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SEA FREIGHT



13-YEAR HIGH IN CHARTER RATES : HUNT FOR TONNAGE

- Charter Rate Index reached its highest level in 13 years.
- Tight supply of container tonnage due to 1) unrelenting cargo demand 2) chronic port congestion - tie up the world's box ship fleet.



US IMPORT SPIKE SET TO RUN INTO SUMMER AS WEST COAST PORTS STRUGGLE

- Container freight & charter markets to boom post-CNY.
- Unseasonal strength in container volumes & port congestion have buoyed freight markets.
- The time-charter markets demand for vessels has outstripped wider growth in container trade-conditions, expected to endure into the 2nd half of this year.

MAX. GR.	30,480 KG
TARE	67,200 LBS
NET	3,890 KG
CIL CAP	8,575 LBS
	26,590 KG
	58,825 LBS
	76.4 CILM
	169.9 CILM

AVOID D&D FEES & SHORTAGES BY USING OWN BOXES

- Shippers could ease logjams, overcome box shortages & reduce DEM & DET charges by using their own containers: Container xChange.
- Survey of 50 largest freight forwarders found that only 10% could source an SOC for shipment from China to Europe - SOCs are an underused resource, but can empower forwarders & NVOCCs.



MYANMAR PROTESTS IMPACT SUPPLY CHAINS

- Shipping lines have begun suspending cargo bookings into Myanmar resulting in:
 - 1) Terminals operating at full capacity 2) Limited options of feeder services 3) Road transport 4) Factories & depots working with a skeleton labour force.
- Port's operational situation continues to deteriorate & bank closures offer no options to accept freight payments.



HMM'S SHIPS TO BOOST CAPACITY ON ASIA-EUROPE FE4

- HMM is strengthening its status within THE Alliance with deployment of 8 16,000 TEU class newbuilds by Mar end.
- HMM Nuri is on sea trials & to be phased-in to THEA's Asia-North Europe FE4 'extra loader' loop from Mar.
- HMM Gaon also deployed on the loop - 4th week Mar.
- The remaining 6 vessels will be received by HMM before Apr, "the majority" set for the FE4 loop.



ANTWERP & ZEEBRUGGE TO MERGE - TO RIVAL ROTTERDAM

- Antwerp & Zeebrugge announced that they will formally merge, putting the superport within touching distance of nearby rival, Rotterdam.
- Talks between the municipal authorities of Antwerp & Bruges began in 2018. In 2020, the two ports handled 13.8m.



CARRIERS EYE ALTERNATE PORTS AS CONGESTION AT LA-LONG BEACH TIGHTENS

- The epic congestion at LA - Long Beach caused 1) Search of west coast alternatives 2) diverting vessels, or 3) changing the order of port calls.
- Transpacific sailings are arriving at Oakland.
- The Tacoma-Seattle Northwest Seaport alliance has reported advanced talks with carriers about new services



MUNDRA PORT TARGETS MORE MARKET SHARE FROM JNPT

- After overtaking Mumbai's JNPT, Adani-operated Mundra Port is eyeing more market share.
- \$1.4bn redevelopment of Dighi Port in Maharashtra.
- Mundra handled 970,940 teu, compared with JNPT's 847,844.



AIR FREIGHT



FORWARDERS TO NEGOTIATE RATES WITH AIRLINES IN UNICEF VACCINE PROGRAMME

- 16 airlines announced they signed MoUs with Unicef to support its global vaccination plan with agreements of 5 years tenure which do not include pricing, according to the UN children’s organization.
- As per UNICEF, Pricing is outside the scope of the MoU, but will remain subject to competitive bidding with the nominated forwarders.



CARGO MARKET DEVELOPING A PUSH-BASED MODEL

- The cargo market looks today to be more of a push-based model than ever before as cargo owners & forwarders seem to driving the industry, rather than airlines, via full & part charters & recurring dedicated operations owing to major challenges in sea freight.
- Currently, several customers are shifting some of their shipments to air freight because of the ocean transport uncertainty



AMAZON AIR : A FREIGHTER NETWORK TO CARRY THIRD-PARTY VOLUMES

- Amazon’s freighter operation to climb to about 160 flights a day, almost double where it was last May.
- The expansion is positioning Amazon Air to move ahead with its plans for next-day standard delivery in North America, and it is nearing critical mass to carry third-party parcel traffic.
- Amazon’s dedicated freighter flights grew 15% between Aug 20 & Mar 21 to an average of 140 a day – 80 operated with 767 freighters & the remainder with 737Fs & expects the operation to swell to about 160 flights a day by June.



PPE : ‘HOT’ FREIGHT WAREHOUSE TARGET FOR ORGANISED CRIME

- Heightened risk of crime as cargo theft from freight vehicles in transit, from facilities such as warehouses as cargo backlogs built up around the world.
- The Covid crisis threatened supply chain security, continuity and resilience.



CONGESTION BRINGS CHAOS TO AIRPORTS

- Airlines & forwarders are hoping the congestion and chaos across Europe & the US “is reaching its peak”.
- As per sources, they have been numerous reports of delayed or lost cargo amid chaos at handling facilities as the situation was a “total disaster, a catastrophe unfolding”.
- The biggest problems for handlers & airports is passenger-freighters, which take longer to load and unload.



AUSTRALIA LIFTS BAN ON CARGO FLIGHTS FROM BANGLADESH

- Australia lifted its 5-year ban on direct cargo flights from Bangladesh due to Improved security standards.
- Australia, with several others including the UK & EU, imposed the ban in Dec 2015, citing inadequate security at Bangladeshi airports.
- The decision will boost the garment industry.



AIR CANADA TO BUILD E-COMMERCE & FREIGHTER FLEET

- Air Canada (AC) – by 2021 intends to have 7 freighters in operating, & it will officially launch an e-commerce service.
- The airlines announced the decision to convert 2 B767-300ERs into all-cargo configuration & hinted at plans to add more converted 767s to the mix.



Is global trade economy being overprotected?

Increasing trade barriers by govts around the world are hampering the global economy as it attempts to recover from the pandemic's economic fallout, warned the International Chamber of Shipping.

The pandemic has led govts to throw up “temporary trade measures that aim to restrict exports of vital medical supplies, and to liberalize imports of vital medical supplies as well as other essential products”. It is reported that 98 countries have temporary export restrictions or outright bans in place. In contrast, 102 countries have liberalized their import restrictions.

Decades of progress toward open markets has begun to reverse in recent years, with damaging restrictions imposed as weapons in trade wars or in response to the pandemic. Factors such as overzealous anticompetitive licensing laws, or discriminatory treatment of foreign companies, were found to be up to five times as harmful to an economy as traditional tariffs.

The World Trade Organization estimates that a staggering \$1.7trn of imports around the world had been affected by protectionism since 2009. The report concludes that reducing trade protectionism could lead to GDP growth of 3.4% for national economies, while high-income countries could see exports grow by an average of 4.5%, “if they were to loosen tariff & non-tariff restrictions on trade”. To ensure a robust world economy, and to ensure people reap the rewards of more efficient maritime trade, countries should seize the opportunities this report has highlighted.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Is economic nationalism the way to go?

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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INDUSTRY SPECIAL



INDIA TO SUPPLY 4 HARBOUR CRANES TO CHABAHAR PORT

- In Jan, India supplied a consignment of 2 mobile harbour cranes to the Chabahar port - total contract of \$25 million.
- The port is being developed by India, Iran & Afghanistan to boost trade ties.
- "2 cranes are standing for loading near the port near Venice, which will reach by Mar. 2 more will reach by June end."



JNPT, DEENDAYAL PORTS OFFER DISCOUNTS TO BOOST TRADE AT CHABAHAR

- Chabahar Port lies outside the Persian Gulf and is easily accessed from India's western coast, bypassing Pakistan.
- "To promote Shahid Beheshti Port of Chabahar, Iran Jawaharlal Nehru Port & Deendayal Port are providing discounts on Vessel related charges and Cargo related charges for the vessels going and arriving from Shahid Beheshti," according to the ministry.



INDIA'S STEEL OUTPUT GROWS 7.6% TO 10 MT

- India registered a growth of 7.6% in crude steel production at 10 million tonne (MT) in Jan 2021, according to World Steel Association (worldsteel).
- The country had produced 9.3 MT crude steel during the same month last year.



SPICEJET TAKES OFF FOR SINGAPORE TWICE A WEEK

- SpiceJet, India's largest cargo carrier, has launched a scheduled freighter service to Singapore.
- Operated by cargo arm SpiceXpress, the twice-weekly B737F will run from Bangalore, Chennai & Mumbai, carrying humanitarian goods, medical supplies & perishables.
- According to Changi, the airline had operated 230 freighter & pax-freighter flights between Apr and Dec.

TRANSPORT



RAILWAYS TO FOLLOW GLOBAL AVIATION MODEL

- The Indian Railways is planning to follow the global aviation model for the asset monetization of the dedicated freight corridors (DFCs).
- The asset monetisation process of the DFCs will involve offering services to businesses wherein train timings will be allotted to private parties through a bidding process.
- At present, the Railways is monetizing almost all the available assets of DFC, and their initial asset monetization plans include leasing out the tracks to private players to operate trains and allowing telecom players to use DFCs' 2,800-km optic fibre network.



TRANSPORTERS FEAR LOCKDOWN IN MAH

- The possibilities of Maharashtra going into lockdown again has created a sense of fear in transporters, who believe that another lockdown amid the existing woes of the transporters might result in a hammering blow to the industry.
- Recently, Maharashtra had announced a fresh set of restrictions in the state due to the sudden spike in COVID- 19 cases in the 2 last weeks.
- With fuel prices at an all-time high, the transportation industry is already in a state of turmoil.
- A possible lockdown might reverse the recovery of the state and can lead to a detrimental impact on the state's logistics and supply chain.

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