

Janusz Poliński: Desirable Directions of Development of Railway Transport in Poland Part II – Freight Transport

The article deals with issues related to rail freight transport in Poland. The first part of the article discusses factors influencing the quality of freight transport. It identifies licensed freight carriers and their shares in the transport market. It also delineates the present state of different segments within the railway freight transport market, detailing their rolling stock requirements and how these are influenced by both linear (railway tracks) and point infrastructure (freight facilities), which generate the transport goods. The second part of the article lays out necessary steps for the development of rail freight transport. It emphasises the urgent need to develop a strategy for the expansion of freight facilities. This strategy should provide the basis for an infrastructure and technical action plan to meet the targets set by the EU for diverting freight from road transport by 2030 and by 2050. The recommendations highlight the importance of substantial, general, infrastructural, and rolling stock initiatives to ensure the assumed future leading role of this mode of transport in freight transport.

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