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FACILITATION OF BORDER CROSSING IN INTERNATIONAL RAIL TRANSPORT

Annual monitoring of progress made in the facilitation of
border crossing in international rail transport

Transmitted by the Governments of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia and Finland

The Working Party on Rail Transport, at its fifty-seventh session (21-23 October 2003), considered, inter alia, questions related to the annual monitoring on the progress made in the facilitation of border crossing in international rail transport (TRANS/SC.2/200, para.18).

In connection with this item, the Working Party asked the Governments of all member countries to provide the information on reduction of actual stopping time for all border crossing stations on the AGC lines on their respective territories and in compliance with Inland Transport Committee resolution No. 248 of 1999 which calls for the reduction of the border stopping time of shuttle trains in international traffic and to limit the overall waiting time at borders to 60 minutes (30 minutes for each of the neighbouring countries) and to submit information referred to in the monitoring system, for the period 7-20 February 2004.

The information transmitted to the secretariat is set out in detail below for consideration by the Working Party.

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BULGARIA**Railway administration: BDZ****Border crossing point: Dimitrovgrad****Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004****Contact person and details: Mr. Simov.****Direction A (trains leaving the country)**

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains	9	7	54	93	33	35	25	33	
Shuttle trains	6	5	113	151	25	66	60	25	
Container trains		4	420	60	41	10	9	41	
Empty trains									
Transit trains	16	14	233	98	34	34	30	34	
Other freight trains	26	19	192	101	36	35	30	36	
Total freight trains	31	49	202	101	34	36	31	34	

Direction B (trains entering the country)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains	32	18	5h 12	2h 34	7h 56	35	15	55-6h 61	7h 56
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	29	17	5h 03	2h 57	2h 39	35	15	30-1h 19	2h 39
Transit trains	3	1	2h 45	3h 35	3h 42	4	15	45-20	3h 42
Other freight trains									
Total freight trains	64	36	4h 20	3h 02	4h 48	36	15	43-3h 14	4h 48

BULGARIA (continued)

Railway administration: BDZ
Border crossing point: Kulata
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004
Contact person and details: Mr. Milev.

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	2			100		30	10	60	
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	38			100		30	10	60	
Total freight trains	40			200		60	20	120	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	2			100		30	10	60	
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	34			100		30	10	60	
Total freight trains	36			200		60	20	120	

BULGARIA (continued)

Railway administration: BDZ
Border crossing point: Dragoman
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004
Contact person and details: Mr. Bogdanov.

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains	9	7	50	130	516	50	35	45	
Shuttle trains	6	5	110	121	157	46	30	45	
Container trains	4	4	415	165	346	55	50	60	
Empty trains									
Transit trains	16	14	210	176	270	90	56	30	
Other freight trains	26	19	180	225	308	105	65	55	
Total freight trains	61	49	193	163	319	69	47	47	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains	30	18	312	165	154	85	30	50	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	31	19	303	256	292	156	40	60	
Transit trains	3	1	165						
Other freight trains									
Total freight trains	64	36	260	210	223	120	35	55	

BULGARIA (continued)

Railway administration: BDZ
Border crossing point: Rousse
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004
Contact person and details:

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	43	40	309		457	62	11	219/165	
Total freight trains	43	40	309		457	62	11	219/165	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains									
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	7	7	198	372	760	133		163/76	
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	45	17	27	365		87	1	194/81	2
Total freight trains	53	25	92	363	704	92	1	189/80	1

BULGARIA (continued)

Railway administration: BDZ
Border crossing point: Svilengrad
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004
Contact person and details:

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains	25	19	76	286	510	80	20	160	26
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	8	6	112	250	492	60	20	150	20
Empty trains	14	8	43	275	380	80	30	135	30
Transit trains									
Other freight trains									
Total freight trains	47	33	72	270	460	74	23	148	25

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	No. of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		No. of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
Block trains	10	4	27	205	270	60	20	110	15
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	4	2	36	199	270	70	10	110	9
Empty trains	7	5	223	370	710	120	20	180	50
Transit trains	15	11	42	370	710	60	30	260	20
Other freight trains									
Total freight trains	36	22	72	286	490	143	20	100	23

CZECH REPUBLIC

Railway administration: České dráhy (Czech Railways)**Border crossing point:** Breclav (with Austria)**Data collection period:** 7-20 February 2004**Contact person and details:****Direction A** (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	130	38	51	60	81	5	0	66	10
Shuttle trains	0								
Container trains	11	7	59	90	101	23	0	69	9
Empty trains	11	4	96	74	85	0	0	85	0
Transit trains	178	56	45	92	86	6	0	69	11
Other freight trains	99	33	50	109	154	47	0	97	10
Total freight trains	292	138	60	85	101	20	0	77	4

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	34	11	31	60	101	6	0	95	0
Shuttle trains	0								
Container trains	37	22	54	50	103	0	0	103	0
Empty trains	97	53	65	62	84	2	0	82	0
Transit trains	178	90	45	58	91	0	0	91	0
Other freight trains	119	2	4	97	102	11	0	91	0
Total freight trains	305	178	40	65	96	4	0	92	0

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)**Railway administration:** České dráhy (Czech Railways)**Border crossing point:** Decin (with Germany)**Data collection period:** 7-20 February 2004.**Contact person and details:** Mr. Neumann.**Direction A** (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains 1	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay 2	Average (minutes) 3	Scheduled (minutes) 4	Real average (minutes) 5	Customs (minutes) 6	Police (minutes) 7	Railway (minutes) 8	Other (minutes) 9
Block trains	173	88	117	174	211	32	0	113	66
Shuttle trains	31	16	123	155	178	42	0	73	63
Container trains	81	49	65	172	190	45	0	85	60
Empty trains	1	0	0	216	216	5	0	76	135
Transit trains	248	127	83	205	247	31	0	157	59
Other freight trains	38	26	69	185	228	43	0	173	12
Total freight trains	286	143	80	199	245	34	0	160	51

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains 1	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay 2	Average (minutes) 3	Scheduled (minutes) 4	Real average (minutes) 5	Customs (minutes) 6	Police (minutes) 7	Railway (minutes) 8	Other (minutes) 9
Block trains	164	93	56	73	133	20	0	104	9
Shuttle trains	24	13	74	60	120	11	0	91	18
Container trains	88	51	88	60	143	23	0	108	12
Empty trains	18	12	79	95	122	6	0	116	0
Transit trains	240	163	64	78	142	20	0	112	10
Other freight trains	63	35	32	95	127	17	0	106	4
Total freight trains	304	171	67	82	137	18	0	110	9

Principal reasons for discrepancy between the scheduled and real stopping time:

Many auxiliary trains (ca. 20% of total number).

Closures of traffic on both sides of the frontier.

Lack of personnel of DB.

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)

Railway administration: České dráhy (Czech Railways)
Border crossing point: Horni Dvorište (with Austria)
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004.
Contact person and details: Mr. Tupý.

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	42	0	0	120	140	15	5	120	0
Shuttle trains	0								
Container trains	0								
Empty trains	0								
Transit trains	0								
Other freight trains	120	0	0	140	175	30	5	140	0
Total freight trains	144	0	0	134	165	26	5	134	0

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	2	0	0	52	72	15	5	52	0
Shuttle trains	0								
Container trains	0								
Empty trains	42	0	0	20	35	15	0	20	0
Transit trains	0								
Other freight trains	92	0	0	144	159	10	5	144	0
Total freight trains	136	0	0	104	119	12	3	104	0

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)**Railway administration:** České dráhy (Czech Railways)**Border crossing point:** Horní Lidec (with Slovakia)**Data collection period:** 7-20 February 2004.**Contact person and details:****Direction A** (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	24			189	332	42	0	116	174
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	8			70	267	18	0	57	192
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	48			236	497	131		264	102
Total freight trains	80			205	425	93		199	133

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	14			100	270	49		82	139
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	2			45	358	15		34	309
Transit trains	4			142	275	99		144	32
Other freight trains	68			243	439	113		238	88
Total freight trains	88			211	403	100		205	98

Principal reasons for discrepancy between the scheduled and real stopping time:

Long customs inspections.

Lack of locomotives.

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)

Railway administration: České dráhy (Czech Railways)
Border crossing point: Chalupki (with Poland)
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004.
Contact person and details:

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	19	8	145	145	80	32		48	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	30	8	191	30	91			91	
Transit trains	64	33	79	30	83			83	
Other freight trains	34	15	150	265	121	67		54	
Total freight trains	147	64	118	99	93	20		73	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	40	27	68	100	72	10		62	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	5	3	128	30	318			318	
Transit trains	61	23	149	100	47	6		41	
Other freight trains	60	39	59	200	76	21		55	
Total freight trains	166	92	86	134	69	9		60	

Principal reasons for discrepancy between the scheduled and real stopping time:

Lack of locomotives.

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)**Railway administration:** České dráhy (Czech Railways)**Border crossing point:** Lanžhot (with Slovakia)**Data collection period:** 7-20 February 2004.**Contact person and details:****Direction A** (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	82	29	222	73	60	13		47	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	27	14	210	54	61	15		46	
Empty trains	24	8	133	97	37	3		34	
Transit trains	65	19	99	65	56	8		48	
Other freight trains	138	55	83	106	100	21		79	
Total freight trains	269	106	136	91	78	16		62	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	55	30	207	59	80	14		66	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains	29	23	221	48	91	21		70	
Empty trains	43	5	155	47	79	2		77	
Transit trains	82	26	160	52	70	7		63	
Other freight trains	92	33	115	101	114	12		102	
Total freight trains	237	81	160	71	91	10		81	

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)

Railway administration: České dráhy (Czech Railways)
Border crossing point: Lichkov (with Poland)
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004.
Contact person and details: Ms. Malatáková.

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	9	1	65	60	65	21		44	
Shuttle trains	2			50	60	15		45	
Container trains	2			50	60	15		45	
Empty trains	2	1	20	25	57			57	
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	48	10	48	100	122	21		101	
Total freight trains	51	12	47	89	106	18		88	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	16	6	31	60	59	16		43	
Shuttle trains	2	1	7	50	48	13		35	
Container trains	2	1	7	50	48	13		35	
Empty trains	2	1	95	25	139			139	
Transit trains	16	3	67	60	100	20		80	
Other freight trains	56	27	59	100	119	34		85	
Total freight trains	74	39	54	90	103	27		76	

CZECH REPUBLIC (continued)**Railway administration:** České dráhy (Czech Railways)**Border crossing point:** Mosty u Jablunkova (with Slovakia)**Data collection period:** 7-20 February 2004.**Contact person and details:****Direction A** (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Block trains	38	16	249	61	102	39		25	38
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	144	53	136	23	28			5	23
Transit trains	1			60	80	6		32	42
Other freight trains	39	18	144	215	434	151		55	228
Total freight trains	222	87	159	64	112	33		17	62

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Block trains	197	122	313	61	77	16		19	42
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains	19	9	355	80	50	3		21	26
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	22	19	553	264	576	204		104	268
Total freight trains	238	150	346	81	121	32		27	62

Principal reasons for discrepancy between the scheduled and real stopping time:

Long customs inspections.

Many auxiliary trains in the category "other freight trains".

Lack of locomotives.

ESTONIA

Railway administration: Estonian Railways
Border crossing point: Valga
Data collection period: 7-20 February 2004.
Contact person and details: Ülo Hunt.

Direction A (*trains leaving the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at arrival		Stopping times for delivery		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	3			120	305	41	13	52	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains	1			120	161	42	14	80	
Other freight trains	24			158	406	46	17	97	
Total freight trains	28			152	386	45	16	91	

Direction B (*trains entering the country*)

	Number of trains	Delay at departure		Stopping times for acceptance		Average time per type of border control			
		Number of trains with delay	Average (minutes)	Scheduled (minutes)	Real average (minutes)	Customs (minutes)	Police (minutes)	Railway (minutes)	Other (minutes)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Block trains	4			121	283	23	13	65	
Shuttle trains									
Container trains									
Empty trains									
Transit trains									
Other freight trains	26			170	240	47	17	145	87
Total freight trains	30			163	245	44	16	134	78

Principal reasons for discrepancy between the scheduled and real stopping time:

Customs control - 1 time

Veterinary control - 12 times

Lack of locomotives – 29 times

FINLAND

Border crossing points Finland/Russian Federation

Border crossing point	Number of freight trains per day each direction (scheduled)	Average number of trains (carried)
Vainikkala/(Buslovskaja)	16 trains (each direction)	13
Imatrankoski/(Svetogorsk)	7 trains	5
Niirala/(Värtsilä)	6 trains	5
Vartius/(Kivijärvi)	3 trains	1

There are no major delays related to Finnish customs or police controls.
