

CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FREIGHT CARRIAGES BY RAILWAY TRANSPORT IN POLAND IN THE FORM OF WAGON CONSIGNMENT

Summary

From the beginnings of 90s a phenomenon of reducing the size of freight carriages on railway transport is appearing. Peculiarly the great fall concerns small parcels, high- value parcels transferred in the form of wagon consignment, i.e. single and small groups of wagons, between loading points by the small sending and receiving. A poor quality of the offer of railway, liquidation of many loading points on the network and the strong competition from the side of the road transport are causes of this state. However, it is worthwhile remembering that taking over this loading mass by the road transport causes effects in the form of growth of the road traffic, the increased expenditure on the road infrastructure and the increase of external costs generated by this mode of transport.

In the article author, analysing factors influencing on the reduction of size of freight carriages by railway transport in Poland in the form of wagon consignment, is trying also to show conditions which should be fulfilled so that this form of transportation again becomes attractive for the potential clients of railways with benefit to the society and the national economy.

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