



OBSERVATION OF THE MARKET ON INLAND WATERWAYS IN FRANCE

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Methodology : study points

⇒ **Freight transport**

⇒ **tourism**

⇒ **fleet**

⇒ **other informations**



Sources of informations

⇒ Goods

- loading declaration
- specific counting system : Rhine and containers

⇒ tourism

- Investigations
- lock counting

⇒ Fleet

- active fleet



Freight transport

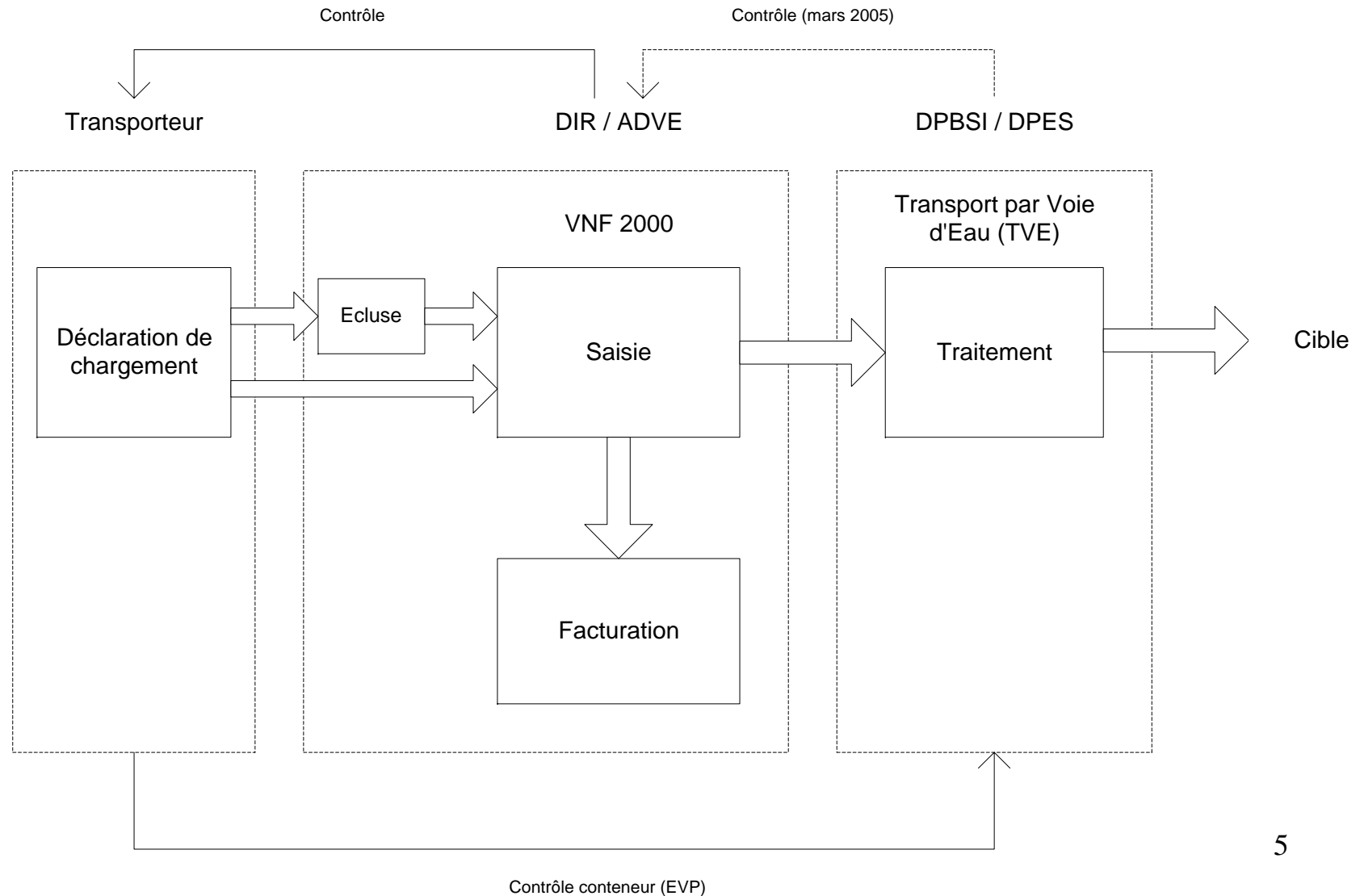
⇒ **One main information source : the loading declaration**

- Obligatory
- Declarative
- VNF is using those declarations in order to calculate tolls

⇒ **available informations**

- Transport dates
- Tons
- Goods description
- Origin/destination + route
- Vessels' details of goods carried

The information circuit relating to the transported goods





Freight transport

⇒ **Two exceptions :**

- Rhine : ports activity and locks
- Containers (TEU) : vendors

⇒ **An other source :** locks crossing

⇒ **Lack of informations :**

- Dangerous goods
- Empty vessels



Fleet

⇒ **only active fleet** : vessels with at least one transport per year

⇒ Based on the loading declaration

⇒ **Available informations** :

- capacity (t)

- type of vessels for the carriers

⇒ Lack of informations for convoys et push barges



Others informations

⇒ **gas price** : monthly investigation

⇒ **Freight price** : french transport ministry investigation

⇒ Number of companies

⇒ **temporary investigations** : for example boat computing hardware ...