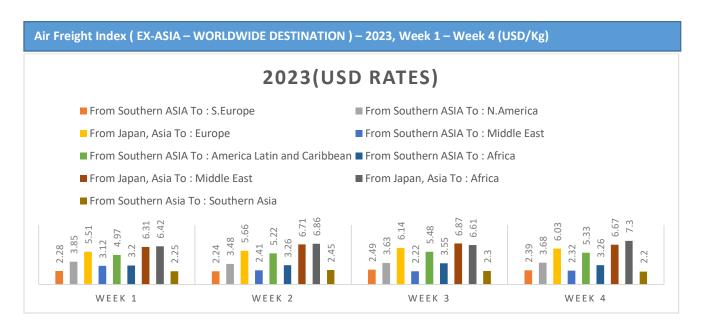
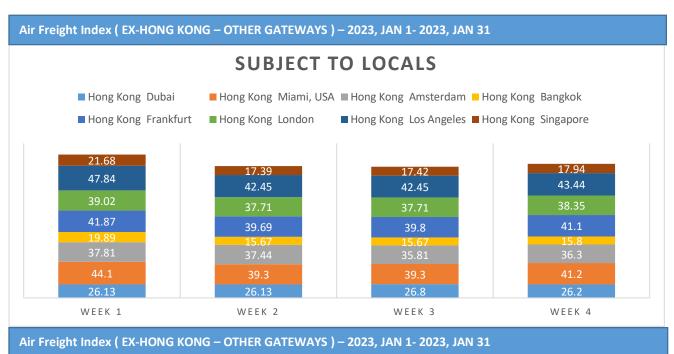




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	Origin	Destination	Index 🕜	Price	Week Change	YoY Change	Favourite
•	HKG	AE	AM	↑ 3.36 USD	+0.03 (+0.9%)	-1.23 (-26.8%)	*
•	HKG	AMS	AM	↑ 4.61 USD	+0.03 (+0.7%)	-2.14 (-31.7%)	*
+	HKG	BKK	AM	↑ 2.11 USD	+0.10 (+5.0%)	-0.60 (-22.1%)	*
+	HKG	CHI	AM	↑ 5.59 USD	+0.16 (+2.9%)	-4.96 (-47.0%)	*
•	HKG	DFW	AM	↓ 5.34 USD	-0.78 (-12.7%)	-4.32 (-44.7%)	*
•	HKG	DFW	AM	↓ 5.34 USD	-0.78 (-12.7%)	-4.32 (-44.7%)	*
•	HKG	FRA	AM	↓ 4.53 USD	-0.46 (-9.2%)	-2.73 (-37.6%)	*
•	HKG	LAX	AM	↓ 4.90 USD	-0.71 (-12.7%)	-4.95 (-50.3%)	*
+	HKG	LON	AM	↑ 4.89 USD	+0.06 (+1.2%)	-1.60 (-24.7%)	*
+	HKG	MIL	AM	↓ 4.74 USD	-0.07 (-1.5%)	-1.55 (-24.6%)	*
•	HKG	NYC	AM	↓ 5.96 USD	-0.62 (-9.4%)	-3.62 (-37.8%)	*
+	HKG	SHA	AM	↑ 1.50 USD	+0.12 (+8.7%)	-0.08 (-5.1%)	*
•	HKG	SIN	AM	↑ 2.24 USD	+0.04 (+1.8%)	-0.85 (-27.5%)	*

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Origin	Destination	Via	20'	40'	40'H
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Los Angeles, Long	uswc	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
	Beach		·		
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Oakland	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Tacoma	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	New York	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Wilmington	ILM	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Savannah	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Norfolk	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Charleston	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Jacksonville	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Busan, Kwangyang	Los Angeles, Long Beach	uswc	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Busan, Kwangyang	Oakland	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Busan	Tacoma	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Busan	New York	USEC	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Busan	Wilmington	ILM	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Busan	Savannah	USEC	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Busan	Norfolk	USEC	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Busan	Charleston	USEC	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Busan	Jacksonville	USEC	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Los Angeles, Long Beach	uswc	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Oakland	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Tacoma	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	New York	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Wilmington (on EC2 via PUS/SHA)	ILM	\$1,925	\$2,750	\$2,750
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Savannah	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Norfolk	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Charleston	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Jacksonville	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Kaohsiung, Keelung	Los Angeles, Long Beach	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Kaohsiung, Keelung	Oakland	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Kaohsiung	Tacoma	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Kaohsiung	New York	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Kaohsiung	Wilmington (on EC2 via PUS/SHA)	ILM	\$1,925	\$2,750	\$2,750
Kaohsiung	Savannah	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Kaohsiung	Norfolk	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Kaohsiung	Charleston	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Kaohsiung	Jacksonville	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Los Angeles, Long Beach	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Oakland	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep	Tacoma	USWC	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350

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Origin	Destination	Via	20'	40'	40'H
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	New York	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Wilmington (on EC2 via PUS/SHA)	ILM	\$1,925	\$2,750	\$2,750
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Savannah	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Norfolk	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep	Charleston	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Jacksonville	USEC	\$1,820	\$2,600	\$2,600
Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Yantian	Mobile	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Mobile(on EC6 via			·	00.450
Qingdao, Xiamen	PUS/SHA/YTN)	GUEC	\$2,205	\$3,150	\$3,150
Kaohsiung	Mobile	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
Busan	Mobile	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port	Mobile(on EC6 via		CO 400		\$2,000
Kelang	PUS/SHA/YTN)	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Yantian	Houston	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Houston(on EC6 via		ФО 20 Г		CO 450
Qingdao, Xiamen	PUS/SHA/YTN)	GUEC	\$2,205	\$3,150	\$3,150
Kaohsiung	Houston	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
Busan	Houston	GUEC	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port	Houston(on EC6 via		\$2,100		\$3,000
Kelang	PUS/SHA/YTN)	GUEC	φ2,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Detroit, MI	PRR	\$3,440	\$4,300	\$4,300
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Memphis, TN	PRR	\$3,420	\$3,800	\$3,800
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Minneapolis, MN (New Richmond, WI)	PRR	-	\$4,100	\$4,100
Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Yantian, Qingdao,					
Xiamen,Kaohsiung,Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Halifax, Canada	HAL	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$2,500
Busan	Halifax, Canada	HAL	\$1,890	\$2,700	\$2,700
Shanghai, Qingdao, Ningbo	Vancouver, Canada	VAN	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Busan	Vancouver, Canada	VAN	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Hong Kong, Yantian, Xiamen	Vancouver, Canada	VAN	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Kaohsiung	Vancouver, Canada	VAN	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep	Vancouver, Canada	VAN	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo	Prince Rupert , Canada	PRR	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
Busan	Prince Rupert , Canada	PRR	\$945	\$1,350	\$1,350
All Base Ports	Toronto, Canada	VAN	\$2,880	\$3,600	\$3,600
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Toronto, Canada	PRR	\$2,880	\$3,600	\$3,600
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Toronto, Canada	HAL	\$3,560	\$4,450	\$4,450
All Base Ports	Montreal, Canada	VAN	\$2,960	\$3,700	\$3,700
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Montreal, Canada	PRR	\$2,960	\$3,700	\$3,700
Singapore, Laem Chabang, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Mep, Port Kelang	Montreal, Canada	HAL	\$3,560	\$4,450	\$4,450
All Base Ports	Calgary, Canada	VAN	\$2,380	\$2,975	\$2,975
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Calgary, Canada	PRR	\$2,380	\$2,975	\$2,975
All Base Ports	Edmonton, Canada	VAN	\$2,380	\$2,975	\$2,975
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Edmonton, Canada	PRR	\$2,380	\$2,975	\$2,975
All Base Ports	Saskatoon, Canada	VAN	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,000
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Saskatoon, Canada	PRR	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,000
All Base Ports	Winnipeg, Canada	VAN	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,000
Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Pusan	Winnipeg, Canada	PRR	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,000

⁻For DG CARGO (IMO Class 3 to 9) to USA and Canada, add $\$240/20'\ \$300/40',\ \$300/40'HC$

-For DG CARGO (IMO Class 2) to USA and Canada, add \$800/20' \$800/40', \$800/40'HC

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- For Singapore Transhipment DG CARGO (PSA GROUP 1/1D and 2) to USA and Canada, add \$500/20' \$700/40', \$700/40'HC

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Destination	POL	20GP	40GP	40HQ	POL	20GP	40GP	40HQ	POL	20GP	40GP	40HQ
PRINCE RUPERT, BC	DAD	1,155	1,696	1,796	нсм	1,040	1,466	1,566	HPH	1,030	1,446	1,546
VANCOUVER	DAD	1,155	1,696	1,796	нсм	1,040	1,466	1,566	HPH	1,030	1,446	1,546
LONG BEACH, CA	DAD	1,240	1,809	1,909	нсм	1,125	1,579	1,679	HPH	1,115	1,559	1,659
LOS ANGELES, CA	DAD	1,240	1,809	1,909	HCM	1,125	1,579	1,679	HPH	1,115	1,559	1,659
OAKLAND, CA	DAD	1,240	1,809	1,909	нсм	1,125	1,579	1,679	HPH	1,115	1,559	1,659
SEATTLE, WA	DAD	1,240	1,809	1,909	HCM	1,125	1,579	1,679	HPH	1,115	1,559	1,659
TACOMA, WA	DAD	1,240	1,809	1,909	HCM	1,125	1,579	1,679	HPH	1,125	1,579	1,679
PORTLAND, OR	DAD	1,390	2,009	2,109	HCM	1,275	1,779	1,879	HPH	1,265	1,759	1,859
BALTIMORE, MD	DAD	2,119	3,059	3,159	HCM	2,004	2,829	2,929	HPH	1,994	2,809	2,909
CHARLESTON, SC	DAD	2,119	3,059	3,159	HCM	2,004	2,829	2,929	HPH	1,994	2,809	2,909
MIAMI, FL	DAD	2,119	3,059	3,159	HCM	2,004	2,829	2,929	HPH	1,994	2,809	2,909
NEW YORK, NY	DAD	2,119	3,059	3,159	HCM	2,004	2,829	2,929	HPH	1,994	2,809	2,909
NORFOLK, VA	DAD	2,119	3,059	3,159	HCM	2,004	2,829	2,929	HPH	1,994	2,809	2,909
SAVANNAH, GA	DAD	2,119	3,059	3,159	HCM	2,004	2,829	2,929	HPH	1,994	2,809	2,909
PORT EVERGLADES, FL	DAD	2,159	3,109	3,209	нсм	2,044	2,879	2,979	НРН	2,034	2,859	2,959
WILMINGTON, NC	DAD	2,199	3,159	3,259	HCM	2,084	2,929	3,029	HPH	2,074	2,909	3,009
CALGARY	DAD	2,205	3,096	3,196	HCM	2,090	2,866	2,966	HPH	2,080	2,846	2,946
EDMONTON	DAD	2,205	3,096	3,196	HCM	2,090	2,866	2,966	HPH	2,080	2,846	2,946
JACKSONVILLE, FL	DAD	2,239	3,209	3,309	HCM	2,124	2,979	3,079	HPH	2,114	2,959	3,059
BOSTON, MA	DAD	2,279	3,259	3,359	HCM	2,164	3,029	3,129	HPH	2,154	3,009	3,109
HALIFAX	DAD	2,446	3,496	3,596	HCM	2,331	3,266	3,366	HPH	2,321	3,246	3,346
MONTREAL	DAD	2,446	3,496	3,596	HCM	2,331	3,266	3,366	HPH	2,321	3,246	3,346
HOUSTON, TX	DAD	2,456	3,509	3,609	HCM	2,341	3,279	3,379	HPH	2,331	3,259	3,359
MOBILE, AL	DAD	2,456	3,509	3,609	HCM	2,341	3,279	3,379	HPH	2,331	3,259	3,359
NEW ORLEANS, LA	DAD	2,456	3,509	3,609	HCM	2,341	3,279	3,379	HPH	2,331	3,259	3,359
TAMPA, FL	DAD	2,456	3,509	3,609	HCM	2,341	3,279	3,379	HPH	2,331	3,259	3,359
PHILADELPHIA, PA	DAD	2,519	3,559	3,659	HCM	2,404	3,329	3,429	HPH	2,394	3,309	3,409
TORONTO	DAD	2,596	3,696	3,796	HCM	2,481	3,466	3,566	HPH	2,471	3,446	3,546
KANSAS CITY, KS	DAD	3,040	4,209	4,309	HCM	2,925	3,979	4,079	HPH	2,915	3,959	4,059

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CHICAGO, IL	DAD	3,115	4,309	4,409	HCM	3,000	4,079	4,179	HPH	2,990	4,059	4,159
DALLAS, TX	DAD	3,153	4,359	4,459	HCM	3,038	4,129	4,229	HPH	3,028	4,109	4,209
MEMPHIS, TN	DAD	3,153	4,359	4,459	HCM	3,038	4,129	4,229	HPH	3,028	4,109	4,209
ST LOUIS, MO	DAD	3,190	4,409	4,509	HCM	3,075	4,179	4,279	HPH	3,065	4,159	4,259
EL PASO, TX	DAD	3,265	4,509	4,609	HCM	3,150	4,279	4,379	HPH	3,140	4,259	4,359
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	DAD	3,265	4,509	4,609	HCM	3,150	4,279	4,379	HPH	3,140	4,259	4,359
ATLANTA, GA	DAD	3,269	4,309	4,409	HCM	3,154	4,079	4,179	HPH	3,144	4,059	4,159
GREER, SC	DAD	3,269	4,309	4,409	HCM	3,154	4,079	4,179	HPH	3,144	4,059	4,159
CHARLOTTE, NC	DAD	3,309	4,359	4,459	HCM	3,309	4,359	4,459	HPH	3,184	4,109	4,209
COLUMBUS, OH	DAD	3,349	4,409	4,509	HCM	3,234	4,179	4,279	HPH	3,234	4,179	4,279
GREENSBORO, NC	DAD	3,349	4,409	4,509	HCM	3,234	4,179	4,279	HPH	3,224	4,159	4,259
CINCINNATI, OH	DAD	3,415	4,709	4,809	HCM	3,300	4,479	4,579	HPH	3,290	4,459	4,559
CLEVELAND, OH	DAD	3,415	4,709	4,809	НСМ	3,300	4,479	4,579	HPH	3,290	4,459	4,559
DETROIT, MI	DAD	3,453	4,759	4,859	HCM	3,338	4,529	4,629	HPH	3,328	4,509	4,609
LOUISVILLE, KY	DAD	3,565	4,909	5,009	HCM	3,450	4,679	4,779	HPH	3,440	4,659	4,759
NASHVILLE, TN	DAD	3,589	4,709	4,809	HCM	3,474	4,479	4,579	HPH	3,464	4,459	4,559
EAST ST LOUIS, IL	DAD	3,669	4,809	4,909	HCM	3,554	4,579	4,679	HPH	3,544	4,559	4,659
REGINA	DAD	3,705	5,096	5,196	HCM	3,590	4,866	4,966	HPH	3,580	4,846	4,946
SASKATOON	DAD	3,705	5,096	5,196	HCM	3,590	4,866	4,966	HPH	3,580	4,846	4,946
DENVER, CO	DAD	3,847	5,285	5,409	HCM	3,732	5,055	5,179	HPH	3,722	5,035	5,159
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	DAD	4,056	5,562	5,662	HCM	3,941	5,332	5,432	HPH	3,931	5,312	5,412
WINNIPEG	DAD	4,230	5,796	5,896	HCM	4,115	5,566	5,666	HPH	4,105	5,546	5,646
COUNCIL BLUFF, IA	DAD	4,315	5,909	6,009	НСМ	4,200	5,679	5,779	HPH	4,190	5,659	5,759
ST PAUL, MN	DAD	4,372	5,985	6,109	НСМ	4,257	5,755	5,879	HPH	4,247	5,735	5,859
SAINT PAUL, MN	DAD	4,390	6,009	6,133	HCM	4,275	5,779	5,903	HPH	4,275	5,779	5,903

GENERAL MARKET UPDATES

Fedex Freight announces another round of driver furloughs

FedEx Freight, the less-than-truckload unit of FedEx Corp., (NYSE: FDX) announced late Friday it has enacted another round of temporary driver furloughs in some U.S. markets in what it called an effort to "align our workforce with operational requirements."

The unit did not disclose the number of furloughed drivers. Nor did it state how long they might be furloughe. Some eligible employees will be offered permanent transfer opportunities to other markets that have hiring needs, according to a FedEx statement. FedEx Freight will maintain health benefits and provide other financial incentives for furloughed employees.

The company also said it "will continue to evaluate the environment and bring back furloughed employees as business circumstances allow."

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In November, FedEx Freight announced 90-day furloughs of an undetermined number of drivers. Those furloughs started in December.

Like other LTL carriers, FedEx Freight has been impacted by weaker volumes stemming from a decline in industrial production activity. Industrial shipments are LTL carriers' livelihood.

Source: https://www.freightwaves.com

China Return to Action Could Trigger a Freight Market Rebound

China's reopening after the Lunar New Year celebrations, is expected to offer a boost in the freight rate market. In its latest weekly report, shipbroker Xclusiv Shipbrokers said that "as the Lunar New Year was celebrated in China, the dry bulk and tanker markets continued moving south. Since the beginning of 2023, the BCI has lost 66%, while the BPI, BSI, and BHSI have reduced by around 30% touching levels not seen since June/July 2020. Furthermore, in the tanker market, the BCTI is down by around 44%, whilst the BDTI has witnessed a smaller decrease of 9% from this current year's start. According to Chinese cross-cultural experts, the rabbit, the year of has officially commenced, signifies relaxation, calmness, and contemplation, not exactly market-friendly attributes. In any case, as the rabbit "has entered the race", it remains to be seen if it will rely mainly on its speed".

Source: https://www. Hellenicshippingnews.com

Hi-tech solutions at ports smooth the flow of Indian supply chains

Digital solutions are gaining ground at Indian ports, especially for exporters and importers using container terminals in Nhava Sheva Port. Customs authorities at Nhava Sheva have set up "drive-through container scanning" for truck cargo passing through PSA Mumbai, also known as Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals.



Officials believe the tech-enabled imaging system, introduced after trial runs, will significantly reduce cargo dwell times for import loads.

"It is a high-speed container scanner with a throughput capacity of 100 containers an hour," an official told *The Loadstar*.

"Equipment advancement is critical to trade growth, in addition to addressing growing maritime security concerns," a Mumbai-based container line spokesperson said.

The upgrade comes as shipper demands for import clearance via the direct port delivery (DPD) window – a fast-track, green channel arrangement – is seeing considerable traction. Nearly 70%

of laden imports at Nhava Sheva are being transacted through DPD, port data shows.

With the addition of more regular services and sporadic ad-hoc vessel calls, PSA Mumbai saw its container volumes hit a new monthly high last month, up 32% year on year, to some 177,500 teu, outpacing the growth rates recorded by other terminals in the harbour.

To speed up cargo flows, Nhava Sheva Customs recently also simplified shipper documentation requirements for securing "let export order" (LEO) permissions. And all terminals at the port have automated gate systems, equipped with radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology for container tracking.

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RFID tag enables supply chain stakeholders to track goods in transit through the port to inland container depots, container freight stations and to end-users, bringing down logistics costs through greater predictability and optimisation of cargo flows.

As the market presents new demand challenges, ocean carriers serving Indian trades are also actively exploring ways to shore up service efficiencies. Maersk has tightened its cargo acceptance processes for hinterland/inland container depot locations to ensure vessels fill capacity in line with planned loads.

Source: https://loadstar.com

EU's Embargo and Price Cap on Russian Oil Products

A European Union ban on Russian refined petroleum products including diesel and fuel oil will take effect on Feb. 5 in an effort to curb Moscow's revenues from energy exports.

The measure follows an earlier EU embargo on Russian seaborne crude in which the bloc, the Group of Seven (G7) wealthy countries and Australia set a crude price cap at \$60 per barrel from Dec. 5. The coalition aims to punish Russia over its invasion of Ukraine almost a year ago by depriving it of revenue from its oil and products exports.

Envisioned as a safety valve from the EU ban, which covers insuring and shipping Russian oil and therefore risks snarling up the entire global trade, the price cap mechanisms would allow such services provided they occur below an enforced low price. Below are the main elements of how the embargo on Russian refined products is supposed to work: PRICE CAP



The level of price cap for Russian oil products has yet to be determined, but the European Commission suggested a \$100 a barrel ceiling on Russian diesel, which trades at a premium to crude, and a \$45 a barrel cap on discounted products such as fuel oil.

Applying the price ceiling is likely to be complicated by the variety and quality of oil products targeted and will therefore be more intricate than the Dec. 5 crude price cap.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED

The ban bars EU vessels from carrying Russian-origin petroleum products. The provision also applies to companies that provide technical, brokering or financial assistance such as insurance for cargoes carrying Russian refined products.

WHAT IS ALLOWED

The ban will not apply if the petroleum products are purchased at or below the oil price cap agreed by the EU. PENALTIES

If a vessel sailing under the flag of a third party intentionally carries Russian oil above the price cap, EU operators will be prohibited from insuring, financing and servicing this vessel for 90 days after the cargo has been unloaded.

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EU flagged vessels will be subject to penalties according to national legislation, but the EU is already working on a penalty of 5% of global turnover for companies that break EU sanctions.

Source: https://gcaptain.com

Veritas completes Wood Mackenzie \$3.1bn takeover

New York-based private equity firm Veritas Capital has closed the \$3.1bn acquisition of energy consultancy Wood Mackenzie from Verisk.

The acquired company will be led by Mark Brinin, who has been promoted from co-president to chief executive officer. Joe Levesque has been appointed as president and chief operating officer.



"To be returning to our roots as a standalone company and partnering with a firm with Veritas' track record places us in a unique and enviable peer group. In Veritas, we have found a strategic partner that will enable us to realise greater value for our customers, both in mature markets we have served for the last five decades, as well as in the evolving power and renewables sector which is currently driving the global energy transition," remarked Brinin.

Verisk bought Wood Mackenzie in 2015 from buyout firm Hellman & Friedman. The sale also includes an additional contingent payment of up to \$200m in the

future for Verisk. Morgan Stanley acted as financial advisor and Davis Polk & Wardwell served as legal counsel to Verisk in connection with the transaction.

Source : https://splash247.com/

Grain exports out of Ukraine set to accelerate this month

After grain shipments out of Ukraine's three export ports on the Black Sea slumped to a four-month low in January, the signs are that volumes are set to bounce back while the United Nations is busy negotiating an extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, which is due for renewal in the middle of March.

According to data from the Joint Coordination Centre for the Black Sea Grain Initiative, the cargo volumes of grains departing Ukrainian ports decreased in January compared to the preceding month.

However, data from chartering platform Shipfix suggests February will see a notable uptick in grain exports from Ukraine.

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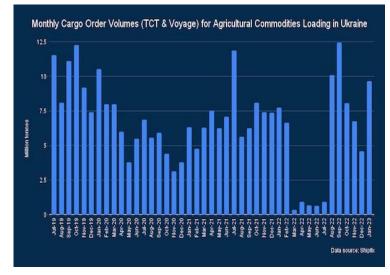
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"A robust rebound in ordering activities during January suggests that the cargo inspectors in the Bosporus may be

busy in the coming month. The aggregate reading for the past month represents a growth of more than 100 per cent month-on-month and is the highest since September last year," a report from Shipfix stated yesterday. Brokered in July between warring parties Russia and Ukraine, the Black Sea Grain Initiative allows exports from three Ukrainian Black Sea ports. The UN pact comes up for renewal every three months with negotiators discussing an extension at the moment.



President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has proposed that the Black

Sea Grain Initiative be expanded to the ports of Mykolaiv region, something the Russian side is unlikely to agree upon.

Source: https://splash247.com/

Pakistan Inflation At 48-Year-High As Supplies Jam In Ports

Pakistan's inflation quickened to the fastest in almost 48 years in January as thousands of containers of food items, raw materials and equipment are stuck in ports after the cash-strapped government curtailed imports. Consumer prices rose 27.55% from a year earlier, according to data released by the statistics department on Wednesday. That compares with a median estimate for a 25.9% gain in a Bloomberg survey and a 24.47% jump in December. Inflation is at the highest since May 1975, according to central bank data.

The latest reading comes a week after the State Bank of Pakistan increased its benchmark rate to the highest in more than 24 years to help stabilize an economy that's spiraling deeper into crisis amid supply shortages, sky-high prices and funding crunch. Pakistan's troubles worsened after last year's devastating floods that amplified the impact of political turmoil and the fallout from the war in Ukraine.

What Bloomberg Economics Says...

It will likely continue to accelerate as the government scrambles to fulfill the International Monetary Fund's aid conditions to secure much-needed dollars. We see inflation climbing in coming months on a combination of rupee depreciation and hikes in fuel prices and electricity tariffs. The government could raise additional taxes on the IMF's insistence. This will likely push the State Bank of Pakistan to increase interest rates further. —Ankur Shukla, India economist

About 6,000 containers are stranded in ports, including thousands of tons of poultry feed ingredients that pushed chicken prices to a record earlier this year. The logjam is aggravating inflation that has lingered above 20% since June as the government limited imports amid scare funds.

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Pressure on carriers drives cut-throat freight market for China's exports

A parallel freight market is emerging for exports from China that undercuts the lowest container spot rates.



Rotterdam, valid until the middle of the month.

Asia-North Europe ocean carriers are proactively quoting small- and medium-volume shippers 'special' FAK rates below \$1,000 per 40ft from China to the UK, as they scramble to fill their ships in the dismal market that has followed the Chinese New Year holiday.

Indeed, *The Loadstar* has sighted an e-mailed quote this week from a major carrier for \$998 per 40ft from a range of Chinese ports to the UK port of Felixstowe, valid until 14 February. Moreover, *The Loadstar* also received a no-volume commitment offer from a China-based forwarding agent down to \$1,400 per 40ft from Shanghai and Ningbo to Felixstowe, and \$1,450 for Hamburg and

The forwarder claims the rates are valid with all the main Asia-North Europe carriers and they can offer prompt shipment.

A UK-based NVOCC contact told *The Loadstar* the forwarder would most likely enjoy a "sizeable markup" on the rates, so the base rate with the carrier would "probably be around \$1,000".

He added: "The way things are going, they might even be able to achieve lower rates than that soon, as the carriers are desperate."

Nevertheless, the container spot market indices appear to have paused their decline with, for example, Xeneta's XSI North Europe component almost unchanged this week, at \$1,787 per 40ft.

"These indices are only as accurate as the information they are given, and some of this data is obviously being held back," said the NVOCC contact. "And don't forget also, that spot rate indicators are an average and therefore do not necessarily reflect the lowest rates."

Meanwhile, on the transpacific, Drewry's WCI Asia to US west coast reading was down 1% on the week, to \$2,056 per 40ft, whereas the XSI saw a drop of 3%, to \$1,529.

However, on the US east coast, the Freightos Baltic Exchange FBX reading held steady this week at \$2,660 per 40ft. And transatlantic shippers are starting to see the impact of the significant injection of extra capacity on the route, with another 5% fall in the FBX North Europe to the US east coast spot, to \$4,956 per 40ft.

According to Vespucci Maritime CEO Lars Jensen, the immediate outlook for carriers is more of the same, with new rate wars looming across tradelanes.

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He noted that volumes on the major deepsea trades were "either at, or below, pre-pandemic levels following the collapse which began in September".

Source : https://theloadstar.com/

Overcapacity could spark new rates war among liners, warns Evergreen chief

Evergreen chairman Chang Yen-i has warned that, with the large number of newbuild mega-box ship deliveries beginning this year, liner operators could see a return of pre-pandemic rates wars, if consumption fails to keep up with the capacity growth.

Mr Chang was speaking at the National Association of China Shipowners Chinese New Year celebration on Wednesday.

Evergreen itself has 49 vessels of 463,442 teu under construction, but market leader MSC has the largest orderbook, with 133 ships for over 1.8m teu being built, followed by Cosco (884,272 teu), CMA CGM (816,476 teu).

Mr Chang told Taiwan's de facto shipowners' association: "After two years of amazing profits, the liner industry now faces three challenges. The first is the slowdown of international trade and the global economy; the second is the fall in container freight rates; and the third, the big number of new ships being built."

Since the start of the year, the Shanghai Containerised Freight Index (SCFI) has contracted by more than 2% from its highest point in early 2022, with the Asia-US west coast and Asia-Europe routes falling the most.



Mr Chang said: "If the economy does not keep up with the growth of shipping supply, perhaps liner operators will embark on a price war, which is the unhappiest situation for our industry, unless we can significantly adjust the capacity. If the freight war continues, it may be difficult for earnings from the transpacific, Asia-Europe and other important routes to escape falling below breakeven levels. Even small shipping companies may have losses. "If the Russia-Ukraine war ends, it is expected to bring relief to inflation and the energy crisis and [will] stimulate the market to return to normal consumption, which is the most important for the shipping industry."

Source: https://theloadstar.com/

Baltic Dry Index Logs Fifth Straight Weekly Drop

The Baltic Exchange's <u>main sea freight index</u>, tracking rates for ships carrying dry bulk commodities, fell for the fifth straight week on Friday, pressured by weaker rates across vessel segments.

The overall index, which factors in rates for capesize, panamax and supramax shipping vessels carrying dry bulk commodities, fell 19 points, or about 3%, to 621, its lowest since mid-June 2020.

The main index was down 8.1% for the week.

The capesize index lost 16 points, or about 3.6%, to over five-month low at 429.

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The index was down 20% for the week, also marking its fifth straight weekly fall.

Average daily earnings for capesizes, which typically transport 150,000-tonne cargoes such as iron ore and coal, decreased \$127 to \$3,561.

Meanwhile, Dalian iron ore futures dipped on Friday, <u>deepening weekly losses</u> as traders reassessed demand prospects in top steel producer China and exercised caution after market regulators repeatedly warned against excessive price speculation.

The panamax index lost 48 points, or about 4.9%, at 940, its lowest since June 15, 2020. The index was down 10.8% for the week.

Average daily earnings for panamaxes, which usually carry coal or grain cargoes of about 60,000 to 70,000 tonnes, decreased \$438 to \$8,456.

Among smaller vessels, the supramax index fell 2 points to 682.

Source : https://reuters.com/

Drewry's World Container Index – Week 1 & 2

Our detailed assessment for Thursday, 02 February 2023

- The composite index has decreased by 1% this week, and has dropped by 78% when compared with the same week last year.
- The latest Drewry WCl composite index of \$2,034 per 40-foot container is now 80% below the peak of \$10,377 reached in September 2021. It is 24% lower than the 10-year average of \$2,693, indicating a return to more normal prices, but remains 43% higher than average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rates of \$1,420.
- The average composite index for the year-to-date is \$2,085 per 40ft container, which is \$608 lower than the 10-year average (\$2,693 mentioned above).
- The composite index remained decreased by 1% at \$2,033.70 per 40ft container, and is 78% lower than the same week in 2022. Freight rates on Shanghai Genoa dropped 2% or \$51 to \$2,727 per feu. Spot rates on Shanghai Los Angeles and Shanghai Rotterdam slid 1% each to \$2,056 and \$1,732 per 40ft box, individually. Similarly, rates on New York Rotterdam and Rotterdam New York fell 1% each to \$1,197 and \$6,262 per 40ft container, respectively. However, rates on Los Angeles Shanghai rose 1% to \$1,137 per 40ft box. Rates on Rotterdam Shanghai gained 3% to \$786 per feu. Rates on Shanghai New

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York hovered around the previous week's level. Drewry expects small week-on-week reductions in rates in the next few weeks.

SPOT FREIGHT RATES BY MAJOR ROUTE

Our assesment across Eight Major East-West Trade

Route	19-Jan-23	19-Jan-23 26-Jan-23		Weekly change (%)	Annual change (%)
Composite Index	\$2,079	\$2,047	\$2,034	-1% ▼	-78% ▼
Shanghai - Rotterdam	\$1,808	\$1,741	\$1,732	-1% ▼	-87% ▼
Spot freight rates by route	- assessed by D	rewry 62	\$786	3% 🔺	-46% ▼
Shanghai - Genoa	\$2,780	\$2,778	\$2,727	-2% 🔻	-79% ▼
Shanghai - Los Angeles	\$2,050	\$2,072	\$2,056	-1% ▼	-81% ▼
Los Angeles - Shanghai	\$1,137	\$1,131	\$1,137	1% 🔺	-10% ▼
Shanghai - New York	\$3,432	\$3,241	\$3,230	0%	-75% ▼
New York - Rotterdam	\$1,211	\$1,206	\$1,197	-1% ▼	-6% ▼
Rotterdam - New York	\$6,296	\$6,322	\$6,262	-1% ▼	-3% ▼

Drewry's composite World Container Index decreased by 1% to \$2,033.70 per 40ft container this week.

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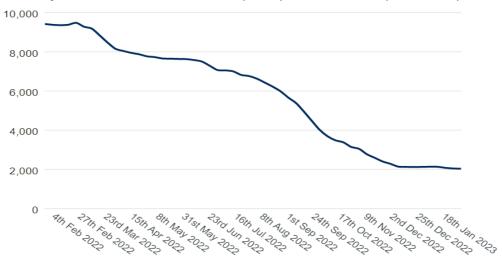
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Drewry World Container Index (WCI) - 02 Feb 23 (US\$/40ft)



Drewry WCI: Trade Routes from Shanghai (US\$/40ft)



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