



European Federation of Inland Ports

Port of Switzerland applies for funding for Dock Basin 3

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The Port of Switzerland has submitted a funding application to the Swiss Federal Office of Transport for Dock Basin 3, which is part of the trimodal Gateway Basel Nord container terminal project. The planned Dock Basin 3 will link the container terminal to the inland shipping network so that the growing container traffic volumes can be accommodated over the long term. Furthermore, the dock basin will strengthen the competitiveness of Basel as a freight transshipment site, it will secure jobs in the region and promote the transfer of freight traffic from road to rail.

Gateway Basel Nord AG announced the start of the planning approval process for the road/rail container terminal in May 2016. Two months later, in July 2016, the Port of Switzerland (SRH) submitted the funding application for the waterway connection, i.e. Dock Basin 3. Accordingly, the plans for the trimodal Gateway Basel Nord container terminal were officially presented to the Swiss Federal Office of Transport (FOT) for inspection. The FOT will now examine the funding application on the basis of the Federal Goods Carriage Act.

Hans-Peter Hadorn, Director of the Port of Switzerland, explains: "We are seeking a sustainable, forward-looking development that benefits all partners at the freight transshipment site in Basel, shifts freight from the region's motorways and secondary roads to the rail network and, most importantly, secures jobs in Switzerland. Dock Basin 3 is a key element in the achievement of these goals."

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