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#### HAPAG-LLOYD LIFTS VOLUMES TO 6.7 MILLION TEU

Germany's Hapag-Lloyd posted solid first-half 2025 results, with transport volumes rising 11 per cent to 6.7 million TEU, driven by East-West trades, reports London's Port Technology International. Group EBITDA reached EUR.8 billion (US\$1.9 billion), while EBIT declined to EUR0.6 billion and profit stood at EUR0.7 billion. Market volatility, shifting US trade policies, port congestion and Red Sea security issues impacted operations. Revenues in the Liner Shipping segment rose to EUR9.5 billion, supported by steady average freight rates of US\$1,400 per TEU. However, Gemini network start-up costs, inflation and congestion weighed on earnings. Terminal & Infrastructure EBITDA rose to EUR72 million, with EBIT at EUR34 million. The portfolio expanded in March with a majority stake acquisition in CNMP LH, Le Havre. CEO Rolf Habben Jansen said the company increased volumes despite market instability and aims to prioritise quality, growth and cost optimisation. He expressed hope that new trade agreements will improve supply chain predictability.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### IMO URGES STRONGER COOPERATION ON SEA THREATS

IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez has called for enhanced vigilance and international cooperation to tackle piracy, cyber threats and trafficking risks in shipping, reports Saint Petersburg's PortNews. Addressing the United Nations Security Council on August 11, Dominguez warned of mounting dangers to ships and seafarers transporting billions of tonnes of cargo globally. He urged member states to focus on prevention, innovation and regional collaboration, stressing that maritime security is a shared responsibility governed by international standards. The IMO recorded nearly 150 piracy and armed robbery incidents in 2024, with hotspots in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, the Indian Ocean and West Africa. Attacks in the Red Sea last year violated international law and endangered freedom of navigation, with some incidents resulting in loss of life. Mr Dominguez also highlighted cyber-attacks, drug trafficking and fraud as growing threats, noting that emerging technologies require robust cybersecurity governance.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### LONG BEACH HITS RECORD JULY VOLUME IN TARIFF PAUSE

The Port of Long Beach processed 944,232 TEU in July 2025, marking a seven per cent year-on-year increase and its busiest July ever, driven by a temporary pause in tariffs on imports. Imports surged 7.6 per cent to 468,081 TEU, while exports dropped 12.9 per cent to 91,328 TEU. Empty container movements rose 12.3 per cent to 384,824 TEU. The port's CEO Mario Cordero attributed the spike to retailers receiving goods purchased at lower costs during the tariff pause earlier this year. Despite the July peak, the port's Supply Chain Information Highway forecasts a 10 per cent decline in cargo volume in the second half of 2025 due to trade policy uncertainty, likely resulting in flat annual growth. Long Beach Harbor Commission President Frank Colonna praised the efforts of terminal operators, truckers, and dockworkers for maintaining record-setting cargo movement. The port handled 5.69 million TEU in the first seven months of 2025, up 10 per cent from the same period last year.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### MY FREIGHTER OFFERS SHANGHAI-AMSTERDAM FLIGHTS

Uzbekistan-based airline My Freighter has begun scheduled cargo operations between Shanghai, Tashkent and Amsterdam in partnership with Air Cargo APAC, reported London's Air Cargo Week. The new service operates twice weekly using Boeing 767-300F aircraft, with a total transit time of 17 hours. It marks My Freighter's entry into scheduled international cargo flights, supported by its collaboration with Air Cargo APAC. The route connects China's largest export hub with one of Europe's key cargo gateways, using Tashkent as a strategic transit point. The partners said the service offers an alternative to congested hubs such as Dubai and Istanbul. Tashkent is being developed into a regional logistics centre, offering fast ground handling and access to Amsterdam, the Uzbek capital, and other CIS destinations. The route is equipped to handle urgent, oversized and dangerous goods, including lithium batteries.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

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ROUTE	LAST PERIOD	THIS PERIOD
	2025/8/15	2025/8/22
CCFI	1193.34	1174.87
(JAPAN SERVICE)	927.83	950.21
(EUROPE SERVICE)	1790.47	1757.74
(W/C AMERICA SERVICE)	823.32	799.19
(E/C AMERICA SERVICE)	982.06	951.9
(KOREA SERVICE)	466.98	483.87
(SOUTHEAST ASIA SERVICE)	839.79	804.66
(MEDITERRANEAN SERVICE)	1974.51	1900.85
(AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SERVICE)	1042.41	1090.4
(SOUTH AFRICA SERVICE)	1446.33	1453.39
(SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE)	885.91	884.77
(WEST EAST AFRICA SERVICE)	1085.02	1041.27
(PERSIAN GULF/RED SEA SERVICE)	1048.16	1088.86

#### AIR CANADA TO RESUME FLIGHTS AFTER STRIKE ENDS WITH TALKS

Air Canada will gradually restart operations after reaching a tentative agreement with its flight attendants, ending a three-day strike that disrupted passenger and cargo services, reported New York's Freight Waves. Air Canada will gradually restart operations after reaching a tentative agreement with its flight attendants, ending a three-day strike that disrupted passenger and cargo services, reported New York's Freight Waves. The airline and the Canadian Union of Public Employees reached a new contract overnight, with 10,000 flight attendants set to return to work immediately. The deal, brokered by a federal mediator, still requires union ratification. Air Canada said flights would begin resuming Tuesday evening, but full service may take seven to 10 days to restore due to aircraft and crew being out of position. Some cancellations are expected during the transition.

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#### PORT OF HAMBURG CONTAINER VOLUME UP 9.3PC IN H1

The Port of Hamburg recorded a 9.3 per cent increase in container throughput to 4.2 million TEU in the first half of 2025, driven by strong trade with Asia and the Baltic region, reported Port of Hamburg Marketing. Seaborne cargo throughput rose 3.6 per cent year-on-year to 57.8 million tonnes. Containerised general cargo accounted for 41.2 million tonnes (+6.8 per cent), while bulk and conventional general cargo volumes declined slightly. Imports grew 11.6 per cent and exports rose 6.9 per cent. Transshipment traffic surged 23.8 per cent to 1.6 million TEU, while container hinterland transport increased 2.2 per cent to 2.6 million TEU. Trade with the Far East rose 10.7 per cent to 1.8 million TEU, led by Malaysia (+93.2 per cent), India (+41.6 per cent), and China (+10.5 per cent). Baltic trade grew 20.8 per cent to 734,000 TEU, with notable gains from Denmark, Finland and Poland.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### MAERSK UPS PROFIT FORECAST AS DEMAND DEFIES FEARS

Shipping giant Maersk has lifted its full-year profit outlook after reporting stronger-than-expected second-quarter results, citing resilient global container demand despite trade tensions, reported Reuters. Maersk now expects global container volumes to grow by two to four per cent in 2025, up from its previous forecast of minus one to plus four per cent. The company said a drop in US imports following tariff hikes was offset by strong growth in other regions, particularly Europe. CEO Vincent Clerc said most customers, including Walmart and Nike, are taking a wait-and-see approach to supply chain changes. He noted that container shipping has remained largely immune to tariffs in the short term, with Chinese exports to Europe and other regions continuing to rise.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)

#### LOW WATER LEVELS CRIPPLE EUROPEAN SHIPPING

Historic droughts across Europe are disrupting river freight operations, forcing vessels to sail underloaded, reports Oregon's The Cool Down. Water levels on major rivers including the Rhine, Danube and Vistula have dropped sharply, limiting cargo capacity and halting some operations. Ships on the Rhine south of Duisburg and Cologne are operating at half capacity, while surcharges are being imposed to offset reduced loads. On Hungary's Danube, ships are running at just 30 to 40 per cent capacity due to extreme heat, according to the Hungarian Shipping Association. Poland's Vistula River hit its lowest recorded level in Warsaw this summer. The result is higher transport costs, supply chain delays, and price hikes for consumers on goods ranging from car parts to food.

(Source: Shipping Gazette)