



An expanded shortsea service offering

HAROPA PORT proposes numerous solutions for the transportation of goods over short distances – shortsea shipping, feeder, ferry – with competitive transit times.

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An effective multimodal solution

As a reliable alternative to road haulage, shortsea rounds out HAROPA PORT's multimodal rail & river offering and contributes to a reduction in the environmental footprint of the supply chain. The development of this market offering is also part of a determined effort by the actors to strengthen near-distance sourcing.

The advantages include:

- transportation **without congestion**: maritime routes are open, uncongested and free of access restrictions,
- it is **competitive**: in terms of costs per tonne/km and time management based on 24/7 navigation,
- it is **reliable**: adjusted service frequency and times; leads to fewer incidents than 100% road solutions,
- combined maritime transport over short distances that **integrates perfectly into the import/export logistics chains** of industrial companies and shippers (optimised, reliable logistics for the management of goods flows and stocks),
- it is **environmentally friendly**.

An ideal geographic location

As the maritime gateway to the Northern European range, France's leading port is connected to the main geographically close markets:

- Southern Europe: Turkey, Greece, etc.
- Middle East: Israel, Egypt, etc.
- North Africa: Morocco, Algeria, etc.
- Cross-channel: United Kingdom.
- Northern Europe: Norway, etc.

HAROPA PORT's short sea offer represents:

- *more than 50 ports reached,*
- *more than 10 shipping companies,*
- *around 450 commercial offers.*



Multiple solutions for transportation over short distances

HAROPA PORT proposes several types of service to near destinations based on:

- a **dedicated shortsea maritime offering** to/from the main markets in Europe and neighbouring countries,
- a **feeder offering** based on transhipment to/from secondary French and European ports,
- a **ferry offering** of regular services to/from the United Kingdom.

focus on the ferry activity

Le Havre enjoys an ideal position with Great Britain. Since 2015, HAROPA PORT and Le Havre Seine Métropole have been contributing to the development of Brittany Ferries services.

With fast and fluid access to the national and European motorway network, the **Great Britain terminal** is located in the immediate proximity of the major consumption and production basins of the Seine valley and the Greater West.



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Fully equipped to handle UE and un-EU flows, the ferry terminal have been redesigned to meet new post-Brexit controls :

- creation of 140 heavy goods vehicle and trailer parking places,
- installation of a European entry control zone for border police and customs,
- improvements to facilitate the traffic flows on the terminal.

HAROPA PORT is Brexit Ready!

Brittany Ferries offers two regular lines from Le Havre to UK :

- Le Havre - Portsmouth, the gateway to England for transport from the Paris region, the Centre and the South. Information and timetables. Informations and timetables.

In figures (on average per year) :

- Up to 10 departures per week from Le Havre
- Freight vehicle traffic: 35,000
- Passenger traffic: 160,000
- Passenger vehicles: 60,000
- Number of ports of call: 350

These shortsea services supplement HAROPA PORT's maritime offering of regular deep-sea services with connections to more than 650 ports around the world provided by nearly 45 shipping lines.



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