

Joint Order of Domestic Vessel to Boost Substitute Transportation Capabilities During Disasters

SENKO Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office: Koto-ku, Tokyo; President: Yasuhisa Fukuda; "SENKO") and Japan Freight Railway Company (Head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; President: Shin Inukai; "JR Freight") have decided on the joint construction and ownership of a new cargo vessel ("the vessel") with a gross tonnage of 499 t. We hereby announce that an agreement has been concluded for construction of the vessel.

This move will ensure that SENKO is able to contribute to reliable transportation as a consigned forwarding business operator comprising rail freight transportation as a core mode of transportation. JR Freight is seeking to develop multiple transportation modes to enhance its capabilities for responding to frequent natural disasters, and to this end has been working to achieve its "Safe and reassuring logistics service" put forward in its "JR Freight Group Long-term Vision 2030."

Construction of the vessel is scheduled to begin from Spring 2024. If the vessel is used for substitute disaster transportation after construction, it will transport cargo that JR Freight has taken on board from each consigned forwarding business operator.



Outside appearance of vessel



Image of substitute vessel transportation during disaster

1. Vessel overview

(1) Vessel dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length (length between perpendiculars): 70.00 m• Width: 12.50 m• Depth: 7.00 m• Planned fully load draft: 4.059 m
(2) Gross tonnage	499 t
(3) Deadweight tonnage	1,600 t
(4) Cargo capacity	2,476 m ³ (planned to transport 80 12-ft containers)
(5) Cargo	Containers, general cargo, separate cargo, steel material, etc.
(6) Ratio of shared ownership	SENKO Group 70%, JR Freight 30%
(7) Construction period	Spring 2024 (scheduled)

The above details are current as of the date of this release, and may be subject to change.

2. Examples of use of vessel

The vessel will ordinarily be operated by the SENKO Marine Transportation Group. In the event that freight rail networks are severed during natural disasters, the vessel will be used by JR Freight for substitute disaster transportation of cargo for each consigned forwarding business operator. This allows transportation services to continue by bypassing sections inaccessible with freight trains, ensuring peace of mind to customers.

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