OBSERVATION OF THE MARKET ON INLAND WATERWAYS IN FRANCE

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Methodology : study points

⇒ Freight transport
⇒ tourism
⇒ fleet
⇒ other informations
Sources of informations

⇒ **Goods**
- loading declaration
- specific counting system : Rhine and containers

⇒ **tourism**
- Investigations
- lock counting

⇒ **Fleet**
- active fleet
Freight transport

⇒ **One main information source : the loading declaration**
- Obligatory
- Declarative
- VNF is using those declarations in order to calculate tolls

⇒ **available informations**
- Transport dates
- Tons
- Goods description
- Origin/destination + route
- Vessels’ details of goods carried
The information circuit relating to the transported goods
Freight transport

⇒ Two exceptions :
  - Rhine : ports activity and locks
  - Containers (TEU) : vendors

⇒ An other source : locks crossing

⇒ Lack of informations :
  - Dangerous goods
  - Empty vessels
Fleet

⇒ only active fleet: vessels with at least one transport per year

⇒ Based on the loading declaration

⇒ Available informations:
- capacity (t)
- type of vessels for the carriers

⇒ Lack of informations for convoys et push barges
Others informations

⇒ **gas price** : monthly investigation

⇒ **Freight price** : french transport ministry investigation

⇒ **Number of companies**

⇒ **temporary investigations** : for example boat computing hardware …