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# FREIGHT MARKET UPDATE

- As the COVID -19 outbreak continues to spread, the effect is being felt throughout supply chains.
- The question is whether the revival will come fast enough to head off financial distress.

## SEA UPDATE

- ★ Non availability of containers and gradual increase in sea freight for the export sector is posing a serious concern for meeting delivery commitments
- ★ There is an increase of 20 to 40% increase in sea freight since July. Some sectors quantum of increase more than 75% .
- ★ At the same time rates are on higher side , we are forced to pay the higher charges, shipping lines are shutting out containers abruptly are making deliveries difficult.
- ★ Apart from these highest ocean freight cost , still liners are not able to give the confirm space .Some carriers are charging USD 500 per container for guaranteed space and confirmed vessel planning.
- ★ Most of the carriers space are now fully booked this month end.
- ★ Carriers are asking to place the booking 3-4 weeks in advance and charging Booking cancellation fee usd 50-150 if exporters are not able to meet the delivery on planned vessel.
- ★ We suggest all customers to give the planning in advance to get the space and container on time. We are trying our level best to provide best rates available in the market and containers on time.

## AIR UPDATE

- Rates are rising across India driven by tight capacity.
- Passenger freighters or Pfreighters are expected to make a strong return this Peak season.



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## AIR CARGO INDUSTRY SEEN RECOVERING AS EXPORTS AND FREIGHT SERVICES INCREASE

Air cargo business is showing signs of recovery with a rise in exports and addition of freighter services at major airports.

The cargo handled at Bengaluru airport registered a year on year growth in September - the first time since the imposition of lockdown in March. Delhi and Hyderabad airports handled 93 and 90 per cent of the levels handled in September 2019, respectively, last month.

"September has been very positive for us as we processed 32,449 metric tonnes of cargo which is 85 metric tonnes or 0.26 per cent higher than September 2019 tonnage signalling an encouraging trend," said Hari Marar, managing director of Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL).

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, around 80 per cent of domestic and international freight was being carried in belly space of passenger aircraft and the remainder in freighters. Thus, with the reduction in passenger flights, air freight handled on all India basis declined 45 per cent during April-September

on a year on year basis. Bengaluru airport has been able to register positive growth during this period led by a 139 per cent increase in freighter movements in September. Additionally, airlines also began carrying cargo in passenger cabins and this contributed to volume growth.

Perishable cargo has been one of the growth drivers and Bengaluru has become the leading centre for pomegranate exports. The introduction of road feeder service to connect cities like Tirupur, Coimbatore, Salem among others has also helped the airport to improve its cargo volume.

Mumbai airport handled 51,977 tonnes of cargo in September which was 18 per cent higher over the August figure. The September volume was 86 per cent of January tonnage and 73 per cent of last September's figure. Recovery at Mumbai has been slower because of a cap on number of daily flights, but the airport expects a further increase with the introduction of new freighter flights and lifting of restrictions.



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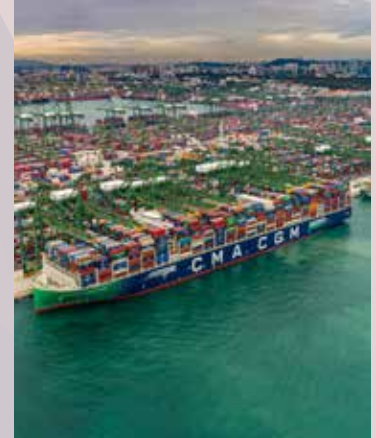


# SEA PORTS *Scenario*

## PORT OF SINGAPORE

### World's largest LNG powered containership calls in Singapore

The world's largest LNG-powered containership – the 23,000 teu CMA CGM Jacques Saade – made its maiden call in Singapore on Monday. The CMA CGM Jacques Saade called at the CMA CGM – PSA Lion Terminal on Monday as set to depart carrying 21,000 teu to the Mediterranean and North Europe. The vessel is deployed on CMA CGM's French Asia Line 1 service between Asia and Europe. It is the first of nine 23,000 teu, LNG-powered newbuildings.



## KOLKATA PORT

### to get separate zone for Nepal cargo

Kolkata Customs is likely to allocate a separate zone within the Syama Prasad Mookerjee port area to handle cargo headed for Nepal. Once operational, this zone will be the first dedicated freight/cargo handling area for Nepal inside any port area in India. It will significantly boost cargo movement and reduce handling time for consignments headed to Nepal through the port in Kolkata.

## PORT PIPAVAV

### to go green with solar switch

APM Terminals Pipavav has decided to install rooftop solar power panels inside the port premises. The company will also replace conventional high-power lights with LED lights in cargo handling equipment. The solar porter plant will generate 930 kilowatt-peak and compensate power requirements and help reduce carbon footprints worth 200 MT per year. LED lights on equipment' project will reduce carbon emissions by around 50 MT per year. Other initiatives such as rubber-tyred gantry cranes (RTGs) electrification, oil recycling, deployment of eCars and LED lights in Port operational and utility areas have already been completed under this programme.



## Bangalore Airport processes 180,745 kgs of Pomegranates from April to August



Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB/ BLR Airport) processed 180,745 kgs of pomegranates from April to August 2020, to emerge as the leading airport for pomegranate exports from India.

BLR Airport also accounted for 99% of the total pomegranate exports from Karnataka, according to the data available from the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and

the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS).

The fruit was exported to 12 international destinations, by nine global freight carriers – Air France, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airways, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines and Turkish Airlines.

Backed by two cargo terminal operators – Air India SATS and Menzies Aviation Bobba Bangalore, BLR Airport plays a key role in ensuring that products reach their destinations in good condition. To retain their freshness, perishables are stored, cleared and moved to the aircraft on priority, with the required temperature controls in place, therefore reducing dwell time at terminals.

The cargo infrastructure has been built to ensure the rapid distribution of perishable cargo, making KIAB the preferred cargo airport in South India. BLR Airport has a dedicated cold zone – AISATS CoolPort – with the capacity to handle 40,000 MT per annum and temperature zones ranging from -25 to +25 degrees Centigrade, under the same roof and Menzies Aviation Bobba Bangalore, with the capacity to handle 20,000 MT per annum.

## India Implements Cargo Restrictions For Foreign Carriers

India has amended its Open Sky agreements this week, placing restrictions on foreign cargo airlines operating flights to India. Non-scheduled foreign carriers can now only operate freight services to six major cities in India (Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata), with permissions required for others. The move is likely aimed at boosting operations for Indian freight carriers.



## Mumbai Airport sees surge in general cargo movements

Mumbai Airport (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport) has witnessed movement of 72000 tonnes of general cargo in the April-August period, resulting in 278 percent by the end of August 2020 as compared to April 2020 on the total volumes of general cargo. These include products such as engineering goods and machinery, electricals and electronics, chemicals, dangerous goods, garments and textiles.

Mumbai Airport's air cargo has catered to a total of over 1,69,000 tonnes of cargo during April-August 2020, consisting of approximately 1,35,000 of international and 34,000 tonnes of domestic cargo. The airport registered a total of 18,820 cargo air traffic movements during the same period and witnessed an air freight growth of a whopping 166 percent in August 2020 as compared to April 2020.



# SNIPPETS



## dnata launches cool dollies operations in Changi Airport

The air services provider dnata has enhanced its pharma handling capabilities in Singapore Changi Airport by launching cool dollies in its operations. The company's new, high-tech containers are specially designed to serve the pharmaceutical industry with a closed temperature-controlled system for delivery of temp-sensitive goods between cargo warehouses and aircraft. dnata is the first cargo handler to operate cool dollies at Singapore Changi Airport.

Providing temperature-controlled storage from -18°C up to +25°C, the cool dollies mitigate the risk of temperature deviations and contamination. They have a closed structure with alarms on opening and closing, as well as alerts if temperatures fluctuate above acceptable ranges. As they are fitted with solar panels, the cool dollies are both environmentally friendly and autonomous.



## Alitalia Cargo uplifts record 53T load on B777-300 from Mumbai

Alitalia Airlines, who have been operating their weekly cargo-only passenger flights from India since June 2020, have uplifted a record 53,375-kilogramme freight on a single B777-300 flight from Mumbai to Rome. An optimum mix of high-density cargo along with pharmaceuticals, auto parts, spares, chemicals, garments & courier helped achieve the result. The ULD planning was monitored for maximum utilisation of space on the newly cargo only reconfigured aircraft.

Alitalia has been expanding its cargo capacity to transport vital supplies across the globe & looks forward to increasing the import & export trade between Italy & India in times ahead.



## Brussels Airport carriers gear up for vaccine flights

Brussels Airport is welcoming new cargo flights: a DHL subsidiary and All Nippon Airlines Cargo adding new routes. DHL's European Air Transport Leipzig has launched five weekly flights on an A330-200F between Brussels and Miami for medicines and vaccines.

The move follows services launched in March and April by DHL Express and Amerijet on the same route, bringing the number of weekly flights to 13. Brussels and Miami have worked together to develop the pharmaceutical tradelane, and last year, Miami Airport says it handled \$3.7bn-worth of pharmaceuticals, while Brussels saw imports worth \$12.7m.

## EXCLUSIVE CARGO OPERATIONS FROM VIJAYAWADA AIRPORT SOON



Vijayawada airport will soon have a designated building spanning 2,500 square metres for handling exclusive cargo operations along with cold storage facility.

Estimates in this regard are under final stages and tenders will be invited shortly. It may be noted that the domestic cargo facility was launched at the old terminal building in June 2018 and, the services commenced in August. About 40 tonnes of cargo is handled per day.

The airport authorities have mooted the idea of a designated building for cargo operations along with cold storage facility, considering the airport's potential for handling special cargo flights.

## VIETJET SEES INCREASE IN AIR CARGO VOLUME

Vietjet has reported a surge of 23 percent in cargo volume transported between April and August this year compared to the pre-pandemic first quarter. The airline's freight volume increased from 16,133 tonnes between January and March 2020 to 19,872 tonnes in the following five months. Growth was disproportionately driven by the domestic market with cargo transported within Vietnam seeing a rise of 54% over the first quarter. Revenue from air cargo increased by 21% in the Apr-Aug period compared to the first three months with freight revenue in the domestic market jumping by nearly 65%, the airline said.

## SpiceJet to begin scheduled service to London from Delhi, Mumbai in Dec

SpiceJet today announced its first scheduled long-haul service and it is to London Heathrow from the Indian cities of Delhi and Mumbai starting on December 4, 2020, with its brand-new Airbus A330-900neo aircraft.

SpiceJet thus becomes the first Indian low-cost airline to operate flights to the United Kingdom. These flights will operate under the India-UK air bubble agreement. The airline will operate thrice-a-week to London including twice from Delhi and once-a-week from Mumbai.



### Flight Schedule

Flight No	Origin	Destination	Dep	Arrival	Frequency	w.e.f
SG 9594	Delhi	London Heathrow	1:00 PM	5.30 pm	Fri, Sun	04-Dec-20
SG 9595	London Heathrow	Delhi	7.30 pm	7:55 am +1	Mon, Fri	04-Dec-20
SG 9597	London Heathrow	Mumbai	7:30 PM	8:45 am +1	Sun	06-Dec-20
SG 9596	Mumbai	London Heathrow	12:45 PM	5.30 pm	Mon	07-Dec-20

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## Launching cargo ferry service to connect Tuticorin and Cochin with Male



India and the Maldives on Monday launched a cargo ferry service connecting Tuticorin and Cochin ports with Male with the aim of cutting costs and time taken to transport goods between the two countries. The vessel can carry 380 TEUs and 3,000 metric tonnes on bulk cargo. The turnaround time for voyages will be 10 to 12 days and the service will operate twice a month. The vessel MCP Linz, operated by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) provides direct cargo connectivity between India and the Maldives on a predictable and affordable basis for the first time, and will lower costs and times for traders in both countries,” the Indian mission in Male said in a statement.



## ZIM Launches a New China-Australia Express Service (CAX)

October 2020, will have the following rotation:

**Ningbo – Shanghai – Yantian – Sydney – Melbourne – Brisbane – Ningbo**

The service will deploy 6X2500 TEU vessels with extensive capacity and plugs for refrigerated cargo. A fleet of new, advanced reefer units fitted with ZIMonitor system for constant monitoring and damage prevention will be available to customers on the new service.

Eli Glickman, ZIM’s President & CEO, added: “We are very pleased to start operating in the Australian trade in view of the high demand in the market. I am sure this new service will provide a solution to customers’ growing needs in this trade. We see great opportunity in the Australian trade and believe our unique Z Factor and innovative yet personal approach will be appreciated and valued by customers in this market.”

ZIM is entering the Australian market with a fast service connecting China with major ports in Australia.

The new service, named China Australia Express (CAX), will offer 11-day transit time from South China to Sydney – one of the fastest in the market – along with additional advantages and superb customer service.

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## JNPT handles 3,80,384 TEUs cargo in September



## Vizag Port registers 11% growth in cargo handling

Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has registered an all-time record of handling over 72.72 million metric tonnes cargo for the fiscal 2019-20, Chairman K Rama Mohana Rao said here on Tuesday. Speaking to the media, the VPT Chairman said it was achieved against 65.30 million tonnes handled in 2018-19, recording a growth of 11 per cent. He said there will be a fierce competition with the private ports for the next three to four years.

## Adani Ports acquires Krishnapatnam port

India's largest private port operator Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has completed the acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Co Ltd (KPCL) for an enterprise value of ₹12,000 crore. This will result in APSEZ having a 75% controlling stake in KPCL, the Adani group said in a press release.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) said it handled 3,80,384 TEUs of cargo in September, which is 95 per cent of the cargo handled in the same month a year ago. As compared to August, the growth in throughput was 7.8 per cent, indicating early signs of recovery which is very significant during the ongoing pandemic that has affected businesses across the country, JNPT said in a release.

The throughput in August was 3,52,735 TEUs.

The port said in the first half of 2020-21 (April-September), it handled 1.92 million TEUs as against 2.57 million TEUs in the year-ago period, while the overall traffic handled during this period was 26.93 million tonne as compared to 34.41 million tonne in the same period a year ago, it said.

"Various initiatives like direct port entry and delivery, internal terminal rail handling operations and internal terminal transportation have helped in reducing the dwell time and with the installation of scanners and the centralised parking plaza being fully operational by this month, the efficiency of the port will further improve," said Sanjay Sethi, Chairman, JNPT.

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## CMA CGM spreads its wings to air cargo



French shipping line CMA CGM is entering the air cargo sector with an investment in an airline group that operates flights to

leisure destinations as it continues to diversify its logistics portfolio beyond ocean freight. The fourth-largest container vessel operator by shipping capacity said Wednesday it is taking a 30% stake in privately held Groupe Dubreuil Aéro and will use its logistics expertise to develop air cargo operations for Air Caraïbes and French Bee airlines. CMA CGM will inject 50 million euros (\$58 million) into Groupe Dubreuil Aéro and purchase shares in exchange for two board seats.

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