

Lineas Introduces Track Access Surcharge - Germany



Track access initiative

- As part of the Rail Freight masterplan, the TAC subvention was initiated to boost rail transport
- Reduction of the rail path costs on the German network

Track access changes

- For the period December 16th, 2023, to February 29th, 2024, DB InfraGo (formerly known as DB Netz) reduced the subvention level to 19,5%
- As from March 2024 onwards subvention has been increased to 31,5%
- In August 2024, the subvention has been increased again to 32.8%
- From November 2024 to December 14th, the subvention has increased 52.5%
- Starting from December 15th, the subvention is again reduced to 23.5%

Impact on our pricing structure

- The track access subvention is fully integrated in our pricing structure
- To offset the additional costs incurred due to the reduction in the TAC subvention, a surcharge mechanism is implemented
- Surcharge is applicable to all kilometers driven in Germany
- Update Dec 1st: Due to the late notification from DB InfraGO via their website on the subvention change in November, and subsequent internal processing time, and in order to avoid complicated administration, we have decided to make 1 single change of the TAC surcharge and waive the surcharge in December 2024 - despite the worsening of the conditions as of December 15th.

	Surcharge per train per Kilometer driven in Germany	Surcharge per wagon per Kilometer driven in Germany
16/12/2023 – 29/02/2024	1.105 €	0.065 €
01/03/2024 – 14/08/2024	0.663 €	0.039 €
15/08/2024 – 30/11/2024	0.612 €	0.036 €
01/12/2024 – 31/12/2024	0 €	0 €