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**ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN UNECE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF
UNECE BODIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE
WORKING PARTY**

New developments in the field of combined transport in UNECE member countries

New developments in the field of combined transport in Hungary 2002-2003

Transmitted by the Government of Hungary

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I. Development of combined traffic in year 2002

In general, the consolidation of the combined transport services has taken place since the turn of the century in Hungary (see the table).

- From 2001 Ro-La traffic declined by 3% mostly due to the diversion of Romanian lorries to their new own national rolling road trains introduced in 2002. 20 shuttle trains run in this traffic per day for the time being.

-Ro-Ro traffic went down by 10% last year, in consequence of the cancellations on account of low water level and of less export of cars as principal freight. 1 ship carries the trucks between Budapest and Passau, Germany, weekly, for now.

-Unaccompanied traffic grew quickly by 41% in net weight but by 3% in TEU, which demonstrates the success of services launched in new directions on one hand and the better-balanced flow of freight on the other hand.

Recently 65 block trains are in service in a week in 13 international relations.

II. Actions envisaged from 2003

By the conception of combined transport adopted by the Government in 1996, this industry has got grants from the State Budget, having increased from year to year to 10 million EUR by now.

The grant serves as contributions

- to purchase 50 wagons for Ro-La traffic so doubling the wagon fleet for this business,
- to increase the number of special wagons for huckepack traffic,
- to purchase apt ships for Ro-Ro traffic,
- to develop the central Intermodal Logistic Center in Budapest (its first section the terminal namely will step in operation in 2003).

Besides the investments, in the field of regulation the main goals are

- to introduce the system of granting from the State to the tariffs elaborated to promote the combined transport operation
- to go on with harmonization with the legislation of EU
- to follow the legal instruments from the EU, ECMT and UN/ECE for the sake of development of the combined transport in Hungary.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMBINED TRANSPORT IN HUNGARY

Kinds of Traffic/Relations	Number of trucks carried				Index
	1992	2000	2001	2002	2002/2001
Ro-La (Accompanied)					%
Szeged-Wels (Austria)	16, 180	35,154	50,317	51,974	103
Sopron-Wels (Austria)	-	52,798	54,303	53,072	98
Szeged-Sezana (Slovenia)	-	7,015	5,529	2,773	50
Budapest-Wels (Austria)	-	7,238	934 ¹	-	-
Total	16, 180	102,235	111,083	107,819	97
Ro-Ro					
Budapest-Passau (Germany)	1,767	13,213	14, 810	13,190	90
Huckepack (Unaccompanied)					
000 tons	995	2, 390	2,354	3,322	141
% in total international freight carried by the national railway	3,4	8,3	8,7	11,9	
TEU	104,700	295,220	258,570	265,760	103

¹ The service was stopped because of access difficulties in Budapest