



A-PRIORITY 3003 Bern
FOT; scl

POST CH AG

Distribution by e-mail

To all operators and railway companies operating
transalpine combined transport

To the associations APT and Cargo Forum
Schweiz

File reference: BAV-331.2-9/2/1

Business case:

Your reference:

Ittigen, 20 March 2020

Transalpine combined transport in 2020 - Information concerning the coronavirus and emergency measures to mitigate the effects

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the current pandemic, rail freight is taking on a significant role, helping to ensure that the general public and industries can continue to be adequately supplied with food and other essential goods. In the current situation, this not only applies to freight transport within Switzerland but to the entire European freight network, particularly the rail routes bisecting Switzerland from north to south.

The FOT is aware of the extraordinary operational challenges related to the pandemic. We assume that significant financial challenges will also arise in the near future. We would like to inform you of the latest measures decided upon by the FOT.

We plan to proceed as follows:

- The FOT will make advance payments in instalments for transalpine combined transport subsidies. This should prevent operators from experiencing liquidity shortfalls in the short term. Specifically, we will issue a payment on account for March together with the payment for February, which will be made in the coming days on the basis of actual numbers. The March payment will therefore not be made on the basis of actual numbers, as would usually be the case. The amount of this payment will be approximately equivalent to the payment made for February.

Federal Office of Transport FOT
Reto Schletti
3003 Bern
Location: Mühlestrasse 6, 3063 Ittigen
Tel. +41 58 462 57 70, Fax +41 58 462 59 87
Reto.Schletti@bav.admin.ch
<https://www.bav.admin.ch/>



- In the coming months, we will continue to issue monthly payments on account. You will thus receive each payment one month earlier than usual.
- Please continue to provide us with the monthly report on traffic volumes (trains and consignments) by submitting the .xls files as usual. If this is currently not possible due to reduced staff numbers, please send a brief e-mail to the FOT at abgeltungen-kv@bav.admin.ch.
- We expect operators and railway undertakings in transalpine combined transport to pay particular attention to the liquidity situation. Should liquidity problems arise despite the adopted measures, please contact the FOT promptly at abgeltungen-kv@bav.admin.ch.

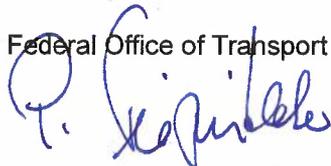
The following measures have already been implemented:

- The FOT has decided to suspend all monitoring activities such as company inspections and audits. This will enable transport companies to concentrate fully on operations. For rail freight traffic, this will eliminate the delays on lines that can arise as a result of company inspections. As it stands, this suspension will apply until mid-April 2020.
- A modification of the General Terms and Conditions will temporarily relieve the burden on operators of transalpine combined transport: if railway companies transport more goods than planned, they can apply for further subsidies from the FOT corresponding to these additional quantities. If the numbers fall short of the projected figures, the Confederation will not reduce subsidies as would usually be the case. This modification will apply until further notice.

We would like to thank all operators for their efforts to maintain freight services and supply the population as it copes with the current crisis.

Yours faithfully,

Federal Office of Transport



Peter Füglistaler
Director

Federal Office of Transport



Pierre-André Meyrat
Deputy Director

Copy by e-mail to:

- GS-DETEC
- Operators with a valid agreement on subsidies for transalpine combined transport for 2020
- APT, Dählhölzliweg 12, CH-3000 Bern 6
- Cargo Forum Schweiz
- scl/aa

Internal circulation to:

- Fü, MEP, BAG, km, gv(all), pv, sn, mz, re, fc, ia