7.4 Contingent liabilities

Accounting policy applied

In compliance with the Group's accounting policy, a contingent liability is:

a) a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity; or

b) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognized in the statement of financial position or in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, because it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.



SIGNIFICANT VALUES BASED ON PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT AND ESTIMATES

Contingent liability items subject to a significant degree of estimation pertain to claims brought against the Group to court. The decision on whether or not a claim should be recognized in the form of a provision or a contingent liability depends on an assessment of the probability of loss in the litigation carried out by internal legal services or external law firms. Such assessment of the estimates may change in subsequent periods as a result of future events, thus it may be necessary to establish a provision that would have an unfavourable effect on the Group's financial result.

Structure of contingent liabilities

	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
Guarantees issued on the Group's order	125.0	130.1
Other contingent liabilities	119.8	129.2
Total	244.8	259.3

Guarantees issued on the Group's order

As at 31 December 2018, the Group included in contingent liabilities guarantees issued by banks and insurance companies at the request of PKP CARGO Group companies. This line item comprises mainly commercial contract performance bonds, tender deposits and customs guarantees.

Other contingent liabilities

This line item comprises the claims made against the group in court proceedings in the case of which the probability of outflow of cash is assessed as low, and claims in the case of which it is not possible to make a reliable estimate of the payment amount in the future by the Group. The amounts presented in this Note correspond to the value of the full claims reported by external entities. Assessment of the estimates may change in subsequent periods as a result of future events.