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Road freight transport in Portugal and in the EU27 – 2006/2009

## Road freight transport in Europe with downward trend since 2008

The road freight transport activity at national and European level followed two distinct phases within the period 2006-2009. Although until 2007 the global trend reflected an increase of tons of goods transported (+ 0.9% in Portugal and + 2.3% in the EU27), from 2008 onwards, in a context of international economic crisis, a reversal of the upward trend occurred, with successive declines which culminated in decreases of 10.9% in Portugal and 12% in the EU27 in 2009.