

# **Information sheet on communication test at Gastransport Nord GmbH (GTG): Exchange of data and availability for nomi- nation management**

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1. In order for capacities to be nominated in the network of GTG, a successful communication test must have been completed and a binding agreement on communication methods, data formats and message types concluded as part of the implementation of the contracts. A period of between two and four weeks must be set aside for the test to be completed and the agreement to be made.
2. Any shipper may perform a communication test and agree on communication methods, data formats and message types independently of a booking and the GTG approval process. Both procedures are generally only required when first booking capacity with GTG or if technical standards change.
3. As part of the communication test, GTG will test at a time of its choosing that the shipper is available 24/7 and test the shipper's response time to the following methods of contact:
  - Telephone call to 24/7 telephone number
  - Email requesting a reply
  - Fax from GTG to 24/7 number requesting a reply

The communication test shall be considered successful if the shipper was available by phone at all times and responded to the email and fax within 30 minutes. If the communication test fails, it must be repeated promptly.

4. GTG and the shipper shall agree on and test the following to finalise the communication methods, data formats and message types used to implement the contracts:
  - Data formats for edig@s messaging to execute the nomination procedure (XML)
  - Communication channels (AS2 or GTG online nomination portal)

Multiple communication channels can be agreed.

5. The shipper shall ensure
  - that the communication test and the agreements made for the purpose of implementing the contract are completed in a timely manner before the scheduled use of the capacity,
  - that GTG receives the current balancing group/shipper codes for each network point or contract required for processing, and
  - that GTG is provided with the required addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses in text form, as well as any changes to these.
6. GTG and the shipper guarantee year-round 24/7 availability. This applies to the agreed communication channels and to a specific telephone number. The shipper and the network operator must also always be in a position to receive, transmit and process the data required for processing.