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Work at Kijfhoek sorting station on schedule • renewal of 'Swiss Cross' affects placing and removing wagons • completion of 'new Kijfhoek' planned for mid-April 2025

In brief:

- Kijfhoek has limited availability at the moment due to renewal works
- In the period from 29 January to 12 February 2024 inclusive, the marshalling yard is not usable due to the replacement of a number of important switches that together form the so-called 'Swiss Cross' on the hilltop
- This has implications for operating times of certain terminals and sidings in (Rotterdam) Botlek and in Moerdijk during this period

Works are on schedule

The complete renewal of the Kijfhoek sorting yard is progressing steadily and is currently on schedule. In the period from 29 January to 12 February 2024, the shunting hill will not be usable due to the replacement of a number of important switches that together form the so-called 'Swiss cross' on the hilltop. To cope with the resulting capacity restriction, DB Cargo has taken a number of measures that will lead to service adjustments for customers of the wagonload network in (Rotterdam) Botlek and in Moerdijk. DB Cargo staff have approached you about this in the past period to adjust your logistics processes to the resulting restrictions. Should this not be the case, please contact our Customer Service Centre.

The renewal work started in June last year. In doing so, ProRail has chosen an approach that will cause the least disruption to users. As a result, one half of the track bundles on the south side will be renewed first and the other half in the next phase. Due to water damage, the unrenewed part of the automated hill system has been out of service since 15 September. The sorting of wagons at Kijfhoek has since been done exclusively with locomotives. This process runs well and safely but is time-consuming and requires more capacity.

Extensive testing of the renewed infrastructure will take place, after completing the replacement of the 'Swiss Cross', in the period up to 2 April 2024. Finally, on 30 and 31 March, Kijfhoek will again be completely closed for sorting activities for the purpose of commissioning the safety systems.

Extensive testing of the renewed infrastructure will take place in the period up to 1 April 2024. Once these tests are successfully completed, renewal of the remaining track bundles will start and the renovated part of Kijfhoek can be used for regular sorting activities.

If you have any questions as a result of this message, please contact your contact person within the Customer Service Centre of DB Cargo NL.



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