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Slight increase in transport of goods

In 2001 nearly 1.5 billion tonnes of goods were transported, a rise of 39 million tonnes, i.e. more than 2.5 percent, compared with 2000. Figures from Statistics Netherlands show a notable increase in transport by pipelines and inland waterways. National transport accounted for 40 percent of all goods transport, 60 percent concerned international transport. The inland transport performance was mainly realised by road transport, accounting for 74 percent of total inland transport.

More transport by pipelines and waterways

Transport by pipelines contributed nearly 14 million tonnes to the rise of 39 million tonnes in 2001, inland waterways more than 18 million tonnes.

Road transport in the lead

By far most goods, almost 600 million tonnes, were transported by road; professional haulage covered 75 percent, slightly more than in 2000. Transport of Dutch products fell somewhat. The volume of goods transported by sea and air in 2001 was almost the same as in 2000, rail transport was 2 million tonnes down.

The transport performance facilitates comparison between the various modes of transport. The volume of goods transported and the distance are taken into account. Thus, national transport by road performed best in 2001, namely 74 percent, the percentages for inland shipping and railroad transport were 24 and 2 respectively.

Mostly short distances

Since the Netherlands is a relatively small country, domestic transport covers only short distances. Over 55 percent of total domestic transport was loaded or unloaded within the boundaries of a province, for domestic road transport the corresponding percentage was 62. In domestic transport, the number of freight movements grew by 8 percent in 2001 compared to 2000.

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International transport mainly to and from Germany

In 2001 the international transport of goods to and from the Netherlands totalled 850 million tonnes, an increase of 27 million tonnes compared with the previous year. Germany is a key country in international transport. More than 50 percent of the goods transported to and from Germany was realised by inland waterways, road and rail.

Goods transport by transport mode

Transport mode	Year	Total	National	International	Other²⁾
<i>mln tonnes</i>					
Total	2000	1 457.4	572.0	823.3	62.2
	2001	1 496.3	583.7	850.1	62.4
Sea	2000	424.5	.	424.5	.
	2001	424.2	.	424.2	.
Inland waterways	2000	315.1	102.0	173.2	39.9
	2001	333.5	108.9	186.1	38.4
Road ¹⁾	2000	584.6	464.7	97.6	22.3
	2001	593.4	470.5	98.9	24.0
<i>Commercial transport</i>	2000	431.1	320.2	89.5	21.5
	2001	444.2	330.2	90.6	23.4
<i>Own transport</i>	2000	153.4	144.6	8.1	0.8
	2001	149.2	140.3	8.3	0.6
Rail	2000	28.1	5.2	22.8	.
	2001	26.1	4.3	21.7	.
Air	2000	1.3	.	1.3	.
	2001	1.2	.	1.2	.
Pipeline	2000	104.0		104.0	
	2001	117.8		117.8	

1) Road transport exclusively by Dutch companies.

2) Road transport by Dutch companies in foreign countries; transport by inland waterways without transshipment in the Netherlands.

Source: Statistics Netherlands