

of Sergino the task of stockpiling 80,000 tonnes of freight during the intershipping season, that is during the winter. In fact, something less than half that amount of freight was actually delivered. As a result, there is machinery standing idle at Sergino and many workers there are underemployed. At the same time, freight destined for the Western Siberian oil and gas industries, located in the region right next to the port of Sergino, travels via the Trans-Siberian railway to Omsk, where it is transshipped to boats to make the return journey to the region of Sergino.

In a word, even now the unoiled wheels, so to speak, of the agreement between the parties involved in the transshipment of freight from railway cars to ships, are still squeaking.

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