



Cargo

Standard Rates and other Provisions of DB Cargo AG

Translated from German:
the German text
alone is legally binding.

Valid from: 1 January 2026



DB Cargo –

**customer-oriented,
environmentally sustainable,
connected.**

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

1 General	04	3 Other provisions	09
2 Basic services and freight rates	04	3.1 Compensation for damage to wagons	09
2.1 Freight rates in wagonload transport	04	3.1.1 Empty running costs to the nearest service point	09
2.1.1 Station-internal freight rates	04	3.1.2 Wagon outage costs	09
2.1.2 Special freight rates: buffer or intermediate wagons, rail vehicles on own wheels	05	3.1.3 Administrative charge	09
2.1.3 Payment reference	06	3.2 Short-notice order for block train (wagonload transport)	09
2.2 Freight rates in intermodal transport	07	3.3 Loading periods	09
2.2.1 Freight rates for domestic transport	07	3.4 Track usage when agreed loading period is exceeded on railway-owned track	09
2.2.2 Station-internal freight rates	07	3.5 Delayed stabling	09
2.3 Empty running rates in wagonload and intermodal transport	08	3.6 Return of unusable wagons (wagonload transport)	09
		3.7 Non-contractual use of wagons belonging to DB Cargo	09
		3.8 Switzerland transports	09
		3.9 Demurrage charges	10
		3.9.1 General demurrage charges (wagonload transport)	10
		3.9.2 Demurrage charges for railway construction sites	10
		3.9.3 Demurrage charges for load units (intermodal transport)	10
		3.10 Cancellation (wagonload transport)	11
		3.10.1 Cancellation of block trains	11
		3.10.2 Cancellation of an order for empty freight wagons	11

These "Standard Rates and Other Provisions of DB Cargo AG" together with any amendments and supplements will be published on the internet at www.dbcargo.com/gtc.

1 General

This document sets out the standard rates and other provisions of DB Cargo AG (hereinafter “DB Cargo”) for wagonload transport and intermodal transport. They apply to both domestic and international rail freight traffic except where otherwise indicated in the following.

Unless agreed otherwise, freight rates and other charges will be calculated as described in this standard rates and other provisions of DB Cargo AG. You can find additional and special services in the service catalogue of DB Cargo AG.

2 Basic services and freight rates

2.1 Freight rates in wagonload transport

Please contact us for your individual transport needs. We will make you an attractive offer for transport and additional services that are important for you.

The prices (freight rates) and charges quoted in the price lists do not include value added tax. Value added tax, will be charged on the total amount subject to this tax. Distances are as quoted in the DB Cargo Table of Distances for Rail Freight Traffic (DIUM).

Freight rates are calculated on the basis of the actual weight for each wagon rounded to the nearest metric tonne. Fractions of a tonne below 500 kg will be rounded down; fractions of a tonne equal to or greater than 500 kg will be rounded up. The weight determines which price category in the price tables is applicable. If a minimum capacity utilisation has been agreed upon, the freight rate will be calculated for at least such capacity.

2.1.1 Station-internal freight rates

Freight rates for cargo movements within a freight station	Amount in EUR	Price list no.
1. Movement of a consignment within a station Any movement of a consignment within a freight station that involves the loading and unloading of the goods will be subject to a station charge calculated per wagon.	537	0118 000
2. Shunting If a consignment that has been or is to be transported has to be moved after train preparation is complete , it will be subject to a shunting fee charged per wagon.	271	0119 008
3. Rail vehicles running on their own wheels Rail vehicles running on their own wheels conveyed with or without a load will be subject to a charge in accordance with section 1 or section 2.		0118 000 or 0119 008
4. Wagons of other keepers Movements of empty registered wagons of other keepers will be charged per wagon at the price listed for the shortest distance in the price tables of empty running rates.		0120 006

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

2.1.2 Special freight rates: buffer or intermediate wagons, rail vehicles on own wheels

In the case of empty buffer wagons or intermediate wagons, freight rates are charged in accordance with price table 1, weight category up to 21.499 t less 25 % (tariff 0123 000).

In the case of loaded buffer or intermediate wagons, freight rates are charged only for the goods loaded and at the rates set out in the relevant tariff.

The price for the transportation of railway vehicles running on their own wheels is calculated using price table 1 (Transportation in a wagon with two axles) based on the tare weight of the vehicle plus the weight of any load it may be carrying. The resulting price is then discounted by 25 % to give the final price (tariff 0112 003).

Exchangeable Euro pallets on full load runs will be conveyed free of charge if the weight of the pallets and the weight of the cargo are specified separately in the consignment note or wagon list/train journal.

In case of wagons which are provided by the customer, the rates take account of both the wagon provision costs and planned empty runs. The rates for running under load are calculated on the basis of the existing price lists and discounted as follows:

- a) 8 % for consignments in open, category F, saddle-bottom or hopper-bottom wagons of other keepers with gravity discharge, with the exception of coal transport,
- b) 12 % for consignments with coal,
- c) 15 % for all other consignments. Any additional runs involving empty wagons of other keepers that are not directly linked to a run under load will be subject to the rates detailed in subsection 2.3.

Price table 1 for special wagonload freight rates (Tarif 0110 007)

Transportation in a wagon with two axles				Transportation in a wagon with more than two axles and a loading length of up to 26.99 m					
Weight of consignment in t	up to 21.499	21.500–30.499	Each additional tonne costs	up to 34.499	34.500–44.499	44.500–54.499	54.500–64.499	64.500–74.499	Each additional tonne costs
Distance in km	Price per wagon in EUR								
100	1718	2108	75	2611	3257	3996	4731	5391	70
150	2056	2719	98	3355	3975	4874	5774	6585	97
200	2323	3302	114	4068	4821	5913	7009	7988	106
250	2730	3874	131	4775	5678	6958	8226	9396	123
300	3023	4275	156	5294	6283	7695	9115	10381	153
350	3414	4842	166	5985	7102	8709	10305	11751	162
400	3676	5211	180	6443	7638	9356	11081	12640	177
450	3874	5482	193	6786	8048	9855	11677	13308	180
500	4129	5852	215	7240	8589	10522	12460	14202	196
550	4370	6204	221	7662	9097	11141	13189	15032	215
600	4600	6521	232	8065	9562	11714	13886	15820	221
650	4827	6834	241	8448	10019	12276	14542	16580	232
700	5047	7141	250	8822	10470	12818	15190	17312	239
750	5210	7376	264	9116	10810	13253	15686	17883	248
800	5324	7545	276	9325	11051	13563	16050	18301	250
850	5437	7714	278	9544	11314	13867	16414	18712	264
900	5558	7878	281	9746	11558	14168	16778	19127	273
950	5683	8052	289	9953	11802	14475	17141	19534	276
1000	5801	8226	296	10167	12057	14783	17487	19952	281
1100	5984	8480	305	10486	12422	15236	18042	20560	289
1200	6221	8811	315	10902	12927	15846	18768	21382	303
1300	6464	9163	322	11316	13420	16449	19481	22207	307

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

2.1.3 Payment reference

The consignor may select the payment reference listed in the table below. Items not borne by the consignor will be charged to the consignee. This does not affect the provisions in Section 421 (4) of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

Payment reference	Meaning
	The consignor pays for
Freight paid	■ carriage (freight rates) along the entire transport route.
Freight paid including...	■ carriage (freight rates) along the entire transport route and certain specified costs.
Free	■ carriage (freight rates) along the entire transport route and all dispatch costs.
Free of... (description of costs)	■ <u>only</u> certain specific costs.
Free of all costs	■ all costs along the entire transport route (freight rates, charges, duties and other costs incurred during transit), but excluding costs caused by the consignee.
Freight forward	Consignee pays carriage, charges and all other costs.

The party liable to pay the freight charges is also liable to pay for the additional and special services itemised in service catalogue of DB Cargo AG, with the exception of:

- the charges for railway infrastructure managers in accordance with service catalogue, subsection 2.4.6, which are only covered by the term "freight paid and all costs" if these charges were incurred at the forwarding station,
- the surcharge for ordering a block train at short notice in accordance with subsection 3.2 (standard rates and other provisions), which is payable by the consignor in the consignment note.
- the surcharge for the transport order as defined in service catalogue, subsection 2.1.1, which is payable by the consignor in the consignment note.

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

2.2 Freight rates in intermodal transport

Prices (freight rates) are available from our sales personnel on request. The freight rate is expressed as a basic charge: the fee for forwarding one load unit by rail.

The basic charge covers the following services:

- rail transport of the load unit into the transshipment station or public loading siding or up to the agreed transfer point,
- supply of container flat wagons for rail transport within the specified periods allowed for loading and unloading,
- handling of the load unit at the terminal.

All other services rendered will be charged separately.

DB Cargo can also provide customers with containers, and offer pre-carriage and onward carriage by road to or from the transshipment station or siding.

Load units that arrive at the terminal and for which no further instructions have been received will be handed over for storage.

In such cases, a charge will be added for each load unit.

The storage of load units is subject to DB Cargo AG's "Special Provisions for Storage and Other Services Rendered at Transshipment Stations (Ubf) and in Service Centres (SC) for Combined Transports (Storage Conditions for Intermodal Transport").

2.2.1 Freight rates for domestic transport

Freight rates are calculated per load unit by multiplying the basic charge with the relevant scaling factor determined by the length and total weight of the load unit. Where only one load unit is supplied for the route, a minimum factor of 1.0 will apply.

The scaling factors for domestic transport are listed in the following table.

Price table 2 for intermodal transport freight rates

Load unit as a function of length and total weight ¹⁾					
	≤ 6.15 m	6.16–7.82 m	7.83–9.15 m	9.16–13.75 m	Semi-tr.
≤ 8 t	0.48	0.50	0.75	0.96	1.00
> 8 up to ≤ 16.5 t	0.48	0.50	0.75	0.96	1.00
> 16.5 up to ≤ 22 t	0.75	0.75	0.90	1.00	1.00
> 22 up to ≤ 34 t	0.75	0.75	0.96	1.00	1.00
> 34 t	0.85	0.85	1.00	1.00	1.00

1) The total weight is the sum of the tare weight of the load unit, the weight of the cargo and the weight of any loading equipment/pallets stowed with the cargo. Stacks of empty used flats that do not exceed the railway's loading gauge will be treated as a single empty load unit.

No discount calculated in accordance with 2.1.2 is applied for the use of wagons of other keepers. Consignments shall be dispatched "freight paid and all costs".

2.2.2 Station-internal freight rates

Freight rates for cargo movements within a freight station	Amount in EUR	Tariff
1. Movement of a consignment within a station Any movement of a load unit within a freight station that involves the loading and unloading of the goods will be subject to a station charge.	537	0398 008
2. Shunting If a load unit that has been or is to be transported under a container consignment note has to be moved after train preparation is complete , it will be subject to a shunting fee charged per wagon.	271	0399 006

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

2.3 Empty running rates in wagonload and intermodal transport

In the consignment note for an empty run, the column labelled 'Contents' must be marked: Empty, freight paid as per price list no./tariff no. (insert number).

The expected empty runs will be planned in consultation with the customer and incorporated into the rail transport pricing estimate.

The empty running rates numbered 0113 (wagonload transport) and 4988 (intermodal transport) apply when an

empty run is directly associated with a prior or subsequent loaded run operated by DB Cargo.

The empty running rates numbered 0114 (wagonload transport) and 4970 (intermodal transport) apply to empty runs where the direct associated prior or subsequent loaded run is not operated by DB Cargo.

DB Cargo reserves the right to retrospectively charge the empty running rate under 0114 or 4970 for an empty run without an associated loaded run.

For the transport of empty wagons provided by the customer – excluding transfer journeys of brand-new wagons/wagons for scrap ¹⁾ :	Tariff
■ where there is an direct associated prior or subsequent loaded run, the empty running rate will be calculated in accordance with price tables 3:	0113 001 4988 580
■ where there is no direct associated prior or subsequent loaded run the empty running rate will be calculated in accordance with price tables 3:	0114 009 4970 091

1) On transfer journeys of brand-new wagons/wagons for scrap, the wagons run on their own wheels as rail vehicles. Subsection 2.1.2 shall apply.

Price table 3 for empty running rates in wagonload and intermodal transport

	Wagon with 2 axles		Wagon with 3 and 4 axles - except of car carrier wagons		Wagon with more than 4 axles ¹⁾ - except of car carrier wagons	
	With loaded run	Without loaded run	With loaded run	Without loaded run	With loaded run	Without loaded run
Tariff wagonload:	0113 001	0114 009	0113 001	0114 009	0113 001	0114 009
Tariff intermodal:	4988 580	4970 091	4988 580	4970 091	4988 580	4970 091
Distance in km	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
100	406	729	531	953	998	1800
150	424	763	554	998	1049	1889
200	457	822	591	1064	1130	2032
250	490	883	633	1140	1197	2158
300	568	1027	739	1326	1400	2520
350	651	1173	840	1517	1599	2879
400	692	1249	883	1590	1680	3023
450	737	1321	956	1720	1804	3244
500	774	1398	1008	1813	1972	3548
550	865	1554	1122	2023	2141	3851
600	1001	1804	1293	2328	2468	4443
650	1136	2044	1482	2671	2815	5068
700	1200	2162	1569	2823	2982	5368
900	1228	2210	1595	2873	3043	5478
1100	1302	2342	1680	3023	3213	5783
1300	1427	2570	1867	3363	3567	6423

1) Separate prices are to be agreed for low-floor wagons and wagon units with more than eight axles.

3 Other provisions

You can find additional and special services in the service catalogue of DB Cargo AG. These other provisions apply to both wagonload and intermodal transport unless otherwise indicated in the following.

3.1 Compensation for damage to wagons

In the event of damage to wagons, further charges may be levied in addition to the cost of repair. In particular, these include:

3.1.1 Empty running costs to the nearest service point

Empty running costs (in accordance with the following table) will be charged if damage occurs or cleaning is required, necessitating the wagon to be taken directly to a service point ("Werkstatt") or for cleaning.

Wagon with 2 axles	Wagon with 3 and 4	Wagon with more than 4 axles
EUR	EUR	EUR
406	531	998

3.1.2 Wagon outage costs

The wagon's journey to a service point and the time it spends there are treated as unproductive time. In normal cases, a wagon outage of three days is charged based on the demurrage rates (see subsection 3.9). Higher fees will apply to wagon types that are in high demand (also in accordance with subsection 3.9).

3.1.3 Administrative charge

An administrative charge will be levied on each wagon for handling a case of "damage during loading/unloading". Double the normal rate for personnel (see service catalogue) will be charged. The average processing time is 30 minutes.

3.2 Short-notice order for a block train (wagonload transport)

If made less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time, an order for a permanently coupled train (block train) in wagonload transport will incur a fee of EUR 2,441/train (961).

3.3 Loading periods

The loading time starts with originally scheduled hand over time. Unless otherwise agreed, the local rules on loading periods shall apply to service in private sidings and at public loading points. Information on these may be requested from DB Cargo Customer Service. If the periods allowed for loading and unloading in private sidings have not been contractually agreed, a period of eight hours applies for loading and unloading until the next service.

3.4 Track usage when agreed loading period is exceeded on railway-owned track

If the agreed loading periods for wagons of other keepers on railway-owned track are exceeded, a track usage charge of EUR 12.50 per wagon and per day will be levied (505).

3.5 Delayed stabling

If the wagons cannot be provided for loading or unloading as agreed, there will be unscheduled stabling at the receiving station. If the customer is responsible for this, DB Cargo shall charge a fee of 220 EUR per wagon (3.9) for the additional expense in addition to the demurrage (in accordance with section 3.9).

In the event of intermediate storage on the transport route, the cause of which is not attributable to DB Cargo's sphere of risk, a charge of EUR 138 per wagon (3.9) shall be levied in addition to the demurrage charge (in accordance with section 3.9)

3.6 Return of unusable wagons (wagonload transport)

If a wagon is returned in an unusable condition (see section 4.6 of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) a charge of EUR 400¹⁾ per wagon will be levied. Any claims for damages shall remain unaffected.

3.7 Non-contractual use of wagons belonging to DB Cargo

If a wagon is used contrary to the terms of the contract, the contractual payments (in particular demurrage charges, wagon rental) for the entire period will be levied plus a charge equal to 2.5 times the amount that would have been due

1) Transport costs associated with the return of unusable freight wagons/cleaning/weighing of freight wagons will be charged separately.

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

had the wagon been rented.

- 2- and 3-axle wagons (loaded): 120€
- 4- and multi-axle wagons (loaded): 230€

3.8 Switzerland transports

For transports with DB wagons to/from/through Switzerland, the following surcharges will be levied (except for double-deck car carriers) to cover the increased costs resulting from the decree of the Swiss Federal Office of Transport of 23 October 2025 (115 and 126).

3.9 Demurrage charges

The following demurrage charges are agreed for exceeding the loading periods during loading or unloading of wagons and load units provided by DB Cargo.

3.9.1 General demurrage charges

Demurrage charges per 24 hours and wagon					
Wagon category	Day 1-6			From day 7	
	Day 1-3	Day 4-6	During periods of high demand	During periods of high demand	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
E, F, G, H, K, L, T, U, Z	77	107	146	182	284
Hb(b)i	96	123	162	204	313
Fa, La, R, SI, Sm, Ta	104	132	173	232	342
Ea, Facns 133, Fal, Ha, Hillmrrs, Hi(i)(m)rrs-tt, Laa, Rb, Rg, Ri, Rn, Rs-y, S, Tadg, Tads, Ua, Za	123	162	210	279	430
Faal, Falrr, Fan, S(d)gg, Sa, Shi, Slps-u, Tanoos 896/898, Ta(l)n, Tamn	153	207	266	355	542
Kijl 450, Kkk 447	208	270	351	477	696

The allocation of a wagon category to a price class is defined by the sequence of category and code letters. If the relevant wagon category is not explicitly listed, it will be assigned to the price class applying to the next higher wagon category (example: the wagon category "Habbi" is assigned to price class 4 that applies to the wagon category "Ha"). Please ask our Customer Service for wagon categories with high wagon demand.

3.9.2 Demurrage charges for railway construction sites

Demurrage charges per 24 hours and wagon		
Wagon category with type number	Day 1-7	Day 8-30
	EUR	EUR
Fc, K	274	284
Fac, R, S	325	352
Facns 141, Fas 126, Fakks 127, Fans 128, Sps 466/468, Slps 462 bis 465	406	433

On exceeding loading times by more than 30 days, the 24-hour demurrage rate stated in column "Day 1-7" is doubled. Please ask our Customer Service for wagon categories with high wagon demand.

3.9.3 Demurrage charges for load units

The demurrage charge for load units provided by DB Cargo in intermodal transport is EUR 23.40 for every 24-hour period commenced (919; plus stabling fees at the transshipment station or service center in accordance with the Storage Conditions for Intermodal Transport).

This shall not affect demurrage charges for wagons provided by DB Cargo and surcharges for excess time and unhit-ching work.

Standard Rates of DB Cargo

3.10 Cancellation (wagonload transport)

3.10.1 Cancellation of block trains

In the week before the day of service, a requirements planning session is held by 12 noon on Tuesday with customers for block trains for the following week.

The following charges apply to cancellations (960) of a permanently coupled train (block train) in wagonload transport:

- 30% of cancellation fee is charged if cancellation order is placed 72–48 hours before the day of service
- 60% of cancellation fee is charged if cancellation order is placed between 48–24 hours before the day of service
- 90% of cancellation fee is charged if cancellation order is placed under 24 hours before the day of service
- 100% of cancellation fee is charged if cancellation order is placed on the day of service

The cancellation fee per train is as follows:

- Routes of ≤ 200 km¹⁾ EUR 5,702
- Routes of > 200 km¹⁾ EUR 9,537
- Routes of > 400 km¹⁾ EUR 15,239

The maximum cancellation fee is 100% of the freight.

Cancellations greater than 72 hours before the day of transport are subject to DB InfraGo AG's train path cancellation charges. DB Cargo reserves the right to charge the customer a fee for the German section of the route of EUR 0.49 per DIUM-km (<https://dium.dbcargo.com/dium/index.jsp>) for these cancellations.

Cancellation is free of charge if caused by reasons for which DB Cargo is responsible.

The full cancellation fee (100%) for the relevant distance applies if a customer fails to transfer a train and does not cancel it by the agreed and planned deadline.

Reordering a block train prior to hand-over to DB Cargo constitutes a cancellation of the initially ordered block train with a simultaneous new order of a block train. The cancellation order must be made in writing to the relevant team in the Customer Service Centre of DB Cargo.

3.10.2 Cancellation of an order for empty freight wagons

The following shall apply if no cancellation fee is due for the cancellation of the transport:

- If a freight wagon that has been ordered but not yet supplied is cancelled after 10.00 a.m. on the working day (Saturdays excluded) preceding the date on which the wagons are required, a fee equal to the demurrage charge will be levied.
- If an order for a freight wagon that has already been supplied is cancelled, a demurrage charge will be levied for the period during which the wagon was prepared and ready for use, and a charge to cover the costs in retrieving the empty wagon (price list 3, empty run without loaded run, 1st distance stage.)

¹⁾ Kilometres according to the Table of Distances for Rail Freight Traffic for domestic German routes of DB Cargo, kilometres for cross-border routes according to the Uniform Distance Table for International Freight Traffic (DIUM) of the International Union of Railways (UIC).

Published by

DB Cargo AG
Marketing
Rheinstrasse 2
55116 Mainz, Germany



DB Cargo Website:
dbcargo.com/rail-de-en



Logistics News:
dbcargo.com/newsletter

Follow and inform yourself on our social media channels.

Contact: dbcargo.com/contact

Applicable from: 1 January 2026