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The latest generation of Kögel's Euro Trailer is ideally suited to combined transport

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Following a rail loading trial run at the combined transport terminal in Munich-Riem, Kögel has successfully demonstrated that the extended semi-trailer (longer truck type 1) can be loaded onto all common pocket wagons, even in the latest generation with a length of 15 meters.

The most recent version of the rail-loadable Kögel Cargo Rail Euro Trailer (longer truck type 1), with a total unit length of 17.88 metres, can also be loaded onto all standard pocket wagons in accordance with the relevant regulations. This applies to versions with a body height of 3,950 (rail codification P395) and 4,000 millimetres (P400) or clear internal heights of 2,710 and 2,760 millimetres and a folding underride guard. Kögel demonstrated this during a loading trial run at the Munich-Riem CT terminal. Under the supervision of Deutsche Bahn representatives, the Cargo Rail Euro Trailer was transferred onto a T3000 wagon with a trestle height of 980 millimetres. This proves that the Cargo Rail Euro Trailer can be used in conjunction with all modern pocket wagons (c, e, f, h, i).

The latest generation of the Kögel Euro Trailer measures 1.38 meters longer than a standard semi-trailer, eight centimetres more than the previous generation. The addition was made possible by the implementation of the 9th amendment to the Regulations on Exemptions from Road Traffic Law Provisions governing Overlength Vehicles and Vehicle Combinations (German law "LKWÜberlStVAusnV").

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The codification ensures that the trailer fits into the swept envelope of the wagon and is identified with compatibility codes on the code number sign applied to the side wall of the body.

This means that the Euro Trailer is proven not only to optimise CO₂ emissions on the road by approximately ten percent compared with a conventional semi-trailer combination, but can also be used without any problems in environmentally friendly combined road and rail transport. Thanks to its highly practical design, the extended semi-trailer is ideal for roughly half of all transport operations, in contrast to the 25.25-meter type 2 and 3 longer trucks. It is thus an extremely effective and, at the same time, immediately available instrument in the fight against climate change. Kögel is therefore in favour of unlimited approval of type 1 longer trucks, as already agreed upon for types 2 and 3, and appeals to Federal Transport Minister Volker Wissing (FDP) to take the necessary steps.

Company profile

Kögel is one of the leading trailer manufacturers in Europe. With its commercial vehicles and transport solutions for freight-forwarding companies and the construction industry, the company has been delivering “made-in-Germany” engineering quality for more than 85 years. Kögel lives up to its responsibility to design transport and logistics processes in an environmentally and climate-friendly manner in consultation with politicians and customers. The company’s guiding principle “Economy meets Ecology - Because we care” is a promise: Kögel supports all customers with exceptional expertise, in-depth industry knowledge and, above all, durable, ecologically and economically sustainable products in lightweight construction. The company headquarters and main production facility of Kögel Trailer GmbH are located in the Bavarian town of Burtenbach. Kögel also has factories and sites in Ulm (D), Duingen (D), Choceň (CZ), Verona (IT), Gallur (ES), Kampen (NL), Corcelles-en-Beaujolais (FR), Schärding (AT), Padborg (DK) and Moscow (RU).

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