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#### PORT HOUSTON BOX VOLUMES UP 5PC IN MAY

PORT Houston has reported steady year-over-year (YoY) growth in May, handling 381,640 TEU, a 5 per cent increase over the same period last year. Loaded imports and exports both rose by 1 per cent in May, maintaining a balanced trade profile, according to London's Port Technology International. General cargo was up 12 per cent YTD, and steel imports increased by 11 per cent. Overall tonnage across Port Houston's public facilities reached nearly 23 million tonnes through May, a 2 per cent increase over the previous year. To manage growth and improve efficiency, the port has expanded its Express Pass appointment system for trucking, which streamlines gate transactions and improves terminal flow. Enhancements underway will allow for greater control over time slots and truck traffic before arrival. Port Houston also rolled out its new Execution and Visibility Platform (EVP), a cloud-based API solution that provides real-time access to vessel schedules, inventory, and road services data. The platform aims to support data-driven decisions across the supply chain.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### ALLIANCE RESHUFFLING, GROWTH LEADS TO CONGESTION

A COMBINATION of service realignments, labour disruption and capacity growth has pushed up congestion at terminals in Europe and Latin America, reports UK's Seatrade Maritime News. Labour disputes in Europe's two largest ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp have seen delays and congestion mount. In the Dutch port's case, the labour contract has been resolved, but cargo flow in Rotterdam will only improve over the next six weeks said Hapag-Lloyd CEO Rolf Habben Jansen. Reshuffling of alliances were one of the reasons behind the build-up of port congestion at North European ports, according to Mr Jansen, who added that the German ports were now generally clear of congestion. Of congestion at South American ports, he said, "the Brazilian market is very strong and vessel capacity has become tight due to congestion."Beacon, the online supply chain visibility provider, shows average dwell times for containers at Brazil's largest port at Santos as five days, but that is down from more than seven days in February.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### LINERS BLAMED FOR PORT CONGESTION BY MAERSK PORT UNIT

MAERSK's port operator APM Terminals Apapa has blamed shipping lines for port congestion as they failed take away empty containers that clog Nigerian cargo flow, reports the Lagos-based Vanguard news agency. APMT terminal manager Steen Knudsen rejected blame heaped on terminal operators for not accepting empties as the "claim was misleading". Mr Knudsen said congestion stems from a surge in import cargo volumes, which has led shipping lines to prioritise the discharge of laden containers over the evacuation of empties. "The management of empty container evacuation into the terminal and their shipment out on vessels is the exclusive responsibility of shipping lines, which own and control the containers," he said. Mr Knudsen explained that the current imbalance has resulted in an accumulation of empty containers within the terminal, significantly reducing available yard space and forcing APM Terminals to temporarily restrict the reception of additional empties. Mr Knudsen explained that the current imbalance has resulted in an accumulation of empty containers within the terminal, significantly reducing available yard space and forcing APM Terminals to temporarily restrict the reception of additional empties.

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#### GEODIS OFFERS 'SMARTER, SUSTAINABLE' AIR CARGO

GEODIS has announced the launch of Geodis AirSmart, a new low carbon solution designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions related to air freight by leveraging performance, said its press release. By selecting the most energy-efficient aircraft and optimising routing, Geodis AirSmart significantly reduces GHG emissions, the release said.Leveraging external flight data and advanced analytics tools, the solution enables smarter routing decisions while enhancing performance. "This innovation marks a new step forward in Geodis's route to decarbonisation and to support its customers in achieving their climate goals. It also aligns with Geodis' pledge to reduce absolute air freight emissions by 25 per cent by 2030.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

CHINA CONTAINERIZED FREIGHT INDEX

ROUTE	LAST PERIOD	THIS PERIOD
	2025/6/20	2025/6/27
CCFI	1342.46	1369.34
(JAPAN SERVICE)	967.31	957.14
(EUROPE SERVICE)	1578.6	1640.72
(W/C AMERICA SERVICE)	1256.91	1212.09
(E/C AMERICA SERVICE)	1492.92	1509.76
(KOREA SERVICE)	505.25	490.84
(SOUTHEAST ASIA SERVICE)	937.79	937.62
(MEDITERRANEAN SERVICE)	2246.49	2304.71
(AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SERVICE)	860.88	881.05
(SOUTH AFRICA SERVICE)	1051.3	1176.9
(SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE)	981.75	1034.82
(WEST EAST AFRICA SERVICE)	1015.25	1094.42
(PERSIAN GULF/RED SEA SERVICE)	1430.93	1570

#### WAVE OF FREIGHT CONTAINERS AT LALB PORTS TO BEAT CHINA TARIFF HIKE

A NEW wave of ocean freight from China is beginning to arrive at the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach, an increased flow of shipping containers aiming to beat potential tariff increases. President Trump imposed a deadline of August 12 for the US and China to agree to a trade deal, reports CNBC. In recent days, the vessel tracking service managed by the Marine Exchange of Southern California and Coast Guard showed an uptick in ship arrivals: Friday (64), Saturday (68), and Sunday (64). "This is a pretty solid forecast of an increase in container ship arrivals in the next one to two weeks," said Captain J Kipling (Kip) Louttit, executive director of MX SoCal. He said it is the highest number of container ships on the way to the nation's busiest ports since January 2025 (previous highs were in July and September 2024). The increase in containers was expected, and officials have stopped short of describing it as a "surge ".

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### PORT OF SAVANNAH LOGS SECOND-BUSIEST MAY WITH SLIGHT CARGO GROWTH

CONTAINER cargo at the Port of Savannah has more than weathered the volatile tariff landscape so far this calendar year. May cargo came in 2.2 per cent above volumes for the same month in 2024, putting this year's May volume at just over 500,900 TEU, according to a GPA press release. The totals marked the second-busiest May in GPA history, writes Savannah Morning News. The announcement came after GPA had three consecutive months with month-specific cargo records in February, March and April. "Three months in a row over half a million TEU is a testament to customers' trust in Savannah," said Georgia Ports Authority president and CEO Griff Lynch. "I'd like to thank GPA employees and our partners at Gateway Terminals and the International Longshoremen's Association for delivering world-class supply chain efficiency, even during market disruptions ."

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### SHIPPING LEADERS STRUGGLE TO MEET IMO'S GREEN EFFICIENCY TARGETS

SIGNATORIES of the Sea Cargo Charter, whose members are considered environmental leaders in shipping, have said in a report that they're still 12.2 per cent behind the minimum international climate goals set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 2024, up from 9 per cent the previous year. The 34 charterers and shipowners featured in the report represent around 18 per cent of global wet and dry bulk cargo transported by sea in 2024, reports Singapore's Splash 247. External conditions were cited in explaining the difficulties in getting sufficient climate alignment scores. "Operational barriers such as regional port limitations (draft restrictions), challenging weather patterns, inefficient routing, and reliance on short-term charters contributed to alignment shortfalls," signatories to the charter said in a release.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### INDIA STARTS TO RAISE US\$3.5B TO BUILD ITS LARGEST PORT NORTH OF MUMBAI

INDIA has started the process of raising INR30,000 crore (US\$3.5 billion) in debt to fund the construction of the country's biggest port, Vadhvan Port, located just a few hours north of Mumbai. The project is being carried out by Vadhvan Port Project Ltd, which is jointly owned by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and the Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB). JNPA holds a 74 per cent stake, while MMB owns the remaining 26 per cent, according to Marine Insight, Bangalore, India. According to the JNPA chairman and managing director of the project, Unmesh Sharad Wagh, the debt will be raised in two phases and will have repayment periods ranging from 15 to 20 years. The funding will be sourced from both domestic and international lenders.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### SUEZ CANAL BACK IN BUSINESS AS CMA CGM OSIRIS TRANSITS THE CANAL

THE Suez Canal is back in business for the world's largest container ships after months of disruption, according to London's WorldCargo News. The 15,536 TEU CMA CGM Osiris became the first mega vessel to transit the waterway last Wednesday since last year and used the new 15 per cent rebate. A large container ship operated by CMA CGM transited the Suez Canal on Wednesday, becoming the first mega vessel to pass through the waterway from the Bab al-Mandeb Strait since March 2024, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) said. The CMA CGM Osiris, with a capacity of 15,536 TEU and gross tonnage of 154,000 tonnes, joined the south-to-north convoy en route from Singapore to the Port of Alexandria.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)