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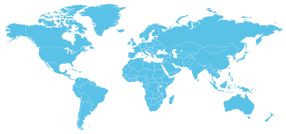

The New U.S. Administration Implements Significant Tariffs on Major Trade Partners

In a compelling shift in U.S. trade policy, the new administration has announced the imposition of substantial tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada, and China. The new tariffs include a 25% tariff on imports from Mexico and Canada, a 10% tariff on energy resources from Canada, and a 10% tariff on all Chinese imports. These measures are cumulative, adding to any existing duties, and notably, no de minimis exemptions will apply for shipments under $800. Exemptions are limited to specific items, such as humanitarian donations and certain informational materials. The reaction from key trading partners to implement countermeasures has been immediate and interparty discussions have begun. Since the announcement, the effective date for the import tariffs from Canada and Mexico have been postponed to allow more time for negotiation. China has opted for a legal challenge through the World Trade Organization (WTO) while maintaining the option to take further actions if necessary. The new U.S. administration has signaled that these initial tariffs are only the beginning, with additional measures under consideration, including tariffs on European Union metals, energy sector tariffs on European oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG), and tariffs on semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies to reduce reliance on foreign supply chains and boost domestic production. Given the complex and rapidly evolving landscape, "businesses should closely monitor enforcement developments, tariff mitigation strategies, and potential legal challenges, and remain prepared to adapt to evolving retaliatory measures" (Becker et al., 2025). This proactive approach will be essential as companies assess supply chain vulnerabilities and navigate the potential disruptions caused by these considerable commerce changes.

Source: Becker, S. E., Fischer, N. A., Hutman, A. R., Cote, B. J., Danial, K. T., Akiner, A. A., & Franks, S. (2025, February 2). *Trump 2.0: U.S. Imposes Tariffs on Key Trading Partners.* Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. https://www.globaltradeandsanctionslaw.com/trump-2-0-u-s-imposes-tariffs-on-key-trading-partners/

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Ocean Carriers Monitor Red Sea Security Amid Ceasefire Developments

The global shipping industry faces uncertainty as Yemen's Houthi rebels declare an end to attacks on Israel and commercial vessels in the Red Sea, coinciding with a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Houthi spokesperson Mohammed al-Bukhaiti emphasized, "If Israel stops the aggression in Gaza, and if the U.S., UK, and Israel stop the aggression against Yemen, the Houthis will stop their operations, including attacks against navies and commercial ships" (Chirls, 2025). Despite recent events, major ocean carriers continue to show reluctance in reestablishing routes through the Red Sea. Many shipping companies have prioritized safety over shorter transit times by maintaining precautionary measures, rerouting vessels via the Cape of Good Hope to ensure the safety of their crews and operations. As negotiations for 2025 shipping agreements continue, the industry will closely monitor geopolitical developments and their impact on supply chain reliability.

Source: Chirls, S. (2025, January 20). *Carriers cautious on return to Red Sea as Houthis say they will end attacks*. Freightwaves. https://www.freightwaves.com/news/ocean-rates-could-fall-as-houthis-say-they-will-end-red-sea-attacks

Gemini Cooperation Aims to Improve Schedule Reliability in Ocean Shipping

Source: Robb, L. (2025, January 27). *Gemini to save shippers money by besting schedule reliability challenges: Maersk*. Journal of Commerce. https://www.joc.com/article/gemini-to-save-shippers-money-by-besting-schedule-reliability-challenges-maersk-5930503

The launch of the Gemini Cooperation alliance between Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd on February 1 marks a strategic effort to improve schedule reliability in ocean shipping. One of the core strategies behind the Gemini Cooperation is its hub-and-spoke design, which aims to reduce transit uncertainties. This model decreases the number of port calls per route, thereby minimizing delays. Johan Sigsgaard, chief product officer for A.P. Moller – Maersk highlighted, the Gemini network will operate based on three key components, "including the use of dedicated shuttles that will enable a single port disruption to be isolated, upgraded hubs that will link shuttles to mainliners, and leaner mainline loops that will call fewer ports" (Robb, 2025). As the industry continues to navigate global challenges, strategic operational shifts like these may play a crucial role in ensuring consistent and efficient freight movement.

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A Swift Transition From Airfreight to Ocean Shipping After Ceasefire Not Likely

According to Peter Sand, Xeneta's chief analyst, airfreight operators can rest assured that their business will not face an immediate downturn. "Airfreight shippers need not worry about an immediate drop away in business as any return to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal will not be simple or quick because of safety considerations," Sand explained (Jeffrey, 2025). The reluctance stems from risks associated with navigating through a region still recovering from months of conflict and uncertainty. Given the current environment, carriers are expected to adopt a phased approach to returning vessels to the Red Sea, ensuring safety and operational stability remain priorities.

Source: Jeffrey, R. (2025, January 21). *Shipping Lines Unlikely to Make a Quick Return to Suez Canal.* Air Cargo News. https://www.aircargonews.net/supply-chains/shipping-lines-unlikely-to-make-a-quick-return-to-suez-canal/1079572.article

2025 Airfreight Rates Stay Resilient Despite Seasonal Decline

Global airfreight rates have remained robust, even as typical seasonal factors caused a slight dip in early January. According to WorldACD, rates for the week ending January 12 were 22% higher year-over-year, driven by strong demand in the Asia Pacific and Middle East/South Asia markets. As one industry analyst noted, "Spot rates continue to slide, but they are still significantly higher compared to last year" (Brett, 2025). This resilience highlights the ongoing strength of air cargo despite short-term adjustments.

Source: Brett, D. (2025, January 20). *Rates remain high despite recent dip.* Air Cargo News. https://www.aircargonews.net/data-news/rates-remain-high-despite-recent-dip/1079568.article

Airlines Anticipate Ongoing Widebody Freighter Shortage in 2025

Source: : Lee, J., & Luke, R. (2025, January 21). *Carriers prepare for continued widebody capacity shortage in 2025*. Cargo Facts. https://cargofacts.com/allposts/capacity-demand/carriers-prepare-for-continued-widebody-capacity-shortage-in-2025/

Industry experts forecast that the current scarcity of widebody freighter capacity will persist into 2025. Richard Broekman, Chief Commercial Officer and Head of Sustainability at Atlas Air Worldwide, stated during a recent Cargo Facts webinar, "2025, I don't see it [being] very different" (Lee & Luke, 2025). This outlook is influenced by delivery delays, labor strikes, and the retirement of aging aircraft, collectively contributing to a "perfect storm" affecting capacity.

Global Market

Breakbulk

Toepfer Transport Sees Stability in Shipping Rates, with Potential for Growth in 2025

Toepfer Transport's monthly update on multipurpose shipping rates has revealed a steady performance. Despite this stability, the industry has cautious optimism regarding the possibility of rate growth in the coming months. According to Toepfer's analysis notes, "It is unclear whether this trend is based on a general optimism at the beginning of a new year, with a fairly good prospect of improvement, or whether it is sustained by an increase in real demand."
In light of these uncertainties, the shipping industry will closely monitor developments in the upcoming months to assess whether the positive outlook is sustainable.

Source: Kershaw, D. (2025, January 13). *Toepfer Transport's monthly multipurpose shipping rate update.* Heavy Lift & Project Forwarding International. https://www.heavyliftpfi.com/sectors/toepfer-transports-monthly-multipurpose-shipping-rate-update/21174.article

North America Market

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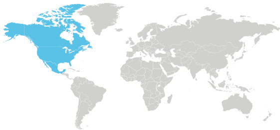

U.S. Shipbuilding Revival Plans: Ambitious Goals and Industry Concerns

The United States is taking bold steps to revitalize its maritime industry, introducing the Shipbuilding and Harbor Infrastructure for Prosperity and Security for America (SHIPS) Act. This bipartisan proposal seeks to restore a declining sector and reduce dependency on foreign- manufactured vessels by mandating the production of 250 U.S.-built ships over the next decade. According to Lars Jensen, CEO of Vespucci Maritime, the push is rooted in concerns about strategic and protective priorities rather than cost efficiency. "For decades, vessel owners, like virtually everybody else, were happy to procure from the source offering the lowest cost—China. Now the U.S. is looking at the issue through the lens of national security, as it lacks a sufficiently large fleet of U.S.-flagged support vessels for the navy," Jensen explained (Putzger, 2025). The SHIPS Act raises questions about cost efficiency and overall capacity. The U.S. faces significant hurdles in competing with Asia's established shipbuilding powerhouses. The success of the United States' ambitious goals remains uncertain without significant financial support.

Source: Putzger, I. (2025, January 22). *Ambitious plans to revive US shipbuilding sector come under fire.* The Loadstar. https://theloadstar.com/ambitious-plans-to-revive-us-shipbuilding-sector-come-under-fire/

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Cosco Responds to U.S. Blacklisting, Assures Uninterrupted U.S. Operations

Cosco, China's largest ocean shipping company and a leading global player in container shipping, has asserted that its inclusion on the U.S. "blacklist" of companies linked to the Chinese military will not disrupt its U.S. operations. The company emphasized that its U.S. business activities would remain unaffected. "Cosco Shipping Lines is not on the 1260H list and our ability to conduct business in the U.S. or its capacity to provide high-quality services will not be affected at all," the company stated in response to inquiries (Chirls, 2025). Additionally, Cosco pointed out that its U.S.-based offices, located in Houston and Long Beach, are not included on the blacklist. As global trade dynamics evolve, how the company navigates these tensions will be critical to its long-term strategic positioning.

Source: Chirls, S. (2025, January 15). *Cosco says blacklisting won't affect US services 'at all.'* Freightwaves. https://www.freightwaves.com/news/ocean-carrier-cosco-blacklisted-by-us-over-china-military-ties

North America Market

Customs

CBP Proposes Rule to Improve Management of Low-Value Shipments

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently unveiled a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to enhance the enforcement and visibility of low-value shipments, often called de minimis shipments. This initiative, part of the proposed Entry of Low-Value Shipments (ELVS) rule, seeks to strengthen supply chain oversight while addressing the risks associated with illicit goods entering the United States. According to CBP Senior Official Pete R. Flores, "Every day, the men and women of CBP interdict goods that threaten the health and safety of Americans as well as the economic vitality of our country" (U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 2025). This measure will streamline the process, reduce the workload for CBP officers, and improve the agency's ability to target shipments containing illicit goods.

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (2025, January 13). *CBP Issues Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Enhance Enforcement as to Low-Value Shipments.* https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-issues-notice-proposed-rulemaking-enhance-enforcement-low-value

North America Market

Air Freight

Air Cargo Industry Expresses Concern Over Unexpected TSA Leadership Change

The recent resignation of TSA Administrator David Pekoske has raised concerns within the air cargo sector. Brandon Fried, Executive Director of the Airforwarders Association, emphasized the importance of swift leadership appointment, stating, "The Airforwarders Association urges the new administration to promptly appoint a successor to Mr. Pekoske to lead the air cargo division of the Transportation Security Administration" (Lennane, 2025) This transition period highlights the need for continued collaboration to maintain robust security measures in the industry.

Source: Lennane, A. (2025, January 21). *Cargo sector concern after shock admin change at the TSA*. The Loadstar. https://theloadstar.com/cargo-sector-concern-after-shock-admin-change-at-the-tsa/

Mexico's Tariff Increase Signals Closure of Duty-Free Loophole

In mid-December, Mexico announced a significant increase in tariffs on apparel and textile imports, raising rates on finished textile goods to 35% and on textile parts to 15%. This move aims to end the practice of "border-skipping," where U.S. e-commerce shippers route Chinese goods through Mexico to avoid tariffs. Ram Ben Tzion, CEO of customs platform Publican, stated, "To the Chinese it is signalling that if you want to be in Mexico, if you want to make it in Mexico, then you actually have to make it in Mexico, rather than sending finished products, popping a sticker on, and shipping it onwards to avoid duties" (Whiteman, 2025). This policy change emphasizes Mexico's intent to ensure that products exported to the U.S. under free-trade agreements are genuinely Mexican-made.

Source: Whiteman, A. (2025, January 20). *Mexican tariffs a 'smart signal' that duty-free loophole is closing*. The Loadstar. https://theloadstar.com/mexican-tariffs-a-smart-signal-that-duty-free-loophole-is-closing/

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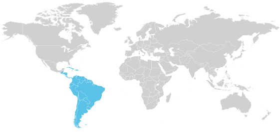

APM Terminals Suape Breaks Ground on Latin America's First Fully Electric Container Terminal

APM Terminals Suape has taken a significant step toward sustainability by beginning the construction of Latin America's first entirely electric terminal. This project is a key milestone for the port and Brazilian logistics sector, demonstrating the region's growing commitment to green infrastructure. "APM Terminals Suape will be one of the most modern terminals in Brazil and the terminal is expected to start operating in the second half of 2026, being the first fully electrified container terminal in Brazil," said Daniel Rose, CEO of APM Terminals Suape and Pecém.

Source: Guia Maritimo. (2025, January 6). *APM Terminals Suape begins construction of the first 100% electric terminal in Latin America.* Guia Maritimo. https://www.guiamaritimo.com.br/noticias/terminais/apm-terminals-suape-inicia-construcao-do-primeiro-terminal-100-eletrico-da-america-latina

Spot Rates on the ECSA-US Trade Lane Dip After Record Highs, Despite Strong Brazilian Exports

Spot rates between East Coast South America (ECSA) and the United States have plummeted sharply in January 2025, following a peak in the previous quarter. This sharp decrease in rates is linked to a slowdown in demand, which has led to lower vessel utilization. While this reduction aligns with typical seasonal fluctuations, the pace of the decrease has raised concerns over potential shifts in market dynamics. AMCHAM Brasil's CEO, Abrão Neto, expressed optimism for continued trade growth, forecasting that trade between Brazil and the US will "remain robust in 2025, close to the highest levels in [the] recent historical series" (Robb, 2025). He also emphasized the importance of closely monitoring global uncertainties in the coming year.

Source: Robb, L. (2025, January 22). *ECSA-US spot rates weaken rapidly after hitting record high in Q4.* Journal of Commerce. https://www.joc.com/article/ecsa-us-spot-rates-weaken-rapidly-after-hitting-record-high-in-q4-5927296

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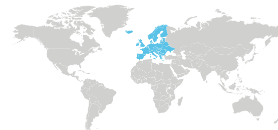
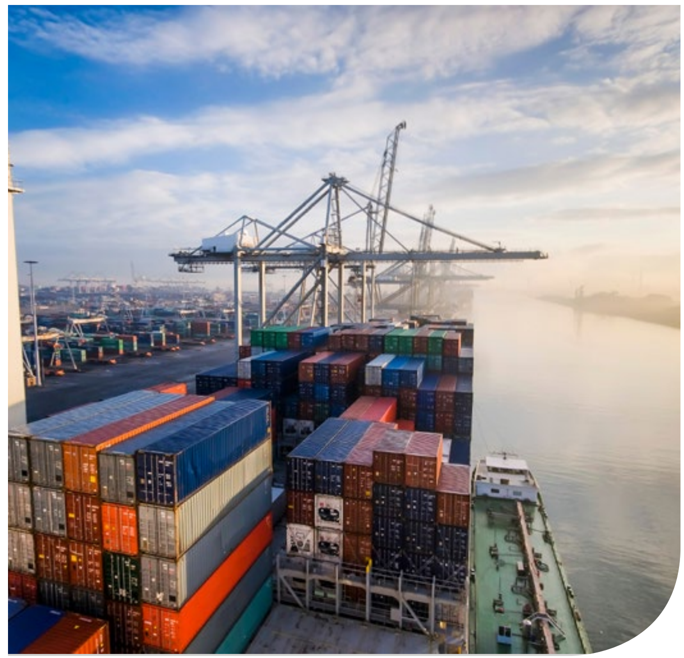


Navigating the Implications of the FuelEU Regulation: A Critical Shift for Shipping Companies

The introduction of the FuelEU regulation on January 1 marks a pivotal moment in the European Union's efforts to reduce emissions in the maritime sector. These regulations, aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of ocean transportation, require shipping companies to increase their use of renewable and low-carbon fuels. Carriers who delay adapting to these new regulations may face penalties, reduced customer demand, and complications with indirect emissions reporting. According to Ryan Bax, lead business advisory consultant at Lloyd's Register (LR), "Business as usual is therefore no longer an option and progressive decisions must be made to deal with this challenge" (Knowler, 2025). As the shipping industry grapples with these changes, both regulatory and contractual adaptations will be essential to maintaining profitability and ensuring long-term sustainability in European waters.

Source: Greg Knowler. (2025, January 7). *High price to pay for non-compliance with FuelEU rules: Lloyd's Register*. Journal of Commerce. https://www.joc.com/article/high-price-to-pay-for-non-compliance-with-fueleu-rules-lloyds-register-5918498



Weather and Inefficiencies Practices Drive Delays in Europe's Inland Waterways

Source: Whiteman, A. (2025, January 28). *Congestion at Box Ports Still Plaguing Europe's Inland Waterways.* The Loadstar. https://theloadstar.com/congestion-at-box-ports-still-plaguing-europes-inland-waterways/

Severe weather patterns have exacerbated long-standing issues in Europe's inland waterway networks, leading to increased delays, surcharges, and operational disruptions. The combination of torrential rain and dry conditions last year has severely impacted shipping along key rivers such as the Rhine, resulting in both flooding and significant droughts that halted transport activities. This combination of weather extremes has only compounded pre-existing challenges. The system's operational inefficiencies are also a major factor. Industry insiders have pointed out that many vessels continue to sail with low utilization. As one source stated, "operators need to be forced into better utilizing the space on their vessels" to avoid the substantial delays that have now become commonplace (Whiteman, 2025). Maritime stakeholders are calling for large-scale reform to improve efficiency and reduce vulnerability.

European Market

Air Freight

Challenge Group Expands Fleet with European 777-300ERSF Conversion

Challenge Group has become the first European operator of the Boeing 777-300ERSF freighter, marking a significant expansion of its fleet. The company has added two of these converted aircraft through a lease agreement with AerCap. Yossi Shoukroun, Chief Executive Officer of Challenge Group, commented, "This strategic addition will significantly boost our operational efficiency and help us meet the growing demand for reliable airfreight services" (Brett, 2025). The new freighters are expected to enhance cargo capacity and improve the group's overall service offering.

Source: Brett, D. (2025, January 20). *Challenge Group registers first European 777-300ERSF conversion.* Air Cargo News. https://www.aircargonews.net/freighter-operators/challenge-group-registers-first-european-777-300ersf-conversion/1079562.article

Airbus Discontinues Beluga Transport Operations After 14 Months

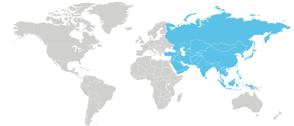
Source: Sipinski, D. (2025, January 24). *Airbus to close Beluga Transport unit.* Retrieved from: https://www.ch-aviation.com/news/149647-airbus-to-close-beluga-transport-unit

Airbus has announced the termination of its Beluga Transport unit, ceasing all flights of the A300-600ST Beluga fleet due to economic factors. The company stated, "We confirm that the decision has been taken to terminate the Airbus Beluga Transport business for outsized cargo missions. All flights operated by the BelugaST fleet are suspended as of now" (Sipinski, 2025). The closure process has begun, with no specified completion date. Airbus is focusing on supporting affected employees during this transition. The future utilization of the BelugaST aircraft remains under consideration.

European Airports Report Increased 2024 Cargo Volumes

In 2024, major European airports saw growth in air cargo. Frankfurt Airport experienced a 6.2% increase to 2.1 million tonnes, Brussels reported a 5% rise to 732,797 tonnes, and Vienna saw a 4.5% increase to 350,000 tonnes. Julian Jäger, CEO and COO of Vienna Airport, noted, "The growth in our cargo volumes reflects the resilience of the sector and our continued commitment to improving operational efficiency to meet demand" (Brett, 2025). These increases are attributed to sustained e-commerce growth and shifts in global supply chains.

Source: Brett, D. (2025, January 17). *Cargo volumes up at Frankfurt, Brussels, and Vienna.* Air Cargo News. https://www.aircargonews.net/cargo-airports/cargo-volumes-up-at-frankfurt-brussels-and-vienna/1079559.article



Asian Market

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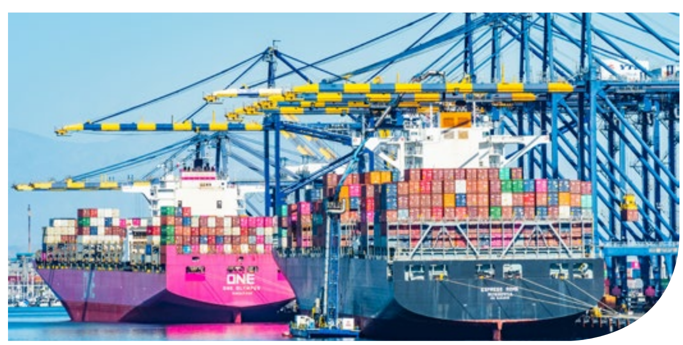
Seasonal Shipping Trends and Global Trade Dynamics for Asia-US Trade

As Lunar New Year approaches, container freight rates on routes from Asia to the U.S. have softened, reflecting the traditional seasonal slowdown. Key factors such as pre-holiday frontloading and intensified competition among carriers are shaping current and future trends. Freightos' Judah Levine observes that, "For the time being, ex-Asia rates are easing as the lead-up to Lunar New Year has ended" (Chirls, 2025). Geopolitical factors, including Red Sea route uncertainties, and increased competition from new carrier alliances adds complexity. These evolving dynamics underline the interconnected nature of logistics, where seasonal patterns, geopolitical tensions, and carrier strategies converge to influence global freight markets.

Source: Chirls, S. (2025, January 21). *Asia-US container rates decline in slack season.* Freightwaves. https://www.freightwaves.com/news/asia-us-container-rates-decline-in-slack-season

Trans-Pacific Carriers Push for Higher Rates Amid Continued Market Uncertainty

Ocean carriers operating on trans-Pacific routes are negotiating higher contract rates for the 2025–26 service year, attempting to correct what they perceive as underpricing in previous agreements. One source noted, "Carriers have told us the story about setting contract rates that did not cover their costs last year and they are determined not to make the same mistake again this year" (Mongelluzzo & Robb, 2025). With spot rates declining ahead of the Lunar New Year, some importers are delaying contract commitments in anticipation of more favorable conditions. The volatility surrounding global trade dynamics, including potential shifts in shipping capacity and tariff policies, indicates that the final contract rates may be shaped by factors beyond the control of carriers and shippers alike.



Source: Mongelluzzo, B., & Robb, L. (2025, January 28). *Trans-Pacific carriers determined to win higher contract rates this year: sources.* Journal of Commerce. https://www.joc.com/article/trans-pacific-carriers-determined-to-win-higher-contract-rates-this-year-sources-5932436?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily%25newswire

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Colombo Port Faces Operational Challenges, Leading to Increased Delays and Costs

The Colombo Port, Sri Lanka's primary maritime hub, is currently facing significant operational disruptions due to congestion and slow customs clearance. Delays of two to three days in berthing have become common, largely due to limited terminal capacity and inefficient clearance processes. As a result, numerous cargo ships have opted to bypass the port entirely, adversely impacting the country's economy and leading to increased costs for importers. In the long term, port officials emphasize the need for expanded infrastructure and streamlined customs procedures to address these challenges. As former customs superintendents Nihal Vithanage and Damith Punchihewa noted, "It is necessary to increase port capacity and customs inspection points" to alleviate the backlog (Abeysinghe, 2025). With the potential for import costs to rise, addressing the port's congestion is crucial to minimizing economic damage and maintaining Sri Lanka's position as a competitive trade hub in South Asia.

Source: Abeysinghe, A. (2025, January 22). *Colombo Port in Crisis: Delays and Rising Costs.* Pime Asia News. https://www.asianews.it/news-en/Colombo-Port-in-crisis:-delays-and-rising-costs-62337.html

Asian Market

Breakbulk

Chipolbrok Expands Reach to the Arabian Gulf with New Liner Service

Source: Bajic, A. (2025, January 6). *Chipolbrok launches new MPP liner service to the Arabian Gulf.* Project Cargo Journal. https://www.projectcargojournal.com/business/2025/01/06/chipolbrok-launches-new-mpp-liner-service-to-the-arabian-gulf/

Chipolbrok, the Chinese-Polish Joint Stock Shipping Company, has launched a new multipurpose (MPP) liner service connecting China, Southeast Asia, and the Far East to the Arabian Gulf. As stated in the company's recent announcement, "This new connection to eastern destinations is underpinned by a long-term contract to supply industrial products, primarily manufactured in China, to these rapidly expanding economic zones" (Bajic, 2025). Notably, Chipolbrok's service is not limited to cargo from the Far East. The Chipolbrok Sun, for example, is carrying cargo from South America with planned stops in Abu Dhabi and Shuaiba. These strategic routes are key to ensuring a steady supply of materials for various industrial projects.

Asian Market Air Freight

Changi Airport Sees Significant Growth in 2024 Cargo Volumes

In 2024, Changi Airport handled 1.99 million tonnes of air cargo, reflecting a 15% increase from the previous year. This growth was driven by strong demand for electronics exports, cross-border e-commerce, and a shift from ocean freight to air transport. Yam Kum Weng, Chief Executive Officer of Changi Airport Group, stated, "This remarkable growth is a testament to the resilience of the air cargo industry and the continued demand for efficient global supply chains." (Stat Times, 2025) The airport's leading cargo markets included China, Australia, the United States, Hong Kong, and India.

Source: Stat Times, (2025, January 22). *Changi nearly hits 2-million-tonne cargo throughput in 2024.* The STAT Trade Times. https://www.stattimes.com/air-cargo/changi-nearly-hits-2-million-tonne-cargo-throughput-in-2024-1354286

Starlux Airlines Expands Fleet with Additional Airbus A350 Freighters

Starlux Airlines has placed an order for five additional Airbus A350 freighters, doubling its initial order from February 2024. This strategic move aims to enhance the airline's cargo capacity and meet the growing demand for air freight services. Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus' Executive Vice President of Sales for Commercial Aircraft, stated, "This second order from this fast-growing airline is another endorsement of the all-new A350F as the future game-changer in heavy lift markets" (Kulisch, 2025).

Source: Kulisch, E. (2025, January 9). *Taiwanese startup Starlux Airlines orders five more Airbus A350F freighters.* FreightWaves. https://www.freightwaves.com/news/taiwanese-startup-starlux-airlines-orders-five-more-airbus-a350f-freighters

Middle East Market

Air Freight

Emirates SkyCargo Enhances Capacity with Additional Boeing 747 Freighters

Emirates SkyCargo has expanded its fleet by leasing two Boeing 747-400 freighters from Compass Cargo Airlines, a Bulgarian startup. This strategic move increases the airline's main-deck cargo capacity by 15%, addressing the rising demand for air freight services. Badr Abbas, Divisional Senior Vice President for Emirates SkyCargo, stated, "These additional freighters will allow us to meet the growing demand for airfreight while maintaining the highest standards of service for our customers worldwide" (Kulisch, 2025). The extended-range 747-400 freighters will bolster Emirates' global freight network.

Source: Kulisch, E. (2025, January 16). *Emirates leases additional Boeing 747 freighters to meet shipper demand.* FreightWaves. https://www.freightwaves.com/news/emirates-leases-additional-boeing-747-freighters-to-meet-shipper-demand

Oceania Market

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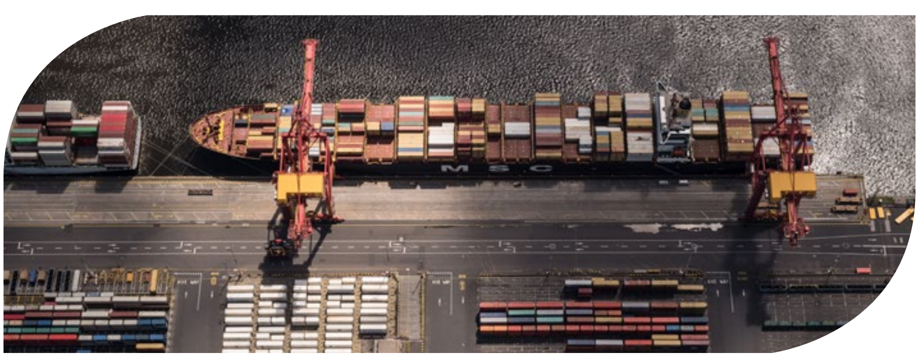
Landside Charges Continue to Rise, Industry Experts Urge Regulatory Action

According to a recent report by Brisbane-based consultancy NineSquared, Landside charges in Australian ports have seen a significant rise throughout 2024. Industry experts warn that this upward trend is likely to continue unless policy changes are implemented. As NineSquared notes, "Following amendments to the Victorian Voluntary Pricing Protocol by the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning last year, the three Victorian-based container terminals have aligned their landside pricing tariffs to commence from 1 January each year. Patrick Terminals and DP World Australia have also adopted these protocols for their terminals in Sydney, Brisbane and Fremantle" (2025, Crisp). Without adequate policy responses, the consultancy warns that the upward trend in charges could persist, creating additional challenges for the logistics sector.



Source: Crisp, D. (2025, January 22). *Landside charges rising, more to come.* Daily Cargo News. https://www.thedcn.com.au/sticky/landside-charges-rising-more-to-come/