

Press Release

DB Schenker trains more than 20,000 truck drivers across Europe to improve fuel efficiency

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(Munich, May 12, 2009) Energy-efficient driving in European land transportation is a major component of DB Schenker's global warming management initiative. In the next few years, the leading provider of transportation and logistics services in European land transportation will therefore teach more than 20,000 truck drivers across Europe – including drivers of subcontractors – to drive energy-efficiently. A driver can considerably influence fuel consumption by the way he drives, e.g. by using foresight and by driving evenly. A one-day training course already leads to noticeable results. Experience has shown that, on average, drivers who have gone through this training consume up to ten percent less fuel. In addition, DB Schenker will successively equip its trucks with technical systems – so-called FleetBoard systems – which enable drivers to check their own driving patterns.

In European land transportation, DB Schenker is also carrying out a mix of various environmentally friendly measures that will help to reduce the adverse effects that road transportation has on the environment. This includes, for instance, making greater use of rail services in European land transportation, optimizing the capacity utilization of trucks, progressively modernizing the truck fleet and using improved fuels.

Energy-efficient driving is also a key issue in rail freight transportation. In the past few years, DB Schenker Rail has already trained all 5,400 engineers to drive prudently and with foresight. In this way, any extra time in the schedule can be used to reduce energy consumption because, once a train has reached its target speed, it can roll over long distances and lose only very little speed in the process. This is an optimum condition for energy-efficient driving. Compared with conventional driving patterns, energy-efficient driving helps to reduce energy consumption by five percent in electric locomotives and by four percent in diesel locomotives, as well as a corresponding share of carbon emissions.