



Railway network report 2018



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General information

Presentation

The port of Kokkola is an important import and export port, through which annually 7 to 9 million tons of foreign and domestic goods are transported. The port of Kokkola offers logistic cargo traffic service solutions to customers (cargo owners) in cooperation with the 14 regularly operating service providers active in the port of Kokkola area. Railway traffic has an important role in the cargo flow of 5 to 7 million tons that annually goes through the port of Kokkola.

Introduction

The Publication of the Network Report has been decreed in the Finnish Railway Law (304/2011)¹ and in the Directive 2012/34/EU² of the European Parliament and the European Council on the single European Railway Area. The Network Report will be published by time table periods. This Network Report on the time schedule period of 2018 is the first Network Report published by Port of Kokkola Ltd.

Purpose

The Network Report is published for the benefit of applicants for rail capacity. In the Network Report the conditions for accessing the network of the port of Kokkola, Port of Kokkola rail network and its characteristics, the services offered to rail operators, as well as the amount of and the basis for determining the rail charge, are described.

Legal significance

The Network Report is not a regulation issued by Port of Kokkola Ltd, but an informative document.

The information published in the Network Report have no bearing on the instructions issued by Port of Kokkola Ltd. or on the regulations issued by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency.



Responsibilities and contact information

The responsibilities in relation to the rail network is described in the safety management system of the rail traffic of Port of Kokkola Ltd.

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Publication

The Network Report of Port of Kokkola Ltd. will be published for 2018 on the websites of Port of Kokkola Ltd. www.portofkokkola.fi and the Finnish Transport Safety Agency www.liikennevirasto.fi.

Access to the rail network

Use of the rail network

The prerequisites for accessing the rail network are described in the Railway Act (304/2011) and the Government decree on Railway traffic time schedule periods and distribution of rail capacity (1490/2015).

General prerequisites for using the rail network

1. The railway company or the international group of railway companies must have a licence for a railway company in accordance with the Railway Act, issued by the Finnish Traffic and Communication Ministry or an equivalent licence issued in the European Economic Area.
2. The railway traffic operator must have safety certificate, in accordance with the Railway Act, issued or approved by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency.
3. A liability insurance.
4. A railway traffic operator using the rails in the port of Kokkola must have a signed cooperation agreement (safety) with Port of Kokkola Ltd.

Traffic rules and regulations

The Finnish Transport Safety Agency has granted a safety permit to Port of Kokkola Ltd. which is valid from 16 April 2013 to 15 April 2018.

The rules and regulations governing the traffic are specified in the safety management system of the rail traffic in the port of Kokkola and in the safety guidelines regarding replacement and rail works.

General contract terms

The general contract terms of Port of Kokkola Ltd. are specified in the Port Regulations of Port of Kokkola Ltd., issued on 16 September 2015.



Description of the rail network

Extension of the rail network

The rail network in the port of Kokkola comprises about 12 km of rails, located in the Main Port, the Silverstone Port and the Deep Port of the port of Kokkola.

Connections to rail networks of other owners

The rails managed by Port of Kokkola Ltd. are connected to the rails managed by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency and those of KIP Service, and the connection points are marked on the rail chart. Port of Kokkola Ltd. has made agreements with the above owners of rail networks.

Description of the rail network

The rail network is not traffic control

The gauge of the accessible rail network is 1524 mm nominal width.

The rail network is described in the rail chart. Features of the rail network:

There is no rail network traffic control.

The ranges ATU and KU are presented in the rail network chart.

The permissible axle weight on the rail network is 225 kN.

The maximum length of a train that may be used on the rail network will be determined based on the nature of the operation on a case by case basis.

The slopes of an angle on the rail network will be shown on the rail network chart by 2019.

The maximum speed on the rail network in the port of Kokkola is 20 km/h.

No part of the rail network in the port of Kokkola is electrified.

The Virve network, described in the safety instructions for replacement and rail works, will be used for communication

Hazardous substances

The Act on all forms of transports (719/1994 as amended), the Decree on railway transports of hazardous substances (195/2002 as amended), and the Finnish Transport Safety regulation regarding transport of hazardous substances on railway, shall be applied to railway transports.

RID special agreements may be applied to transports of hazardous substances between countries that have signed the agreement in question.

Accessibility to the rail network

Port of Kokkola Ltd. will inform the users of the rail network of any limitations to the use of the rail network.



Distribution of the rail capacity

The rail network of Port of Kokkola is not share the rail capacity.

Traffic planning

The use of the rails has been defined in Government Decree 1489/2015. The planning of the use of the rails of Port of Kokkola Ltd. is done in cooperation with the operators in the port. The basis for the planning is the flexible and cost effective handling of the cargo flows of the customers (the owners of the cargo) through the port of Kokkola. Port of Kokkola Ltd. gives access to the service points, but the customer (cargo owner) and Port of Kokkola Ltd. and the operators agree on this in a contract. The traffic planning is done when the annual plan is made and in the weekly operative meetings with the operators. In addition, the operators must inform Port of Kokkola Ltd. of the daily traffic in the manner described in the safety instructions for replacement and rail works.

The administrator of the rail network, Port of Kokkola Ltd. has the right to make any changes to the plans and Port of Kokkola Ltd. decides about any deviating, as well as urgent use of the rail capacity, however, always taking into consideration the use of and adaptation to the rails of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency and KIP Service.

Services offered to railway companies

Services offered on the rail network

There are no services offered to the users of the rail network in the Port of Kokkola.

Pricing

Rail charge

No charges, as indicated in the Railway Act will be debited to the railway companies.

Service charges

Any charges for services offered on the rails in the port of Kokkola are included in the price list of Port of Kokkola Ltd. The prices of the pricelist are reviewed every calendar year.

Additional services

No charges, as indicated in the extra charges will be debited to the railway companies