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**To the Partners of  
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**Subject: Traffic limitation on certain sections of MÁV Zrt's track network due to environmental noise pollution**

Dear Partner,

In line with the June 2019 decision of the European Commission and the Member States, only wagons equipped with silent break blocks can be used on the main freight sections from the end of 2024. Noise, including noise generated by freight trains passing by, is harmful and can cause stress. The main sources of noise in railway traffic are the rolling noise between the wheels and the tracks and the noise generated by the friction of the wheels and the brake blocks during breaking.

Replacing the previously used grey cast iron brake blocks with composite brake blocks offers a solution to reduce the noise between the wheels and the brake blocks. In the case of wagons equipped with composite brake blocks, the noise generated during breaking is significantly mitigated: sound pressure levels can be reduced by up to 9 dBA, which is perceived by the environment as almost half as loud. In the case of more silent wagons equipped with composite brake blocks, the tread of wheelsets also becomes more even, thus the rolling noise generated between the wheels and the tracks is also stabilized at a lower level.

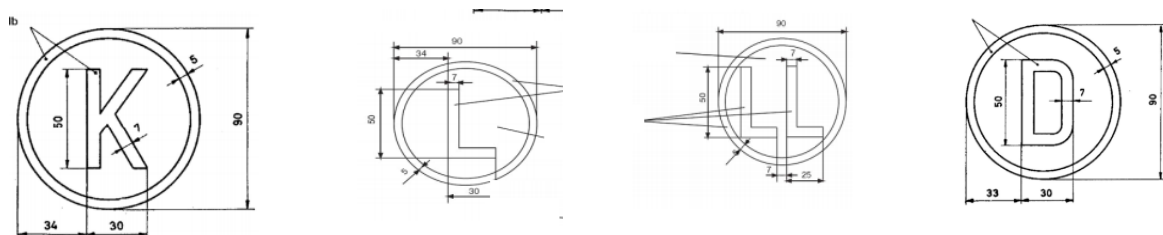
To promote the social acceptance of rail freight and in line with the foregoing, **only silent breaks will be allowed on ÖBB Rail Cargo Group's traffic on the following sections of MÁV Zrt's railway network starting from 8 December 2024. All RCH wagons participating in traffic will be equipped with silent brakes from the above date.**

<u>Nr. of railway line</u>	<u>Name of railway line (section)</u>
• 1.	Hegyeshalom border – Ferencváros
• 40-40e.	Budapest-Kelenföld – Dunai Finomító
• 80.	Nagyút – Mezőkeresztes-Mezőnyárád
• 100.	Kőbánya-Kispest – Szolnok
• 150.	Soroksár – Ferencváros
• 205.	Ferencváros – Kőbánya felső
• 206.	Ferencváros – Kőbánya-Kispest

If you use the wagons (private freight wagons) of other freight wagon operators for transport operations on the sections concerned, please make sure that the wagons are appropriately equipped. If you have any questions, please contact the operator indicated on the wagon.

Furthermore, please note that if the freight wagons do not comply with the regulations, ÖBB Rail Cargo Group will be unable to fulfil your orders.

Please also forward this information to any partners that are loading the goods. Goods transport on the above sections can only be performed with freight wagons bearing one of the following special markings:



The above markings can be found on both sides of the wagons, directly to the right of the brake type indicator (brake disengaging shift lever). The colour of the markings may range from ivory to yellow.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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