



## Germany Inland Tariff - Low Water Surcharge on Rhine suspended

Dears,

Referring to our [CustomerNews of September 3, 2019](#), we are glad to provide you with following update on the current status:

The low water situation has eased to the degree that effective **October 9, 2019** the **Low Water Surcharge** (LWS) could be **suspended** until further notice.

In the event that future water levels on the Rhine River are tight again, barge transports would be severely affected due to draft restrictions.

In such circumstances, we would re-apply a low water surcharge for both Import and Export (combined) barge transports, as illustrated in the tables below for these 3 specific water-level (Pegel) measuring stations:

Water level at Cologne				
Scale/Staffel	Level/Pegel (cm)	20'	40'	
1	195-176	30	40	
2	175-146	50	70	
3	145-126	70	90	
4	125-106	95	115	
5	From / under 105	Free agreement	Free agreement	

Water level at Kaub		
Meters	20'	40'
1,50 - 1,31	30,00 €	40,00 €
1,30 - 1,11	45,00 €	60,00 €
1,10 - 1,01	60,00 €	75,00 €
1,00 - 91	75,00 €	100,00 €
90 - 81	100,00 €	135,00 €
80 - 71	175,00 €	225,00 €
≤ 80	Free Agreement	Free Agreement

Water level at Duisburg-Ruhrort		
Meters	20'	40'
2,70 - 2,51	25,00 €	35,00 €
2,50 - 2,21	45,00 €	65,00 €
2,20 - 2,01	65,00 €	85,00 €
2,00 - 1,81	90,00 €	110,00 €
≤ 180	Free Agreement	Free Agreement

Kindly appreciate that in the event of an extreme low water scenario these costs, whilst charged to Hapag-Lloyd by River barge operators, are for account of the cargo and will be passed on accordingly.

In case of water levels at **Kaub** falling below 81cm, **Ruhrort** below 181 cm or **Cologne** below 106 cm, we regret a loading guarantee for your cargo cannot be granted anymore at that point.

Whilst currently the low water situation is resolved in light of recent weather conditions, for ease of monitoring the actual water levels can also be monitored on the german "[elwis.de](http://elwis.de)" website.

**We are here for you - if you have any questions or comments, please contact your local [Hapag-Lloyd office](#) or send me an [email](#).**

Best regards,



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