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Ocean Freight Rates 2025



Monthly Market Update



The North Europe ocean freight market remains under considerable pressure as we move through September. Vessel utilization levels are extremely high across all major alliances. PA Alliance services (FP2, FE3, FE4) are operating above 99% capacity, while OA Alliance services (LL1, LL2, LL4, LL5, LL6, LL7) are exceeding 100%, leading to some cargo being rolled to later sailings. The Gemini Alliance is reporting similar figures, with utilization levels above 99%.

This tightness in capacity is beginning to impact the seasonal shipping windows for Black Friday and Christmas cargo. Delays and rollovers are extending the peak season compared to 2024, putting additional pressure on planning and schedules. Most services are now fully booked two to four weeks in advance, and late bookings are increasingly at risk of being delayed. While space with PA Alliance remains somewhat more manageable, both OA and Gemini Alliances are reporting exceptionally strong demand. PA has also announced three blank sailings for September, further limiting available capacity.

At the ports, we are once again seeing congestion return as peak-season cargo arrives. Yard utilization levels are high, with Rotterdam currently at 75–85%, Southampton at 90–95%, and Hamburg at 75–80%. This congestion is resulting in average berthing delays of two to three days and overall vessel delays of three to four days. Northern European ports such as Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Antwerp, and Le Havre are all experiencing heavy..



congestion, and inland transport is being affected as a result. In the UK, London Gateway continues to face severe haulage delays, with some carriers introducing surcharges to offset the additional costs.

For shippers with time-sensitive cargo, we strongly recommend planning for additional lead time and exploring alternative routings where possible to minimize disruption risks. Early booking is critical to secure space, particularly for shipments tied to seasonal demand.

Looking ahead, carriers are expected to continue actively managing capacity through blank sailings and schedule adjustments. Rate volatility is likely to remain a feature of the market, as carriers balance softening demand with persistent operational constraints.

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Order Management & Booking Advice

We closely monitor these developments and adapt proactively to ensure the smooth flow of your cargo. While it may not always be possible to secure your preferred departure dates, our order management team is committed to finding alternative solutions and competitive rates.

To help avoid delays, we strongly recommend that your supplier:

- Places bookings at the earliest opportunity
- Ships goods in smaller, manageable volumes
- Collects empty containers promptly

Dangerous Goods Documentation

For shipments classified as Dangerous Goods, it is essential that the following documentation is submitted immediately upon booking:

- MSDS – Material Safety Data Sheet
- CSTG – Certification for Safe Transport of Goods
- DGPC – Dangerous Cargo Packing Certification
- UN 38.3 Test Report
- DG Form (as per carrier requirements)

Urgent Shipments & Support

If you require urgent shipments, please contact us directly so that we can take immediate action. Should you have any questions regarding this quotation or if you need additional guidance, our team will be pleased to assist you.

Based on:

Shipment in our service and freight payable in Rotterdam

From:

FOB ports as below, subject to availability of space & equipment

To:

Arrival port of Rotterdam, Antwerpen, Hamburg

China	Direct / via		LCL w/m	20ft	40ft	40ft HC	40'NOR	
Dalian	Direct	USD	43	1.175	1.900	1.900		per container
Hong Kong	Yantian	USD	43	1.200	1.900	1.900		per container
Ningbo	Direct	USD	33	1.150	1.850	1.850	1.500	per container
Qingdao	Direct	USD	33	1.150	1.850	1.850	1.500	per container
Shanghai	Direct	USD	33	1.150	1.850	1.850	1.500	per container
Shanghai DG / IMO	Direct	USD	78	-	-	-		
Taicang	Ningbo	USD	N/A	1.250	1.875	1.875		per container
Wuhan	Shanghai	USD	N/A	1.350	2.150	2.150		per container
Lianyungang	Qingdao	USD	N/A	1.250	2.000	2.000		per container
Nanjing	Ningbo	USD	77	1.300	2.050	2.050		per container
Nantong	Shanghai	USD	77	1.250	1.950	1.950		per container
Shenzhen / Yantian	Direct	USD	33	1.150	1.850	1.850	1.500	per container
Shenzhen / Guanzgou DG / IMO	Direct	USD	138	-	-	-		
Shantou	Yantian	USD	69	1.350	2.250	2.250		per container
Beijiao	Yantian	USD	N/A	1.250	2.100	2.100		per container
Foshan	Yantian	USD	49	1.475	2.200	2.200		per container
Guangzhou	Yantian	USD	49	1.400	2.250	2.250		per container
Jiangmen	Yantian	USD	60	1.300	2.050	2.050		per container
Huangpu	Yantian	USD	N/A	1.225	1.950	1.950		per container
Jiujiang	Yantian	USD	N/A	1.300	2.200	2.200		per container
Nansha	Yantian	USD	N/A	1.250	2.050	2.050		per container
Zhongshan	Yantian	USD	62	1.300	2.050	2.050		per container
Zhuhai	Yantian	USD	62	1.300	2.050	2.050		per container
Xiamen	Direct	USD	33	1.150	1.850	1.850	1.500	per container
Yangzhou	Ningbo	USD	81	1.350	2.100	2.100		per container
Fuzhou	Xiamen	USD	60	1.400	2.200	2.200		per container
Xingang (Tianjin)	Direct	USD	33	1.150	1.850	1.850		per container
Thailand								
Bangkok	Singapore	USD	48	1.250	2.100	2.100		per container
Lat Krabang	Singapore	USD	N/A	1.350	2.200	2.200		per container
Laem Chabang	Singapore	USD	N/A	1.250	2.100	2.100		per container
Songkhla	Singapore	USD	N/A	1.275	2.075	2.075		per container
Korea								
Busan	Direct	USD	55	1.250	2.000	2.000	1.700	per container
Gwangyang		USD	N/A	1.200	1.950	1.950		per container
Vietnam								
Haiphong	Singapore	USD	53	1.250	2.050	2.050		per container
Ho Chi Minh / Cai mep	Singapore	USD	47	1.250	2.000	2.000	1.700	per container
Da Nang	Ho Chi Minh	USD	81	1.250	2.100	2.100		per container
Qui Nhon	Singapore	USD	N/A	1.400	2.350	2.350		per container
Taiwan								
Kaohsiung	Direct	USD	45	1.200	1.950	1.950	1.550	per container
Keelung	Kaohsiung	USD	45	1.300	2.000	2.000		per container
Taichung	Kaohsiung	USD	45	1.300	2.000	2.000		per container
Taipei (Taoyuan)	Kaohsiung	USD	45	1.300	2.000	2.000		per container
Japan								
Kobe	Direct	USD	77	1.400	2.400	2.400		per container
Osaka	Direct	USD	77	1.350	2.250	2.250		per container
Nagoya	Direct	USD	77	1.400	2.400	2.400		per container
Tokyo	Direct	USD	77	1.350	2.250	2.250		per container
Yokohama	Direct	USD	77	1.350	2.250	2.250		per container
Hakata	Direct	USD	77	1.350	2.250	2.250		per container

Philippines

Cebu	Kaoshiung	USD	87	1.400	2.250	2.250	per container
Manila	Singapore	USD	57	1.350	2.150	2.150	per container
General Santos	Singapore	USD	N/A	1.500	2.400	2.400	per container

Malaysia

Penang	Singapore	USD	58	1.250	1.950	1.950	per container
Port Kelang	Singapore	USD	53	1.250	1.950	1.950	per container

Indonesia

Surabaya	Singapore	USD	59	1.250	1.975	1.975	per container
Jakarta	Singapore	USD	55	1.250	1.975	1.975	per container
Semarang	Singapore	USD	74	1.250	1.975	1.975	per container
Belawan (Medan)	Singapore	USD	87	1.350	2.050	2.050	per container

Singapore

Singapore	Direct	USD	48	1.250	1.950	1.950	1.550	per container
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Cambodia

Sihanoukville	Singapore	USD	83	1.400	2.250	2.250	per container
Phnom penh	Singapore	USD	83	1.400	2.350	2.350	per container

Myanmar

Yangon	Singapore	USD	94	1.400	2.250	2.250	per container
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Bangladesh

Chittagong ***	Colombo	USD	68	1.600	2.400	2.400	per container
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Sri Lanka

Colombo	Direct	USD	54	1.850	2.150	2.150	per container
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Pakistan

Karachi port	Direct	USD	57	1.900	2.000	2.000	per container
Port Qasim	Direct	USD	57	2.450	2.600	2.600	per container

India

Mundra	Direct	USD	N/A	1.550	1.650	1.650	per container
Chennai	Direct	USD	50	2.350	2.500	2.500	per container
Hazira	Direct	USD	N/A	1.800	1.700	1.700	per container
Kolkatta	Direct	USD	60	2.400	2.550	2.550	per container
Cochin	Direct	USD	72	1.950	2.100	2.100	per container
Nhava Sheva	Direct	USD	38	1.750	1.750	1.750	per container
Tuticorin	Colombo	USD	45	1.900	2.050	2.050	per container

Surcharges

		LCL w/m	20ft	40ft	40ft HC	40 NOR	
Peak Season Surcharge	USD	incl	incl	incl	incl		per container
ETS surcharge Ex Far East	USD	incl	60	120	120		per container
ETS surcharge Ex India / Pakistan / Sri lanka	USD	incl	65	130	130		per container

** for containers shipped via our network application date of carrier (io shipped on board date) will be applicable for rate calculation purposes only. For shipments originating from indirect load ports The first pre-carriage vessel /feeder / barge ETD, as defined above, will be used (only shipments originating from Southern PRC ports, trigger date is the first pre-carriage vessel/ feeder/ barge ATD will be used).

*** subject to local cost Bangladesh

Heavy weight surcharge may be applicable for 20ft container over 16000 kgs cargo weight

UK Port = Londen gateway, Felixstowe, Southampton, surcharge USD 125,00 per TEU

Subject to IMO / DG fee / PSS as per lay out carrier

Our general terms and conditions apply to all our services

High volume Surcharge LCL

Please note because of disrupted sailing schedules, shortage of containers, and dramatically increased carrier pricing, Neele-vat is receiving bookings of larger than average size. To maintain our schedule integrity, we will implement a High-Volume Surcharge from China/ Asia. The High-Volume Surcharge (HVS) is structured as follows and will be implemented with immediate effect on all new bookings and to all Tariffs.

Volume between 20-30M3 add-on USD 20 w/m

Volume between 30-40M3 add-on USD 30 w/m



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