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Moving Goods from Road to Rail

Freight Guidance

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Introduction

Moving freight by rail rather than road can seem like a daunting task but is achievable. It can offer a new and exciting way to move goods, which can help towards reducing carbon emissions, something that is good for you, your customer and the planet.

Working together, Freight Operating Companies or dedicated multi modal shift logistic groups can carry out long hauls whilst hauliers undertake the drop off/collection at either end of a process.

Freight operating companies

Freight Operating Companies (FOCs) provide train services for moving goods by rail. FOC's can provide locomotives, wagons, qualified staff, information and planning services to help hauliers move goods by rail. They can also offer general advice and a more detailed consultancy service for all aspects of rail-based freight development

Dedicated logistics companies

They can provide the same service as FOCs. The majority of dedicated logistic companies are initially from a road haulage background and consequently have an understanding of the industry's needs. Dedicated logistic companies can arrange for the movement of goods on your behalf by rail. They can also offer a door-to-door service, which would include the road legs involved within any movement.

Simple action plan

1. Contact FOC/logistics provider to discuss the movement of goods (including how much, what it is, where it is to go and timings).
2. FOC's/logistics provider will work out if the project is viable, costs etc.
3. Once an agreement has been reached, a contract is drawn up and the goods are moved by rail rather than road.

Freight operating companies

Colas Rail

Colas Rail is Part of the Bouygues Group and can be contacted via:

Address: Dacre House, 19 Dacre Street, London, SW1H 0DJ

Telephone: 020 7593 5353

E-mail: enquiries@colasrail.com

Web: www.colasrail.co.uk

Direct Rail Servicers (DRS) Limited

DRS was established to handle the transportation of used nuclear and have expanded its operations to include commercial freight. They can be contacted via:

Address: Regents Court, Baron Way, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA6 4SJ

Telephone: 01228 406600

Email: communications@drsl.co.uk

Web: www.directrailservices.com

DB Cargo

DB Cargo advise they can move to and from ports and terminals and can be contacted via:

Address: Lakeside Business Park, Carolina Way, Doncaster, DN4 5PN

Telephone: 01302 575000

Email: uk.dbcargo@deutschebahn.com

Web: <https://uk.dbcargo.com/rail-uk-en>

Freightliner

Freightliner provides both intermodal transport and "heavy haul" services and can be contacted via:

Address: 90 Whitfield Street, London, W1T 4EZ

Telephone: 020 7200 3919

Email: enquiries@freightliner.co.uk

Web: www.freightliner.co.uk

GB Railfreight

GB Railfreight operates freight trains across all sectors of the UK rail freight industry and network. They can be contacted via:

Address: 55 Old Broad Street, London, EC2M 1RX

Telephone: 020 7983 5170

E-mail: info@gbraillfreight.com

Web: www.gbraillfreight.com

Dedicated logistic companies

ARR Craibs

ARR Craibs are an Aberdeenshire based logistics company that can be contacted via:

Address: Howe Moss Drive, Aberdeen, AB21 0GL

Telephone: 01224 771122

Email: info@arr-craib.co.uk

Web: www.arr-craib.co.uk

Eddie Stobart

Eddie Stobart states that it has is a unique brand status symbolised by its commitment to offering customers a one stop solution for all their distribution and storage needs. They can be contacted via:

Address: The Glasshouse, Railway Approach, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN6 7ES

Telephone: 01925 605400

Email: enquiries@eddiestobart.com

Web: www.eddiestobart.co.uk

Malcolm's Group

Malcolm's provides integrated logistics solutions incorporating warehousing and handling services, road and rail distribution and supply chain management. They can be contacted via:

Address: Brookfield House, 2 Burnbrae Drive, Paisley, PA3 3BU

Telephone: 01505 324321

Email: contact@whm.co.uk

Web: www.malcolmgroup.co.uk

Russell

Russell offer third party warehousing and transport including the delivery of raw materials straight to production lines to the clearing of finished goods either to warehouse or for onward distribution. They can be contacted via:

Address: Deanside Road, Hillington, Glasgow, G52 4XB

Telephone: (0141) 810 8200

E-mail: information@johngrussell.co.uk

Web: www.johngrussell.co.uk

Please note that the FOCs and logistic companies detailed in this guide is not an exhaustive list.



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