# Tesco Goes by Rail

In September 2020, Transfesa Logistics began a new express rail service to the UK with refrigerated containers. Tesco, the largest supermarket chain in the country, has partnered with Transfesa Logistics to transport fruit and vegetable products from Spain to the UK. During this first stage, the rail freight operator will be transporting 15 loads weekly from the Almussafes rail terminal in Valencia to the Barking rail terminal in the UK. The Barking rail terminal is operated by DB Cargo (the group to which Transfesa Logistics belongs) and is a strategic location in the South East of the country.

On this route, the wagons pass through the Transfesa axle changing facility at Cerbère to adapt, through a simple and quick operation, the exchange of axles to the UIC gauge. The operation will be reviewed weekly and monthly, and volume may expand depending on the performance the customer has set to achieve.

Transfesa Logistics has established a new departure time for the express service, which will be at 20:00. This way, the fresh produce can be collected on the same day of the departure and the food's maximum quality is guaranteed. In addition to this, the corresponding permits have been requested to increase the weight of the cargo to be transported on high-speed lines in the UK. The ultimate goal is to maximise transit time and provide ample loading times per unit.
Transfesa Logistic has extensive experience having delivered goods to the UK for the last twenty-six years. The service also helps to reduce carbon emissions and strengthens the company's commitment to reducing its impact on the environment.

The new route to Great Britain connects Transfesa Logistics with its origins. In its first years of existence, in the 70s and 80s, the company transported in conventional wagons 750,000 tons of produce annually.