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Largest cargo ever coming to port of Antwerp

After the arrival of the *MSC Beatrice* the port of Antwerp is preparing for a new record. Monday 27 April will see the bulk carrier *Bao Guo* with its length of 300 metres and beam of 50 metres docking in the port, carrying the largest cargo ever. The 163,106 tonnes of coal will be unloaded at Antwerp Bulk Terminal (SEA-invest) in the Delwaide dock.

The carrier took on its load in the South African port of Richards Bay, and is expected to dock at quay 750 in the Delwaide dock around 10 o'clock. The 163,106 tonnes of coal is the largest amount that the ship can carry, given the maximum permitted draught of 15.5 metres. The *Bao Guo* will call directly at Antwerp, reaching the quay in a single tide. About 60,000 tonnes will be unloaded each day, with the ship remaining in Antwerp for about two and a half days.

The cargo is being carried for EDF Trading, a subsidiary of the French power company Electricité de France. The coal will be kept in stock in the port of Antwerp and distributed from there. The cargo is ultimately destined for the French market, and forms part of the 1.4 million tonnes of coal that EDF imports each year through the port of Antwerp.

The Panamanian-flagged *Bao Guo* is operated by the Swiss Marine shipping company and was built in 2007 by the Japanese yard Universal Shipbuilding. Its maximum freight capacity is 208,014 tonnes.

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