Transport CO2 Calculation Methods

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Methods to calculate CO₂ emissions of freight transport operations

Activity-based approach (rough estimate)

CO₂ = tons transported x average transport distance x default CO₂-emission factor Default emission factors recommended by McKinnon

Transport mode	gCO2/Ton - km
Road transport	62
Rail transport	22
Barge transport	31
Short sea	16
Deep-sea container	8
Deep-sea tanker	5
Intermodal road / rail	26
Intermodal road / barge	34
Intermodal road / short sea	21
Pipelines	5
Airfreight	602

Energy-based approach (most accurate)

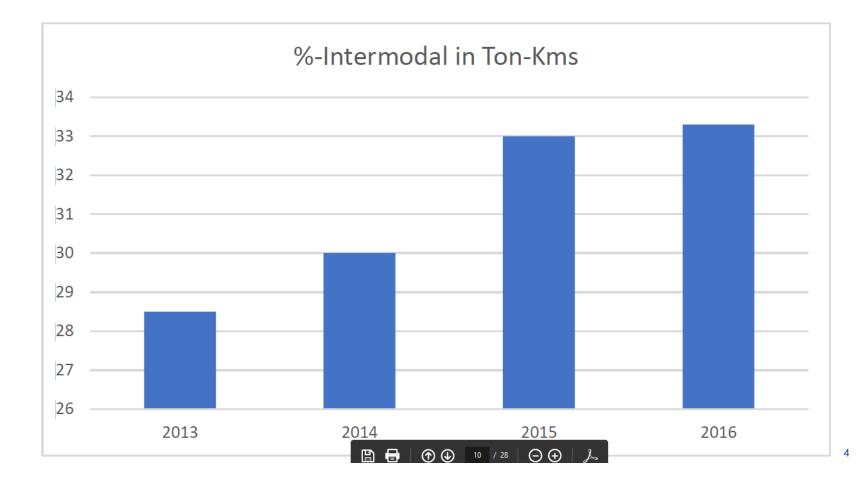
CO₂ = fuel consumption x fuel CO2-emission factor

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Transport CO2 emission calculations

Own road transport: energy-based approach Sub-contracted road transport: activity-based approach Intermodal transport: activity-based approach



Evolution of Carbon Measurement System



