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Sustainability criteria for road transport

These sustainability criteria for road transport are one component in the SFIF's (Swedish Forest Industries Federation or Skogsindustrierna) sustainability programme. They are based on the overall sustainability policy for transport. Skogsindustrierna endeavours to ensure that purchased transport services, either direct or via agents, satisfy these recommended criteria. Implementation takes place successively as and when transport contracts are updated. This document was updated in November 2020 by SFIF's Transport Committee. Originally the document was adopted in 2010 and amended in 2012 and 2016. For further info:

<http://www.skogsindustrierna.se/skogsindustrin/hallbarhet/transporter>

GENERAL

The parties regard road safety and the environment as important commitments and act accordingly.

The carrier has responsibility for ensuring that the transport contracts accepted from the client are performed in accordance with applicable traffic regulations and taking into account the safety of the driver and other road users.

The carrier has a commercial vehicle license, professional liability insurance, third party vehicle insurance as well as other relevant licenses required to be able to perform the contract.

Should the carrier consider that a transport contract cannot be performed without infringing applicable legislation, ordinances or local regulations the carrier shall decline the contract. The carrier shall also inform the client of the reason for declining the contract. The carrier shall then, if the client so wish, arrange an acceptable transport contract together with the client.

In the event of an accident or serious incident in connection with the transport of the transport buyer's goods, the latter shall be informed without delay.

FOLLOW-UP

These criteria are followed up by meetings and means of random inspections by the transport buyer and the carrier. The carrier shall, from request of the client, provide information and data that verify compliance with these criteria.

ROAD SAFETY

The carrier has a policy and takes measures to ensure compliance with applicable traffic regulations:

- sober and drug-free drivers
- speed
- use of seat belts
- safe loading on vehicles
- gross weight
- safe handling of mobile telephones while driving the vehicle
- signal vest and helmet must always be used when loading and unloading.
- certification for loading and unloading of round wood onto rail in accordance with the training programme drawn up by the Association of Swedish Train Operating Companies (ASTOC), the Swedish Association of Road Haulage Companies and Skogsindustrierna if the contract involves loading/unloading of railcars.

The carrier's vehicle/other vehicles used are serviced according to the following:

- vehicles are approved by the Swedish Motor Vehicle Inspection Company or corresponding test body
- all service and repairs are documented

The carrier's vehicle/other vehicles used meet the following service requirements:

- functioning and suitable equipment for safe loading
- tyres are suitable for the vehicles and road conditions
- first aid
- functioning speed regulator in all vehicles
- traction vehicles are fitted with warning lamps for worn out brake linings when technology permits it
- seat belt reminders are installed in all new traction vehicles
- technical support systems to indicate freight weight have been installed when applicable

Also, the Swedish Forest Industry encourages all transport providers to install alcohol lock, or equivalent device, in all new vehicles.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The carrier:

- perform a work environment in accordance with applicable national laws (AFS 2001:1)
- has a written policy and action plan to ensure compliance with driving and resting time regulations

EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

The carrier:

- has an explicit environmental policy
- shall educate drivers in fuel-saving driving practices
- operate towards reduced fuel consumption in litres per tonne-km
- contribute to transport arrangements that have a lower impact on the environment e.g. combined transport or less idling of engines
- shall take joint action with the client to ensure that the vehicles are suitable for their transport contracts in terms of environmental and transport efficiency

The carrier's vehicle/other vehicles used shall satisfy the following criteria:

- Euro 5 standard or above for all vehicles in the regular fleet
- when purchasing new vehicles for a particular contract these should be of Euro 6 standard or above
- new vehicles should be equipped with a technical support system to monitor fuel consumption at the driver's level
- vehicles shall be serviced in a way that minimize the impact on the environment
- tyres are free from high aromatic oils and IPPD (antioxidants)
- air pressure of the tyres is checked regularly
- shall use biodegradable oil, biodegradable hydraulic oil, biodegradable lubricating grease where the vehicle/engine manufacturer so permits as well as biodegradable degreasing agents
- the glycol in the engine and the anti-freeze in the air conditioning is biodegradable where the manufacturer permits

SUBCONTRACTORS

The carrier is responsible to ensure that subcontractors' activities also satisfy the standards described above.