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SEA UPDATE

PORT OPERATIONS STATUS

85% berth occupancy, operating smoothly, equipment available

RATE TRENDS

Stable with slight upward pressure for the US & Latin America, Europe rates are stable, and Far East rates are softening; Intra-Asia has competitive rates available.

CAPACITY & RATES

- Available space on major routes
- Premium rates for express shipments
- Charter solutions for project cargo
- Special rates for volume commitments



AIR UPDATE





NOTE

The global air cargo market wrapped up 2024 on a high note, marking 14 consecutive months of double-digit demand growth.

December saw an 11% year-on-year increase in volumes, while average spot rates ended the year 15% higher, according to analysts at Xeneta.

However, the industry faces 2025 with cautious optimism amid geopolitical uncertainties, subdued manufacturing, and regulatory challenges.

Xeneta forecasts demand growth of 4-6% in 2025, though Chief Airfreight Officer Niall van de Wouw warns of headwinds. “While the industry’s resilience is clear, ongoing geopolitical tensions, a muted manufacturing sector, and potential regulatory interventions could temper growth,” he said.

In December, global air cargo capacity growth of just 2% lagged behind demand, pushing Xeneta’s dynamic load factor—measuring capacity utilization—up three percentage points to 62%. Spot rates climbed 15% year-on-year to \$2.99 per kilogram, though the growth rate was the slowest in seven months.

The end-of-year peak season showed a moderate 11% rise in spot rates between

September and December, contrasting with the steeper 21% increase during the same period in 2023. Van de Wouw attributed the market’s stabilization to improved strategic planning. “Airlines, freight forwarders, and shippers have shifted focus to longer-term contracts and capacity allocation, fostering healthier industry dynamics,” he said.

E-commerce continues to play a pivotal role in air cargo growth, with projections of 14% annual growth through 2026. However, van de Wouw cautioned that regulatory actions, particularly against Chinese e-commerce platforms, could disrupt markets worldwide.

The Europe-to-North America corridor recorded the most significant rate increase in December, rising 21% month-on-month to \$3.27 per kilogram—its highest level in over two years. In contrast, Northeast Asia-to-North America rates saw a modest 5% increase to \$5.57 per kilogram, while Northeast Asia-to-Europe rates rose 4% to \$5.28 per kilogram.

On the heavily scrutinized China-to-US route, spot rates declined 9% from a mid-December peak of \$5.61 per kilogram, reflecting subdued peak season activity and heightened scrutiny of e-commerce shipments.

AFCOM HOLDINGS TO BEGIN COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

Afcom Holdings, the Chennai-based all-cargo airline to operate Boeing 737-800 between Chennai and Bangkok.

Afcom Cargo, announced that its Boeing 737-800 received

a grand water cannon salute at the Chennai International Airport



CHALLENGE GROUP EXPANDS OPERATIONS WITH NEW DELHI FLIGHTS



Challenge Group is pleased to announce the expansion of its operations in India with the introduction of two weekly flights to Delhi, starting October 3, 2024. This brings the Group's total to five weekly flights into India, including three into Mumbai.

The new service will operate on Wednesdays and Sundays using Challenge Group's growing fleet of Boeing 767F aircraft, with a capacity of approximately 52 tons each.

The new service increases cargo flexibility for global businesses, enabling better supply chain management between India and key regions in Europe, North America, and the Middle East.

NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT COMPLETES FIRST FLIGHT VALIDATION TEST

Validation of instrument approach procedure and touchdown of IndiGo A320 paves way for clearance by DGCA.

The Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) took a step towards becoming operational with its first commercial flight validation test.

"Runway 08/26 at NMIA (Airport Code: NMI) came alive as an A320 aircraft from Indigo Airlines successfully touched down, marking a milestone in the international airport's journey toward becoming fully operational," says an official release from Adani Airport Holdings.



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ETIHAD CARGO ADDS PARIS TO FREIGHTER NETWORK WITH NEW WEEKLY SERVICE

EtihaCargo, the cargo and logistics arm of Etihad Airways, is expanding its freighter network with the addition of Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) as its latest destination. The service, which launches on 7 January 2025, will operate one weekly flight, offering more than an additional 100 tonnes of cargo capacity to the market. Paris will become the 12th destination in Etihad Cargo's freighter network and demonstrates the carrier's continued commitment to providing greater global connectivity and meeting the diverse needs of its customers.



Operating via Abu Dhabi, the new freighter service will provide seamless main deck capacity connections to Ezhou, Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Hanoi and Zhengzhou.

The service will also integrate with an extensive road feeder trucking network within China, enabling broader market access. Additionally, customers will

benefit from same-day connectivity across Etihad Cargo's widebody and narrowbody network, ensuring swift and reliable delivery for time-sensitive shipments.

EMIRATES SKYCARGO ADDS COPENHAGEN TO ITS DEDICATED FREIGHTER NETWORK

In response to growing demand out of Denmark, Emirates SkyCargo has deployed a dedicated weekly freighter to Copenhagen Airport. The deployment increases the network of destinations served by Emirates freighters to 38.

Previously served via bellyhold capacity in passenger aircraft, the Boeing 777 freighter will increase capacity offered to Emirates' customers, with approximately 85 tonnes allocated for cargo from Copenhagen, and neighbouring countries including Norway and Sweden.

Emirates SkyCargo has recorded significant growth in volume of over 20% from Denmark in the last financial year, driven largely by pharmaceutical shipments. With a thriving life sciences production industry and resilient cold chain infrastructure, Copenhagen serves as Europe's northern hub for pharma logistics. The increased capacity coupled with Emirates SkyCargo's fit-for-purpose pharmaceutical product portfolio and extensive global network will support more pharma exports from Denmark.

Emirates SkyCargo serves 11 destinations across Europe with 38 dedicated freighter flights per week, complemented by over 485 passenger flights every week.

This near-unrivalled frequency and capacity marks Europe as one of the airline's busiest destinations.

Effective from 1 January 2025, EK9746 will arrive in Copenhagen Airport on Wednesdays at 12:35AM, departing for Dubai World Central at 15:05PM.



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VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TO BUILD FLYOVER TO FACILITATE CARGO TRAFFIC

The Visakhapatnam Port Authority signed a Rs 300 crore agreement with Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) on Thursday to construct a flyover aimed at reducing congestion and enabling seamless cargo movement via road and rail traffic towards the port.

Designed to improve traffic management and cargo evacuation, the project will cover the areas surrounding the port and critical parts of the city leading to it.

“The agreement pertains to the construction of a flyover bridge connecting Seahorse Junction to the dock area at Vizag Port. The estimated cost of the project is approximately Rs 300 crore. The flyover will eliminate 11 level crossings that currently obstruct traffic flow, ensuring smooth cargo movement,” stated an official press release from VPA.



Happy Birthday



13- JANUARY
BAHIS



27- JANUARY
KARINA SURAJ JATOLIYA



CONCOR LAUNCHES DOUBLE-STACK SERVICE BETWEEN NCR AND VARNAMA

State-run Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) has launched double-stack container train services between



the National Capital Region (NCR) and Varnama near Baroda. This initiative aims to facilitate customers at Nhava Sheva near Mumbai, home to Jawaharlal Nehru Port (J N Port).

On December 21, the first double-stack container train from Khatuwas and Dadri in NCR reached CONCOR's Gati Shakti Multimodal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at Varnama, situated along the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC). The train carried export cargo destined for J N Port, according to a statement from the state-run firm.

The Varnama terminal will also support the conversion of import containers into double-stack trains for Northern India, ensuring quicker and more sustainable transportation via the WDFC.

VIZHINJAM PORT WELCOMES 100TH COMMERCIAL VESSEL



Port started commercial operations in the first week of December after a trial run of four months.

Vizhinjam International Port in Kerala welcomed its 100th commercial vessel - MSC Michela. MSC Michela, with an overall length of 299.87 metre and capacity of over 9,400 TEUs, was built in 2016 (eight years old) and currently sailing under the flag of Madeira, according to data from vesselfinder.

The port started commercial operations in the first week of December after a trial run of four months.

Vizhinjam International Seaport (VISL) – a company fully owned by the Government of Kerala operated under the public private partnership (PPP) model, was incorporated to implement the flagship project – the Vizhinjam International Seaport Project, the country’s first deep-water transshipment port. Vizhinjam Port is the largest private sector investment in Kerala.

JNPA REPORTS HIGHEST-EVER CONTAINER THROUGHPUT OF 7 MN TEUS IN CY2024

JNPA also handled the highest-ever cargo throughput of 90 million tonnes in the calendar year 2024 which is higher by 4.25 percent as compared to the previous calendar year.

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) handled the highest-ever container throughput of 7.05 million TEUs in the calendar year 2024 (from Jan-2024 to Dec-2024) which is 11 percent higher as compared to the previous calendar year 2023. JNPA also handled the highest-ever cargo throughput of 90.27 million tonnes in the calendar year 2024 which is higher by 4.25 percent as compared to the previous calendar year. Currently, JNPA operates five container terminals – NSFT, NSICT, NSIGT, BMCT and APMT. The Port also has a Shallow Water Berth for general cargo. A Liquid Cargo Terminal present at the JNPA Port is managed by the BPCL-IOCL consortium. Additionally, the newly constructed coastal berth links other Indian ports and facilitates enhancing the traffic of coastal containers. BMCT and APMT crossed 2 million TEUs in container handling in the calendar year 2024 and BMCTPL handled 2.12 million TEUs which is highest highest-ever container handling by any terminal in a calendar year.



YOUR CARGO IS IN

SAFE HANDS



Shipping

SNIPPETS

HMM TO LAUNCH NEW INDIA-NORTH EUROPE SERVICE

HMM announced the launch of a new INX(India North Europe Express)service which will offer a direct connection from Western India to Northern Europe.

INX will cooperate with HMM and ONE. The new service is designed as a weekly maritime service, turning around in 11 weeks (R/V 77 days) with 6,000TEU container ships.

In conjunction with the company's existing FIM (India to Mediterranean) and IAX (India to East Coast America) services, this new service will further diversify HMM's service portfolio originating from India. By expanding its reach to Northern Europe, the INX service aims to facilitate regional ex-import from India and global trans-shipment via India, supporting India's growing international trade.

The maiden voyage will be starting from Karachi, Pakistan on February 5th, 2025, with the following port rotation: Karachi- Hazira- Mundra - Nhava Sheva - Colombo - London Gateway - Rotterdam - Hamburg - Antwerp - Karachi.

OOCL ANNOUNCES NEW FAR EAST - CHENNAI SERVICE 3 (FCS3)

OOCL is pleased to offer enhanced connectivity between South China, Southeast Asia, and Chennai with the introduction of the new Far East - Chennai Service 3 (FCS3), launched on 6 December 2024.

FCS3 will establish direct connections between multiple ports in China, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and East India; it provides customers with a competitive and reliable shipment option.

FCS3 is tailored to support the growing trade demands between these dynamic markets.

FCS3 port rotation: Nansha - Shekou - Ho Chi Minh City - Laem Chabang - Port Kelang - Chennai - Port Kelang - Nansha



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YANG MING TO LAUNCH INDIA OCEAN EXPRESS SERVICE ENHANCING SERVICE NETWORK

Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation is proactively exploring new markets. In view of India's strong economic performance and its position as one of the fastest-growing major economies, the Company is pleased to announce the launch of new India Ocean Express service, providing a direct connection



from West India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan to the North Europe region.

The ISE service will offer direct connections and transshipment solutions across Indian Subcontinent, supporting customers in meeting their business demands.

The inaugural voyage will commence on February 5th, 2025.

Hyundai Oakland/V133W (ETA Karachi: 5th February 2025)

Hyundai Oakland/V133E (ETA London Gateway: 16th March 2025)

The service rotation is Karachi- Hazira- Mundra- Nhava Sheva- Colombo- London Gateway- Rotterdam- Hamburg- Antwerp- Karachi.

ONE LAUNCHES INDIAN OCEAN EXPRESS (IOX)

Ocean Network Express (ONE) is excited to announce the new Indian Ocean Express service (IOX). This new service connects India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan with the North Europe region offering customers expanded service coverage for this region. Additionally, the transshipment service via Colombo would cater to the shipping needs of customers from East India and Bangladesh.

They are now open for bookings. The new IOX service is designed to provide a reliable, high-quality, and schedule-adherent transportation solution.

The inaugural voyage from Nhava Sheva to North Europe will commence with:

Hyundai Oakland/V133W (ETA Karachi: 5th February 2025)

Hyundai Oakland/V133E (ETA London Gateway: 16th March 2025)

As the service will be routed via Cape of Good Hope, the following service rotation is:

Karachi – Hazira – Mundra – Nhava Sheva – Colombo – London Gateway – Rotterdam – Hamburg – Antwerp – Karachi

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