

## P&O FERRYMASTERS EXPANDS INTERMODAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE BUDAPEST TO DUISBURG AND ROTTERDAM

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P&O FERRYMASTERS today announces the expansion of its intermodal network to include services from Budapest to Rotterdam in the Netherlands and Duisburg in Germany. The company's already significant network will now offer onward connections, in both directions, between these three vital European transport hubs and the United Kingdom, delivering efficient, sustainable and cost-effective intermodal transport for customers.

Today's announcement marks the latest step in P&O Ferrymasters' eastwards expansion, connecting its rail hubs in Romania and Hungary with global maritime services at Rotterdam and the short sea connections at Duisburg, the world's largest inland port.

John Freyne, P&O Ferrymasters' Intermodal Business Development Manager, said: "P&O Ferrymasters exists to solve supply chain challenges and we are delighted to announce our second new intermodal service of 2019, connecting Budapest with the Benelux, Ruhr region and the United Kingdom. Using our facilities across Europe, we can now reach every part of the Continent with our highly efficient and cost-effective operations. This new service will enable us to sort out even more logistical challenges for our customers."

This new service will use existing rail routes through a strategic rail partner and operate with P&O Ferrymasters' 45 PW high cube containers with a maximum payload of 23.5 tonnes for all types of ambient goods. There will be six departures per week in each direction between Budapest and Rotterdam, with a stop in Duisburg. The transit time between Budapest and both Duisburg and Rotterdam is two days and the transit time between Budapest and British ports is either three or four days, depending on the destination.

P&O Ferrymasters is a leading pan-European provider of logistics solutions. The company serves 20 strategic locations in 13 countries across the continent, operating integrated road, rail and sea links via a fleet of more than 5,000 trailers and containers. A P&O Ferrymasters-owned rail terminal in the northern Romanian city of Oradea, which will facilitate the onward movement of goods to Britain from the Silk Road, became operational in 2016.

The company is a division of P&O Ferries, which sails on eight major routes between Britain, France, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Holland and Belgium. It operates more than 20 vessels which carry 8.5 million passengers, 1.6 million cars and 2.2 million freight units every year.

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