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EU Reference Manual: vehicle-related definitions

- **Mode of transport:** One of the six general methods of transportation.
- **Goods carried by road:** Any goods moved by goods road vehicles.
- **Goods road vehicle:** A road vehicle designed exclusively or primarily to carry goods (lorry, trailer, semi-trailer).
- **Goods road motor vehicle:** Any single road transport vehicle (lorry), or combination of road vehicles, namely road train (lorry with trailer) or articulated vehicle (road tractor with semi-trailer), designed to carry goods.
- **Lorry:** A rigid road motor vehicle designed exclusively or primarily to carry goods.
- **Loaded:** There are either goods or waste material in the lorry, the trailer or the semi-trailer, waste material being a particular type of good.
- **Empty:** The goods road vehicle contains no article or any item of transport equipment that has to be unloaded at a given destination.
- **Vehicle-kilometre:** Unit of measurement representing the movement of a road motor vehicle over one kilometre.

EU Reference manual: Journey-related definitions (1)

- **Journey:** A movement of a road vehicle from a specified point of origin to a specified point of destination.
- **Stage of a journey:** The section of a journey between one stopping point and the next.
- **Successive configurations:** The changes during a survey period of the configuration of a goods road vehicle (road train or articulated vehicle).
- **Basic transport operation:** The transport of one type of goods (defined by reference to a particular nomenclature level) between its place of loading and its place of unloading.
- **Maximum permissible weight:** Total weight of the vehicle (or vehicle combination) when stationary and ready for the road and of the weight of the load declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle.
- **Load capacity:** Maximum weight of goods declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle.

EU Reference manual: Journey-related definitions (2)

- **Transport for hire or reward:** the carriage for remuneration of persons or goods on behalf of third parties.
- **Transport on own account:** transport that is not for hire or reward.
- **Unladen journey.** The goods road vehicle travels from location A to location B without a load, that is, a journey without any basic transport operation (this type of journey may also be called an "empty" journey).
- **Laden journey:** Throughout the journey the goods road vehicle carries goods. One or more basic transport operations can be conducted during the course of the journey. The Regulation categorises laden journeys into three types.
- **Collection or distribution journeys:** A single journey in which there are many stopping points for loading and/or unloading in the course of the journey.
- **Weight (of goods):** Gross weight of goods: total weight of the goods and all packaging, but excluding the tare weight of any container, swap-body and pallets containing goods.

EU Reference manual: Journey-related definitions (3)

- **Place of loading/unloading:** the place of loading is the first place in which goods are loaded on the goods road transport vehicle, which was previously completely empty (or where the road tractor is coupled up to a laden semi-trailer).
- - for an unladen journey, it is the place of unloading of the preceding laden journey or the departure from a vehicle depot without a load (this is the notion of 'place where unladen journey begins').
- **Distance travelled:** The actual distance travelled on roads excluding the distance covered by the goods road motor vehicle while being transported by another mode of transport.
- **Tonne-kilometre by road:** Unit of measure of goods transport that represents the transport of one tonne by road over one kilometre.
- **Volumetric situation (Degree of loading):** Degree of loading of vehicle (in terms of maximum volume of space used during the journey): the load carried by a goods road vehicle (or combination of goods road vehicles) in terms of the volumetric capacity of that vehicle available for goods.

EU Reference Manual: Goods-related definitions

- **Goods loaded:** Goods placed on a goods road vehicle and dispatched by road.
- **Goods unloaded:** Goods taken off a goods road vehicle after transport by road.
- **Type of goods (NST/R):** The classification of goods carried by road shall be according to the NST/R nomenclature
- (Standard Goods Nomenclature for Transport Statistics/revised - Eurostat) until such time as its substitution is laid down by the Commission, in consultation with Member States.
- **Type of freight:** The appearance of the cargo unit on presentation for transportation.