305329	91981	-	-	-
2000	424536	-	424536	325111	99425	-	-	-
Inland shipping								
1999	312381	99062	176307	52706	123601	-	-	37012

2000	314287	102029	172377	50321	122056	-	-	39881
Road transport²⁾								-
1999	608419	481303	104320	49897	54423	9885	12911	-
2000	584595	464746	97564	45715	51849	9566	12719	-
<i>Own transport</i>								
1999	152560	143829	7972	3415	4556	608	150	-
2000	153446	144565	8081	3371	4710	646	153	-
<i>Professional</i>								
1999	455860	337474	96348	46481	49866	9277	12761	-
2000	431149	320181	89483	42344	47139	8920	12566	-
Rail								
1999	25184	4633	20552	6978	13574	-	-	-
2000	28063	5219	22844	7719	15125	-	-	-
Air								
1999	1219	-	1219	608	610	-	-	-
2000	1268	-	1268	618	650	-	-	-
Pipe line¹⁾								
1999	80755	-	80755	-	80755	-	-	-
2000	104017	-	104017	12830	91188	-	-	-

1) The increase in transport by pipelines is due to increased observation.

2) Only road transport by Dutch enterprises.

Table 2: Container transport by transport flow, 2000

	Total	Domestic	International bilateral			Cabotage	Third country transport	Transshipment without loading/unloading
			Total	Unloaded in the Netherlands	Loaded in the Netherlands			
X 1000								
Total	9022	2114	6356	3093	3262	89	58	406
Sea	4006	-	4006	2001	2005	-	-	-
Inland	2237	437	1395	647	748	-	-	406
Road	2266	1511	607	281	326	89	58	-
Rail	513	166	347	164	183	-	-	-

Table 3: Containers carried to and from the Netherlands by continent of loading and unloading, 2000

Continent of loading and unloading	Total	to	from
X 1000			
Total	4006	2001	2005
Europe	1393	652	741
America	168	77	91
Africa	719	367	352
Asia	1672	892	780
Oceania	53	13	41

SOURCE: Statistics Netherlands