

UPM Centralises Shipping at London Paper Terminal

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UPM CENTRALISES ITS SHIPPINGS FROM RAUMA AND KOTKA TO THE PORT OF TILBURY IN THE UK

UPM is further consolidating its European port network. From the beginning of next year all paper and plywood volumes from Kotka and Rauma to the UK will be shipped via the port of Tilbury. “The centralisation of volumes will improve the supply chain efficiency and bring greater service reliability to our customers,” says **Jukka Hölsä** from UPM Logistics. This change has no effect on shipping operations during this year.

UPM have made long term partnership agreements with both the Port of Tilbury (London Paper Terminal) and Transfennica. This new initiative will deepen the cooperation and strengthen the operational integration between all three parties. Cargo centralisation will enable Transfennica to re-start the service from Rauma to Tilbury, thereby enabling two weekly arrivals to Tilbury from the beginning of next year. By employing the most modern fleet Transfennica will increase the cargo carrying capacity substantially and ensure the highest transport quality. This will enable the Port of Tilbury to maximize the operational efficiency in port operations and simultaneously respect UPM’s cargo care principles.

“The Port of Tilbury has a long relationship with UPM going back to more than 15 years” says **Perry Glading**, Chief Operating Officer of Forth Ports, the owners of the Port of Tilbury. “During that time both organisations have created a valued supply chain through Tilbury that fully meets UPM’s customers’ expectations. This further consolidation will place Tilbury at the forefront of handling imported Paper into the UK as a place of performance excellence in this sector of our business”, he continues.

Dirk Witteveen, Managing Director of Transfennica: “We are proud that UPM has selected Transfennica a dedicated partner for the transport of UPM’s papers from Kotka and Rauma to the Port of Tilbury. Since the opening of the Finland Terminal in Tilbury in 1999 Transfennica has been calling Tilbury at least weekly, and we are happy to further strengthen our UK service in good cooperation with UPM and the Port of Tilbury”.

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