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SEA FREIGHT



US EAST COAST PORTS EXPAND TO HANDLE TRAFFIC BYPASSING CONGESTION IN THE WEST

- The nation's prime maritime gateway on the west coast continues to remain choked with traffic due to which US east coast ports which were already in their expansion mode anticipating growth to fast track their plans.
- The congestion at the port complex of Los Angeles & Long Beach in recent months has got worse lately with dwell times for vessels of almost a week, while on the docks containers pile up slowing movement of boxes off the facilities.



EQUIPMENT & CAPACITY SQUEEZE SUSPENDS SOUTH CHINA CARGO BOOKINGS

- Temporary suspension of cargo bookings into South China, due to reduced capacity from local feeder operators.
- This impacts Intra-Asia moves & cargo connecting from feeders to mainline vessels calling in Hong Kong & main South China ports.
- The move has dismayed local forwarders who warned customers "not to hesitate" in booking cargo prior to Chinese New Year (12 Feb)
- Impacted Ports - Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Yunnan, Guizhou & Fujian.



GSF BACKS INDIA'S CALL FOR RETURN TO 'ALL-INCLUSIVE' OCEAN FREIGHT RATES

- The Global Shippers' Forum (GSF) is backing India's push for "all-inclusive" ocean freight rates, claiming carrier surcharges disproportionately impact cargo owners in developing countries which would bring great benefit to Indian Exporters and Importers
- Indian carriers & forwarders criticized the government's plan to remove carriers' ability to levy surcharges, arguing it would be unlikely to reduce costs & could put local exporters at a competitive disadvantage.



CONTAINER FREIGHT RATES FROM ASIA SURGE TO NEW HIGHS

- The Shanghai Containerized Freight Index (SCFI) cumulative reading hit a new record of 2,311.71, representing a 162% increase on the same week last year.
- After initially lagging behind the massive rate gains seen on the transpacific, spot rates to North Europe now lead the rate race in terms of % increase, 230% higher than a year ago.
- The North Europe component of the SCFI jumped 24% on the week, to \$2,948 per teu, while spot rates to Mediterranean ports put on 29% to breach the \$3,000 mark, at \$3,073 per teu.



CONTAINER SHORTAGE SHINES LIGHT ON CARRIER UNDER-INVESTMENT IN BOX FLEETS

- The current acute shortage of boxes on many trade lanes has exposed the lack of investment by carriers in their container fleets.
- Slow-steaming & the new normal of port congestion has considerably extended the time needed to recycle equipment & the equipment shortages at every main Chinese port.
- All carriers have been impacted with the crisis now extending beyond the popular 40ft high-cube containers to all other types of boxes.



CHINESE NEW YEAR WILL MARK THE END OF CONTAINER SECTOR'S 'BULL RUN'

- Shippers & their forwarders across Europe & North America continue to face a widespread shortage of containers, port congestion issues, reduced vessel capacity & soaring prices, it is forecasted that container industry's current bull run will end around Chinese New Year holiday. (Feb)
- Carriers will likely show their resolve & yet again reduce vessel capacity, matching the decline, which means that the very high spot rates will come down somewhat, & the new surcharges for equipment availability will disappear.



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CONTAINER SHORTAGES THE BIGGEST DISRUPTER: WHERE ARE ALL THE EMPTY BOXES?

- The empty equipment so desperately needed back in Asia is scattered around depots across US, South America & Europe particularly in the UK, where embattled ports have been forced to limit the restoration of containers back onto already overcrowded terminals.
- China and USA- the average is comparably empty dwell time is high with 61 and 66 days respectively, compared with the global average of 45 days.
- To mitigate the serious equipment imbalance, ocean carriers have adopted an aggressive strategy for European and US exports, temporarily suspending bookings preferring to fill backhaul ships with as much empty equipment as possible.

TRANSPORTATION



MORTH INKS MOU WITH AUSTRIA ON TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION IN ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways on Wed inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation & Technology of the Republic of Austria on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector.
- It aims to strengthen ties, promote the long-standing bilateral relations & enhance trade & regional integration between the 2 countries.
- After the outbreak COVID-19, the govt. of India has been focusing on developing infrastructure & connectivity to help push the trade and drive the economy towards recovery.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



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AIR FREIGHT



WHO COMPLAINS OF 'OUTRAGEOUS' AIR FREIGHT RATES

- Medical-related products have seen air cargo prices soar, with the highest rate this week from Shanghai Pudong to North America at \$7.73 per kilo.
- According to the World Health Organization, carriers are charging “outrageous” prices to fly dry ice and other medical equipment.
- UNICEF, which is leading the Covid vaccine distribution efforts in developing countries spent \$35m to \$40m on vaccine distribution in 2019, but it expected prices to be significantly higher this year.
- The WHO expects much of the distribution to be handled by charters, which are seeing high rates.



INDIA'S SPICEJET EYES CARGO FLIGHTS TO THE US, STARTING WITH PPE

- SpiceJet has applied to US authorities to start Covid-19-related cargo flights as soon as possible & is looking initially to wet lease aircraft for the operation.
- The Indian low-cost carrier applied last week to fly an all-cargo service between India, the US and any point as well as cargo charters and cargo/passenger combination flights.
- SpiceJet plans to start operating charters carrying Covid-19 PPE cargo and repatriation passengers between Delhi, India, and New York JFK .



FORWARDERS SEE THEIR CARGO SIDELINED AS VACCINE SHIPMENTS TAKE OFF

- Forwarders are beginning to feel the pain as vaccine distribution begins – they are getting bumped from booked flights.
- Airlines have commenced loading of vaccines in Amsterdam for the past few day of Pfizer/BioNTech which is made in Belgium as well as in Michigan, Massachusetts and St. Louis resulting in other cargoes not getting loaded.



DRONE DEVELOPER DRONAMICS SIGNS UP 35 AIRPORTS TO SERVE AS EUROPEAN HUBS

- Drone developer Dronamics has reached signed up 35 airports across Europe to serve as hubs following the unveiling of new EU regulations for drone operations.
- Five of the airports announced are Liege, Brescia, Osijek, Seinajoki and Skovde and the rest would be revealed in the coming months.
- Dronamics is expected to start Test flights will begin in Q1 21 and secure the permits by the end of 2021 to begin flying in 2022.





CHINA - VIETNAM SOURCING PHASE 2

With 2.4% GDP growth forecast by the IMF, Vietnam is on track to become one of the fastest growing economies in the world in 2020, as many others fall into lockdown-induced recessions.

Manufacturing continues to drive the country's rise, with exports up 11% in the third quarter to \$80bn.

Apart from the increase of the new sourcing demands, the setting up of global hubs that were originally in China (the first phase was to move orders from China to existing manufacturing facilities in Vietnam) has resulted in the existing facilities getting overbooked with orders.

Major players such as Samsung and Apple are moving larger chunks of their Chinese assembly lines into the country, including higher value goods such as laptop computers, and not just smartphones

Overseas clients have high expectations about their business investments in Vietnam, which doesn't necessary have the legal nor logistics infrastructure to enable it.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Can Vietnam handle the sourcing shift from China with current logistics infrastructure?

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INDUSTRY SPECIAL



CENTRE RAMPS UP COLD STORAGE PREPARATION AT AIRPORTS FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE

- The central government has ramped up arrangements for setting up a cold chain storage chain for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- This will eventually be approved for use in India and is finalizing transport arrangements with top airlines to deliver the much-anticipated vaccine once it is out, officials in the know of the development shared.



TRUCKNET DIGITAL LAUNCHES TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM FOR MANUFACTURERS

- TruckNet Digital- a Digital Supply Network Platform with an aim to help companies manage their logistics efficiently and prepare it for unpredictable situations, has announced its offerings for manufacturers across India.
- The Digital Platform has been helping manufacturing and distribution companies with its technology to improve their profitability through more efficient transport management during these unprecedented times when businesses have been facing unpredictable out-of-stock situations, stranded trucks and a lack of visibility into their supply chains.



DRAFT BILL INDIRECTLY FLOATS 'ONE NATION, ONE PORT' IDEA

- A 'One Nation, One Port' idea is slowly taking shape with the Centre drafting an Indian Ports Bill to replace the Indian Ports Act 1908.
- This will give it sweeping powers to “regulate and control” ports which are in the concurrent list of the Constitution.



SOON, PORTS SECTOR TO HAVE CCI-LIKE BODY TO SETTLE DISPUTES

- Bench to exercise powers similar to a civil court
- The ports sector will have an exclusive Competition Commission-like set-up to adjudicate on disputes and complaints, according to the Indian Ports Bill drafted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.



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