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Global Liners Enter Familiar Price War Territory

Liner shipping has entered a price war, a race to the bottom that has characterized almost every cycle of this shipping sector for the last 50 years.

Analysts at Sea-Intelligence have suggested that the decision by the big global container carriers to not reduce capacity in line with the dropping demand registered over the past six months can only be explained by the fact the market participants have entered into a price war.

“A choice to allow overcapacity to persist is also a choice to allow rates to continue to drop. Such a choice has a description: A price war,” Sea-Intelligence experts wrote in their latest weekly report.

“The carriers do not have a choice as a price war is bound to happen whether they want it or not,” argued Hua Joo Tan, the founder of Asia-based consultancy Linerlytica, in conversation with Splash today. “What we have is a perfect

storm with excess supply coinciding with the collapse in demand with none of the main carriers willing or able to make an exit from the market,” Tan said.

Commenting on how the market dynamics might play out, Lars Jensen, CEO of Danish consultancy Vespucci Maritime, told Splash that today’s price war will likely be a temporary one, whereupon more capacity will be pulled to stabilize the market.

“But it should be noted that the market is at the same time entering a cyclical downturn which in itself adds negative pressure,” Jensen cautioned.

Excerpts from:

Chambers, S (2023, Feb 13). *Global liners enter familiar price war territory.* Splash247.com.

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Maersk's Place in Liner Shipping Post-divorce

Market Changes Expected to Follow

"Maersk's role on the main east-west tradelanes looks set to be as a lesser player once the dissolution of the 2M alliance with Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC) comes into effect in January 2025."

"Maersk has consistently said it aims to have a box fleet no larger than 4m to 4.3m teu. In the wake of the MSC split news, the Danish carrier has said it will not seek to join another alliance, rather pursuing certain vessel sharing

agreements on some tradelanes."

"It is clear that a separation of the 2M alliance will change the competitive situation," Sea-Intelligence noted. "In very broad terms, we will see a market change from three major operators to a market of five operators, in which Maersk will clearly be the smallest player."

"Commenting via LinkedIn last month, former Maersk employee, Lars Jensen, who now heads up consultancy Vespucci Maritime, suggested the 2M news is only the beginning of a re-shaping of the alliance constellations on the major east-west trades."

Excerpts from:

Chambers, S (2023, Feb 6). Maersk's place in liner shipping post-divorce. Splash247.com. <https://splash247.com/maersks-place-in-liner-shipping-post-divorce>



Boeing Delivers Last Manufactured B747 Freighter

"Queen of the Skies" Ends Production

In a historical moment for Air Cargo, Boeing delivered its last ever B747-8 Freighter to all cargo airline Atlas Air. Long heralded as "the Queen of the Skies," the delivery ends more than 50 years of production by Boeing of the much-loved aircraft. A special handing-over ceremony was broadcast live from Boeing's Everett plant online, finalizing the end of the B747 era.

While passenger airlines have reduced their B747 fleets in favor of more sustainable twinjet options, sources suggest there are over 314 Boeing 747 cargo aircraft still flying now, many having been converted from passenger configurations. Even more significantly, reports by Spire Aviation suggest that while quadjet aircrafts have been substantially reduced by airlines, the Boeing 747 has actually resurrected itself since Covid, and its global fleets are more active than ever, demonstrating the aircraft's importance to the air cargo community.

The Boeing 747, long considered as the "Workhorse" of cargo fleets, is preferred by many due to its versatility. Factory-built B747s, with their nose and side door capabilities, large payload and capacity, and long-range, make the aircraft a firm favorite with the air cargo sector, with many lamenting the end to its production.



In a fitting tribute to the last B747, the inaugural Atlas Air flight drew the above "Sky Art" over Eastern Washington. It took 2 hours and 35 minutes to create.

Source:

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Air Cargo Market Yield Vs. Weight Tracker

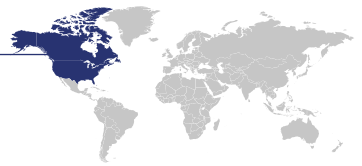


The Champ Market Analytics Air Cargo Market Tracker is a useful tool that provides insight into the monthly trends in demand and yield in the air freight industry. You can access the chart using the link below.

Access Chart Here:

<https://www.aircargonews.net/data-hub/champ-cargo-systems-air-cargo-market-tracker/>

North American Market



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USA



Port Congestion

PORT	VESSELS AT ANCHOR/DRIFT
PORT VESSELS AT ANCHOR/DRIFT	
LA/LGB	8
OAKLAND	7
VANCOUVER	2
SEATTLE/TACOMA	1
CHARLESTON	0
SAVANNAH	6
NY/NJ	3
HOUSTON	5
NORFOLK	0

* Anchor/drift/loitering/slow steaming

Container Rates Price war

“The gulf between contract and spot container freight rates has narrowed rapidly, and lines appear to be slashing prices rather than capacity. Container lines have chosen not to cut capacity in the latest demand collapse with market data showing no link between demand and capacity in recent months.”

“Summarizing the current state of the market, Murphy [Alan Murphy, CEO, Sea-Intelligence] said: ‘This can only be seen as a choice on the part of the carriers. A choice to allow overcapacity to persist, is also a choice to allow for low utilization, and thus to allow for freight rates to continue to drop. This is a behavior we know by a different word: A price war.’”

Excerpts from:

Howard, G (2023, Feb 16) Container price war underway, contract rates plummeting. Seatrade Maritime News. <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/container-price-war-underway-contract-rates-plummeting>

Post-Pandemic Logistics

Unpredictable Risk

“A focus on what’s ahead versus what happened, and all the challenges, is driven by necessity. The market, yet again, is shifting on multiple levels. It is quickly moving on from the pandemic period and everything that transpired and moving into a phase that is at once familiar but also entirely new and unpredictable.”

“Unpredictability is assumed, even if the reasons triggering it are as of yet unknown. Even if, on the surface the industry looks normal, new behaviors will result from a heightened perception of risk. An early indication of that was the much greater than expected diversions from the West Coast over the past six to nine months to avoid longshore labor disruption during contract negotiations. Several sources attributed that to an elevated priority around risk avoidance given the harsh experience of previous bouts of US West Coast port disruption that had occurred during earlier negotiations.”

“In the United States, the pandemic catalyzed a trend slowly taking shape in the background, which started with the disappearance of major US-based carriers as players in Washington, DC, as carriers such as APL and Sealand were sold

to non-US entities, and the parallel emergence of powerful shipper lobbies. If the 1998 Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA) was forged out of a consensus of shippers and carriers regarding confidential contracts, OSRA-22 was passed over the objections of ocean carriers and with bipartisan majorities, its terms unequivocally favoring shippers. An activist Federal Maritime Commission is channeling the priorities of OSRA-22 and US interests more generally, including shippers and truckers in ways it never did before. Where does this lead? Already there is talk in Washington that legislators may not be done rewriting shipping legislation in ways that could go well beyond the provisions of OSRA-22.”

Excerpts from:

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CANADA

Trucking Associations Push to End Vaccine Mandate at US borders

Canadian Trucking Alliance, OOIDA Urge American Government to Lift COVID-19 Shot Requirement

“While the Biden administration plans to let COVID-19 public health emergency measures expire in May, proof of vaccination for non-U.S. citizens could still be in effect when crossing the border into America. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is urging the U.S. government to end its vaccine mandate for non-American truck drivers traveling back and forth from Canada.”

“Canada ended its border vaccine requirement Oct. 3, prompting calls from several major trucking associations for the U.S. to immediately follow suit.”

Lak Shoon, director of CTA’s policy and industry awareness programs, in an interview with Freight Waves said “we have continued to reiterate that removing these restrictions will not only support our integrated economies and supply chain but also U.S. businesses and commerce by adding increased capacity, especially as the state of our economy remains in flux.”

Excerpts from:

Mahoney, N (2023, Feb 13) *Trucking Associations Push to End Vaccine Mandate at US Borders.* <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/trucking-associations-push-to-end-vaccine-mandate-at-us-borders>



USA

Screening Rules Causing Concern in U.S. Air Cargo Sector

Regulations Not Clear for Exporters

A panel at the U.S. Air forwarders Association's (AFA) general meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, have voiced their concerns over stricter screening rules that will be enforced later this year, and their impact on supply chains for freighter cargo in particular.

While full screening requirements have been in effect since June 2021, the sector has been working with a limited number of alternative TSA security measures for cargo which can be challenging to screen. However, these methods will expire at the end of October, and the TSA has stated that they will not be renewed. The panelists claimed that the TSA's proposed Secure Packing Facility (SPF) initiative is not viable for shippers of non-standard cargo, and that the Certified Cargo Standard Security Screening Program (CCSSSP), which was originally designed for bellyhold operations, is the optimal way to meet new screening requirements instead. The AFA highlighted the need for alignment of screening regulations for both main deck and lower deck cargo types, with the CCSSSP needing to be updated to incorporate acceptance and handling of freighter security programs.

Brandon Fried, executive director, AFA, stated that "Industry needs TSA's strong support in messaging the shippers that the CCSSSP – which would regulate shippers tendering cargo that is challenging to screen using existing approved security methods – is the only realistic available option to continue to move their cargo."

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Hardy, E (2023, Feb 16). *AFA calls for the TSA to urgently work with shippers regarding cargo export legislations*. Air Cargo Week. <https://www.aircargoweek.com/afa-calls-for-the-tsa-to-urgently-work-with-shippers-regarding-cargo-export-legislations/>

MEXICO

Freighter Operations Set to Move from Mexico City

Focus Shifts to Felipe Angeles International Airport

Air Cargo commentators have reacted with surprise to Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's announcement of an agreement with certain airlines to move cargo flights away from Mexico City's primary airport Benito Juarez International.

As part of an initiative to reduce congestion at Mexico's primary airport (which passenger aircraft are exempted from), the government has demonstrated its intention to finalize plans of shifting cargo operations to Felipe Angeles International airport instead.

Despite cargo aircraft representing only 3% of traffic into Benito Juarez International Airport, the President defended the government's current plans, which have been heavily criticized. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) was quick to respond in January when an initial leak to the local press was made disclosing the government's intentions. IATA argued that a transition was "not feasible given the enormous technical, regulatory, and infrastructural requirements associated with this transfer."

Since the leak, however, and despite industry concerns, the President's confirmation of an agreement indicates that cargo airlines have come to a compromise with the government, with Lopez Obrador naming DHL (DHL.UJ) as one of the companies working on the change.

The Mexican President further advised that the first cargo plane would arrive at the Felipe Angeles International Airport in the third week of February.

Sources:

Jeffrey, R (2023, Feb 2). *Mexican cargo operations set to move*. Air Cargo News. <https://www.aircargonews.net/cargo-airport/mexican-cargo-operations-set-to-move/>
Fernandez, R & Hilaire, V (2023, Feb 1) *Mexico reaches deal with airlines on cargo transfer to new airport, president says*. Reuters. <https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/mexico-reaches-deal-with-airlines-cargo-transfer-new-airport-president-says-2023-02-01/>



Latin American Market



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Port Congestion

PORT	DWELL TIME (DAYS)
BRAZIL	
MANAUS	13
NAVEGANTES	4
CHILE	
VALPARAÍSO	4
IQUIQUE	2
COLOMBIA	
CARTAGENA	2
MEXICO	
LAZARO CÁRDENAS	5
ALTAMIRA	3
PARAGUAY	
ASUNCIÓN	5
COSTA RICA	
CALDERA	7

New GCS & GC2 Service from Hapag Lloyd

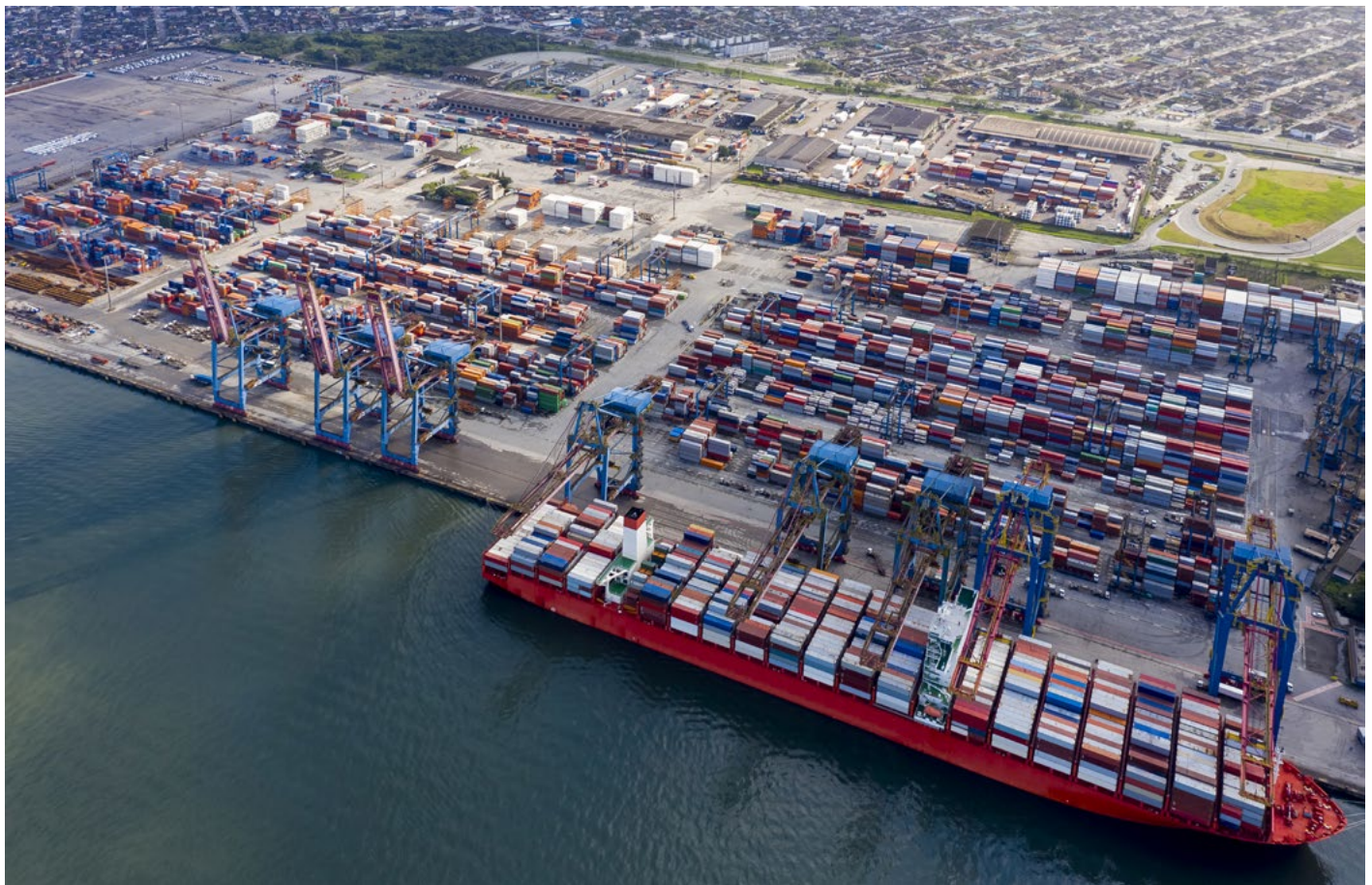
Weekly Service to Central America & Caribbean Returns

In the last week of March, GSC Service from Hapag Lloyd will return with a new rotation. In a recent email sent by Hapag Lloyd, they announced launching a new GC2 service, which will allow connection with Puerto Moin, Costa Rica (replaces Puerto Limon) and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The service to these destinations will be carried out with a transfer in Caucedo and connecting with the new GC2 service. The service to Panama will be carried out with a transshipment in Cartagena, Columbia connecting with the GS1 service.

GCS NEW ROTATION

HOUSTON (USHOU)
 ALTAMIRA (MXATM)
 VERACRUZ (MXVER)
 PUERTO BARRIOS (GTPBR) INSTEAD OF SANTO TOMÁS DE CASTILLA

PUERTO CORTES (HNPCR)
 CAUCEDO (DOCAU)
 KINGSTON (JMKIN)
 HOUSTON (USHOU)



ZIM & CMA Launch New Services

Services Coming for West Coast of South America

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services is launching the ZIM Colibri Xpress (ZCX) a service from South America West Coast to US East Coast, commencing on the coming weeks from Chile. The new service will enable transshipment connecting ports in West Coast South America to and from East Coast South America and will also offer transshipment connection from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean to Philadelphia's port."

"The new service will operate on the following rotation: San Antonio (Chile), Callao (Peru), Guayaquil (Ecuador) - Cartagena (Colombia) - Kingston (Jamaica) - Philadelphia - Miami, Kingston (Jamaica) - Buenaventura (Colombia) - Guayaquil (Ecuador) - Callao (Peru) - San Antonio (Chile)."

"The service will be operated independently by ZIM, which will deploy 6 X 1700 teu vessels on a weekly service with increased capacity for reefers, with connection between the ports of West Coast of South America and the US East Coast as well as fast transshipments from US East Coast ports and direct service from Miami in Southern Florida to all Latin America trades."

"CMA CGM's newly launched Americas XL service has been upgraded to weekly. The new service began operating in the Chilean port of San Antonio, on 24 December with a fortnightly

rotation and starting from 29 January, will do so on a weekly basis at the terminal operated by DP World."

Efrain Osorio, CMA CGM General Manager for Chile, Peru, and Bolivia added that "to this end, we are deploying six vessels with dry and refrigerated cargo capacity with a weekly rotation offering the best transit times in the industry to the main markets to and from the United States. Our service allows us to develop short-haul markets within Latin America."

"The Americas XL rotation - which was announced in October - includes calls at Port Everglades - Philadelphia - New York - Kingston - Buenaventura - Callao - San Antonio - Guayaquil - Cartagena - Port Everglades.

With Americas XL, CMA CGM, has six services calling Chilean ports, five of them exclusively dedicated to the country and a sixth that calls at Arica, but dedicated to the Bolivian market."

Excerpts from:

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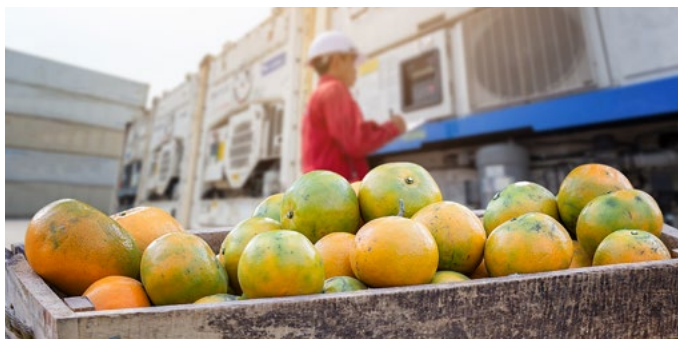
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Latin America Exports Overview

Fruit Season 2023

OCEAN FREIGHT MARKET STATUS

Export demand remains steady. Schedule reliability, limited carrier options, and blank sailings are keeping supply and demand fairly balanced to most destinations, with exports to Europe and Oceania remaining the most challenging.



LATIN AMERICA TO NORTH AMERICA

- Strained in Dec, Jan, & Feb.
- Capacity is flat month over month.
- Spot rates are flat month over month.
- Capacity and demand are getting more balanced.
- Congestion-related operational issues are at origin; U.S. port and rail congestion is slowly improving.

NORTH AMERICA TO LATIN AMERICA

- Strained in Dec, Jan, & Feb.
- Capacity is trending up month over month.
- Spot rates are flat month over month.
- New services from East and Gulf Coasts to West Coast South America will improve capacity; space to East Coast stable.
- Capacity is improving out of the U.S. West Coast; an alternative rail option remains via Houston.



Air Freight Market Status

Export conditions are mixed. The Brazilian export market remains relatively stable. Fruit season in Chile continues to bring strong demand. Poor growing conditions and strong competition continue to challenge the Argentina produce market, with demand trending down. Seed season is approaching in late February and will bring increased demand, though it remains to be seen how strong the harvest will be. Southbound capacity from Miami is available to most markets.

Source:
Global Market Overview (2023, Feb 16).
C.H. Robinson.
<https://www.chrobinson.com/en-us/resources/insights-and-advisories/global-forwarding-insights/>

Valentine's Day High for LATAM Cargo

LATAM Cargo Reporting 16% YoY Increase

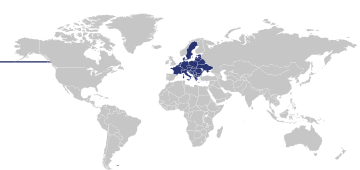
While last month many airlines were predicting a downcast flower season ahead of Valentine's Day, LATAM Cargo has buoyantly reported a 16% growth compared to last year's figures, moving over 17,910 tons of fresh flowers from Colombia and Ecuador.

"In 2022 we increased our fleet to 16 freighter aircraft, in addition to increasing our cold storage capacity in Colombia, which this season allowed us to strengthen our offer and thus provide greater transportation capacity for this Valentine's Day. These results are a reflection of our efforts and collaborative work with our customers to create robust solutions that allow us to continue supporting the growth of the flower industry in Colombia and Ecuador" said LATAM Cargo's International Commercial Director for South America, Claudio Torres.

Valentine's Day and Mother's Day mark peak periods for flower exporters and cargo carriers. LATAM alone, advises that from January 18th to February 8th they operated more than 300 take-offs from Quito, Bogota, and Medellin during the Valentine's Day season. Final destinations mainly included that of countries in North America, Europe and Oceania.

Source:
LATAM Cargo ends Valentine's Day with 16% growth in flower shipments compared to last season. (2023, Feb 14). LATAM Airlines. <https://www.latamairlines.com/gb/en/press-room/releases/latam-cargo-valentines-day-flowers>

European Market



Supply and Demand Imbalance in the Trans-Atlantic Trade

Too Much Capacity Suggests Rates are Likely to Topple

The shipping industry is experiencing an imbalance in supply and demand on the transatlantic trade route, causing a challenging business environment for carriers.

On one hand, demand for shipping services from the U.S. to Europe is currently high due to strong demand for goods in Europe, particularly from the U.S. However, the demand for shipping services from Europe to the U.S. is weak, due to a lack of exports from Europe to the U.S. As a result, carriers are struggling to find enough cargo to fill their vessels for return journeys from Europe to the U.S.

This supply and demand imbalance is causing an increase in shipping rates on the transatlantic trade route, making it more expensive for companies to ship their goods across the Atlantic. It is also causing challenges for carriers who must navigate the complex logistics of balancing the supply and demand of their vessels to maximize profitability.

Some industry experts have suggested that this supply and demand imbalance is a temporary issue, and that it will eventually even out as economic conditions change. Others, however, believe that this is a long-term issue that requires a fundamental restructuring of the shipping industry.

One proposed solution is for carriers to shift their focus from the traditional model of shipping large volumes of goods on few vessels to a model of shipping smaller volumes on more vessels. This would allow carriers to better match the supply and demand of their vessels and potentially reduce shipping rates for companies.

In any case, the current supply and demand imbalance on the transatlantic trade route is a challenge for carriers and companies alike. It remains to be seen how the shipping industry will adapt to this new reality, and what changes will be necessary to ensure its continued success.

Source:

Moore, R (2023, Jan 30) Supply and demand imbalance hits Transatlantic. Riviera Maritime Media.
<https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/supply-and-demand-imbalance-hits-transatlantic-74753>

Maersk Europe Market Update February 2023

High Import Demand

The shipping industry in Europe faces challenges, such as supply chain disruptions and port congestion, caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges have led to delays and longer waiting times for ships. Additionally, rising fuel costs and a labor shortage are increasing carriers' operating expenses.

Despite these challenges, the demand for shipping services in Europe is strong, with high demand for imports from Asia and a rebound in consumer spending. The report also highlights opportunities for growth in the industry, particularly in e-commerce and sustainability. The growth of e-commerce drives demand faster and more efficient shipping services, and sustainability is becoming increasingly important for consumers and businesses.

The report provides an overview of the market conditions in Europe, highlighting strong demand for shipping services in areas such as consumer goods, automotive parts, and industrial equipment. However, the industry is facing a shortage of available containers, leading to higher prices and longer waiting times for exporters.

Additionally, carriers are facing higher costs due to the shortage of labor and rising fuel prices.

In conclusion, while the shipping industry in Europe faces challenges, the demand for shipping services is strong, and there are opportunities for growth in e-commerce and sustainability. Carriers will need to find ways to adapt to the changing market conditions, particularly in container availability and rising operating costs, to maintain profitability and meet the growing demand for shipping services.

Source:

Maersk Europe Market Update (February 2023) (2023, Feb 15) Maersk.
<https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2023/02/15/europe-market-update-february>





AIR FREIGHT

Lufthansa Increases China Freighter Frequencies

B777F Network Updated for German Based Airline

Lufthansa Cargo has announced its summer freighter schedule, offering customers an increase in frequencies to China and new combinations of routings. The Summer flight schedule for Lufthansa Cargo will start on March 26th and will now provide ten freighter flights per week to Shanghai. Lufthansa Cargo will also fly to Chengdu on two of these Shanghai connections, doubling its capacity there. In addition, the number of weekly flights to Hong Kong will increase from five to six, including one stop in Almaty.

"Looking at the Chinese market in particular, we are seeing an upturn in economic activity and thus also an increasing demand for a reliable and quality transport solutions by airfreight for sensitive and high value goods. Accordingly, we have specifically adapted the flight schedule to meet the demands of

our customers. The extensive capacity of our fleet gives us more flexibility on intercontinental routes as well as in the short- and medium-haul network," said Ashwin Bhat, Lufthansa Cargo's Chief Commercial Officer.

In addition to Lufthansa's reinforced network to China, Lufthansa's current combined service from Frankfurt via Mumbai (BOM) to Hyderabad (HYD) will also increase by two flights per week. The Frankfurt-based airline will also continue to offer its B777F rotations to destinations in North and South America and on the route to Tel Aviv (TLV) in combination with Cairo (CAI). The Summer schedule announcements facilitate the operation of 79 weekly intercontinental connections for Lufthansa's 2023 season, focusing on Chinese cargo flows despite the recent slump in rates.

While Lufthansa's 16 B777Fs take center stage of its summer schedule, the airline has been expanding its A321F network on short- and medium-haul routes. In addition, focusing on continuing high demand for Same-Day and eCommerce solutions, Lufthansa Cargo has been deploying its A321 aircraft on Intra-European rotations. As a result, two more aircraft are expected to join its fleet in the first half of this year.

Source:

Lufthansa Cargo offers more freighter capacity to China. (2023, Feb 14) Lufthansa Cargo.

Oceania Market



OCEAN FREIGHT



Cyclone Gabrielle Causes Havoc at New Zealand Ports

Cyclone Gabrielle is disrupting shipping and port operations in New Zealand. The New Zealand government declared a national state of emergency on Tuesday morning (14 February) as the ex-tropical cyclone lashes the North Island with heavy rain, flooding and gale force winds. New Zealand's port community had been bracing for the approaching cyclone since late last week and began to announce closures over the weekend.

Excerpts from:

Williams, A (2023, Feb 14) *Cyclone Gabrielle Causes Havoc at NZ Ports*. Daily Cargo News. <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/environment/cyclone-gabrielle-causes-havoc-at-nz-ports/>





Texel Air Launches in New Zealand

New Cargo Capacity Enters Market

Texel Air, a Bahrain-based ACMI and charter cargo airline, has launched operations in New Zealand. The airline announced the commencement of operations on Linked In, confirming that it would be “operating B737-800 aircraft between Australia and New Zealand, providing ACMI and Charter services to its clients utilizing a world-class fleet of newly converted aircraft.” Texel currently operates five converted B737-800BCF cargo aircraft.

Source:

Jeffrey, R (2023, Feb 13) *Texel Air launches New Zealand operations*. Aircargo News. <https://www.aircargonews.net/airlines/freighter-operator/texel-air-launches-new-zealand-operations/>

African & Middle Eastern Market



Air Cargo Industry Responds to Turkish/ Syrian Earthquake

Aid and Relief Flown to Disaster-Hit Region

In February, the air cargo industry ramped up efforts for deliveries to Turkey and Syria with capacity for international aid into the region. Following the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on February 6th close to the Turkish city of Gaziantep on the Syrian border, the industry swung into action with air cargo being the prime mode of logistics in Emergency Resource situations. Authorities advise that at the time of writing, over 46,000 deaths have been recorded, with hundreds of thousands displaced.

Relief has been pouring into primarily Gaziantep Airport and Adnan Airport, supported by connections from Istanbul. In addition, various airlines have operated donation flights and charter capacity offered for global transportation of aid cargo into the region. However, reports of problematic operations in Syria has hampered efforts due to a war-torn country's lack of insurance coverage for carriers. As a result, TIACA has called upon insurance regulators to reassess their policies, recently stating that “we urge the insurance markets to follow the lead of the U.S. Treasury Department and remove the current penalty for a limited period to support relief efforts.”



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Etihad Cargo Expands European Network

New Routes to Copenhagen & Dusseldorf

Etihad Cargo has announced plans to expand its European network in 2023, introducing two new destinations and increasing its existing frequencies. From October 1st, 2023, Etihad will begin a four-flight a week schedule to Copenhagen and reinstate three weekly flights to Dusseldorf. Etihad will connect to the new European destinations from its hub in Abu Dhabi through operations of its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft, increasing belly capacity accordingly.

The UAE-based airline has further announced that it will increase its current seven passenger flights and four freighter flights per week to Frankfurt from May 1st, 2023, expanding its services to the largest German airport from 11 flights a week to 15.

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Asian Market



OCEAN FREIGHT



CNC's New JHT Service Covers Japan & Taiwan

Latest Maritime Service

CNC is pleased to announce a new maritime service - JHT service. Providing an additional solution to the existing Japanese services, the weekly JHT service offers a direct connection from Japan to Greater China (Taiwan and Hong Kong) and Thailand.

JHT provides an alternative service choice for shipments to transit through the extensive intra-regional network of CNC via the transshipment hub of Hong Kong.

Along with comprehensive coverage in Japan and Taiwan, JHT also enjoys enhanced coverage in Thailand with port calls to Bangkok and Laem Chabang.

PORT ROTATION

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PSA Container Throughput Performance for 2022

Realigning for the New Year

PSA International Pte Ltd (PSA) handled container volumes of 90.9 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) at its port projects worldwide for the year ending December 31st, 2022. The Group's volume decreased by 0.7% over 2021, with flagship PSA Singapore contributing 37.0 million TEUs (-0.7%) and PSA terminals outside Singapore handling 53.9 million TEUs (-0.7%).

Mr. Tan Chong Meng, Group CEO of PSA, shared, "The world experienced another challenging year in 2022, and although most countries were emerging from the global pandemic, many continued to suffer from the damaging aftershocks which were compounded by the war in Ukraine, higher energy prices, global inflation, and supply chain disruptions."

"Despite the challenges, I was heartened by the ability of our management, staff and unions to adapt and to honor promises to our customers across PSA's ports, cargo solutions, marine and digital businesses – they showed their grit, resilience, and an abiding commitment to excellence. Just as importantly, I am

deeply grateful for the continued support of our customers and partners as we worked closely together to keep cargo moving and trade flowing" he continued.

"Going into 2023, the world is experiencing deep transitions towards new realities. While these times of change can be uneasy, PSA stands steady against the headwinds that may come our way as we continue to build on our core business of ports and – coupled with the acquisition of BDP International last year – widen our focus on enabling more agile, resilient and sustainable supply chains. We will partner closely with our customers, partners and stakeholders to future-proof our journey ahead, continue in our mission to be a supply chain orchestrator, realize an Internet of Logistics and bring about more sustainable global trade" he concluded.

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RAIL FREIGHT

BTL Joins Hands with the LNRE to Promote Transportation Services via the Thai-Lao Railway

Cross-border Transportation

Bangkok Terminal Logistics (BTL), one of Thailand's leaders in railway containerized transport providers, together with the Lao National Railway State Enterprise (LNRE), held a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony in Vientiane.

At the ceremony, Mr. Borvornsint Tanthuanit, Managing Director of Bangkok Terminal Logistics, and Mr. Daochinda Siharath, Director General of the Lao National Railway State Enterprise, signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance the efficiency of cross-border transportation via the Thai-Lao Railway (Nong Khai – Thanaleng Dry Port) and the Laos-China railway.

Under the agreement, both sides will jointly develop a booking system for transportation services on the Thai-Lao Railway to increase transportation speed and efficiency. At the same time, the system will help reduce the time and cost of operations.

The Laos-China Railway project is a part of China's Belt and Road Initiative. It is designed to seamlessly connect transport routes between countries in the Mekong sub-region and ASEAN countries. The development of this railway is a strategic project to make Laos a major hub for land transportation in the region, along with the Belt and Road Initiative.

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AIR FREIGHT

ANA Cargo Resumes Flights to Brussels

Japanese Carrier Increasing Belly Capacity

Japanese carrier All Nippon Airways (ANA) has announced that from March 26th, they will resume operations of two new weekly flights between Japan and Brussels every Wednesday and Thursday, utilizing their B787 Dreamliners. Customers of ANA Cargo will now benefit from the new lower deck capacity, General Manager of ANA Brussels Keiichi Ueda said: "we are proud to resume the only direct service between Brussels and Tokyo. We will continue to play a role in strengthening the relationship between Japan and Belgium to develop new business opportunities."



ANA has also advised of plans for new flights between Munich and Haneda three times a week for the 2023 summer schedule.

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ESG MARKET UPDATES

Electric Semis in the US Market Model Overview

Electric semi-trucks are increasingly being rolled out as the technology advances and charging stations become more available. The industry does not think automation will replace drivers anytime soon, but more electric semis will be hitting the market. Several manufacturers are introducing their models to the US market.



Tesla Semi

Single Charge Range: Up to 500 miles
 Payload: 82k Gross Combination Weight
 Charging Time: 70% charge in 30 minutes.
 Acceleration: 0-60 mph in 20 seconds fully loaded 5 seconds with no payload
 Cost: Starts around \$150,000



Freightliner eCascadia

Single Charge Range: Up to 250 miles
 Max Horsepower: 500 hp
 Charging Time: 80% charge in 90 minutes.
 Payload: 82k Gross Combination Weight
 Cost: Starts around \$139,000



Volvo VNR Electric

Single Charge Range: Up to 275 miles
 Max Horsepower: 455 hp
 Charging Time: 80% charge in 90 minutes.
 Top Speed: 68 mph
 Cost: Starts around \$150,000

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