

Translation (unofficial)

On 5 February 2021, the Danish Transport, Building and Housing Agency issued an order to the railway freight companies regarding supplementary safety measures and the submission of documentation when transporting trailers on pocket wagons.

Based on a precautionary principle, the Danish Transport, Building and Housing Agency has assessed that an injunction is required that sets up additional measures enabling rail freight transport with trailers on pocket wagons can be resumed in a safe manner until further information can justify otherwise. The order replaces the previous ban on the transport of trailers on lorries from 23 January 2021.

The new injunction contains the following measures:

- When transporting on Danish railway lines excluding crossing the Great Belt, companies must submit documentation that the locking stools ensure sufficient fastening.
- When crossing the Great Belt Bridge, trailers on pocket wagons must have a minimum weight on the hitch of 8 tons. In addition, companies must be able to document supplementary attachment of the trailer on pocket wagons in addition to the placement and attachment of the king pin.
- Pocket wagons with the hitch type MAZ80800 may not be used for transporting trailers on pocket wagons on the railway network in Denmark.
- Transport between the Danish / German border and Padborg as well as between Padborg and the combined terminal in Padborg for trailers on pocket wagons equipped with a different type of stool than the MAZ80800 is exempted from the requirement. Driving on these sections must be carried out provided that the journey is completed at a maximum speed of 40 km / h and that the journey can be completed in traffic ensuring that the freight train does not pass oncoming trains.