

Dachser launches rail services between Europe and Asia

Kempton, March 8, 2018. With Dachser Rail Services, the global logistics provider offers an alternative to air and sea freight that has been optimized for time and cost. The services use the “New Silk Road” and the trans-Siberian route to connect the economic areas of China and Europe.

“Rail is always a sensible option when sea freight is too slow and air freight too expensive,” says Thomas Krüger, Managing Director Air & Sea Logistics EMEA at Dachser. For example, shipping by rail between Asia and Europe takes just 16 to 22 days, whereas sea freight takes somewhere between 28 and 36 days. And as for greenhouse gas emissions, rail transport emits up to 90 percent less CO₂ than shipping by air.

Using its tightly knit European network of 363 locations plus 68 partner locations, Dachser organizes overland transportation of LCL and FCL packages from 37 European countries. It consolidates them at four centrally located rail terminals—Duisburg and Hamburg, Warsaw, and Vienna/Bratislava—loads them safely and securely into containers, and hands them off to the rail operators. Then the containers embark on a nearly 11,000 kilometer journey. The trains take one of two routes: the southern corridor, or “New Silk Road,” winds through Belarus and Russia before crossing Kazakhstan to arrive in China. The second route is the north corridor, or trans-Siberian route. After passing through Belarus and Siberia, it turns south, heading down through northeast China before arriving at the country’s commercial centers.

At the destination railway station in rural China, Dachser handles customs clearance and arranges for onward transport in China and Asia via its own Air & Sea Logistics network or partners. The company has 49 offices in eleven countries in the Asia Pacific region. Dachser Rail Services are naturally offered for both directions: for LCL and FCL shipments to China, but also from China to Europe. Rail Service Desks are available in Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hamburg exclusively for Dachser customers to make bookings. Firm transit times, seamless shipment tracking upon request, and a high frequency of departures throughout the week help ensure transparency and aid in planning.

About Dachser:

A family-owned company headquartered in Kempton, Germany, Dachser is a leading supplier of logistics services worldwide.

Dachser offers comprehensive transport logistics, warehousing, and customer-specific services in two business fields: Dachser Air & Sea Logistics and Dachser Road Logistics. The latter consists of two business lines: Dachser European Logistics and Dachser Food Logistics. Comprehensive contract-logistics services and industry-specific solutions round out the company's offerings. A seamless shipping network—both in Europe and overseas—and fully integrated IT systems ensure intelligent logistics solutions worldwide.

Thanks to some 27,450 employees at 409 locations all over the globe, Dachser generated revenue of 5.71 billion euros in 2016. That same year, the logistics provider handled a total of 80 million shipments weighing 38.2 million metric tons. Country organizations represent Dachser in 43 countries.