

## **LIVRO GLOBAL SHIPPING NEWS**

### **1. Panama Canal introduces NetZero Slot to encourage low-carbon shipping**

The Panama Canal Authority has introduced the NetZero Slot, a dedicated transit slot for ships that demonstrate low carbon emissions. Set to commence on 5 October 2025, this initiative is part of the authority's strategy to support the maritime industry's efforts towards decarbonisation and achieving net zero emissions by 2050. The criteria for the selection process will be based on the cargo condition, with priority given to laden vessels, and capacity, with priority given to vessels with a greater Panama Canal Universal Measurement System (PCUMS) capacity.

Source: <https://www.ship-technology.com/> 28.03.2025

### **2. The Maritime Hacking Village: Cyber Hacking for the Maritime Community**

It is time to get serious about hacking — and engaging the hacker community — as a pathway to a stronger maritime environment. All of us in the maritime industry appreciate our respective nation's reliance upon the maritime transportation system (MTS) for our very way of life. We all know the numbers: In the U.S., the MTS reportedly makes a \$5.4 trillion contribution to the economy, representing about 25% of the U.S. gross domestic product and supporting 30 million jobs. Nearly 80% of global trade and nearly two-thirds of the world's total petroleum and other liquid energy supply is carried by ship. Overall, approximately 90% of any nation's imports/exports move by sea. Most global supply chains are existentially dependent upon maritime shipping.

Source: <https://maritime-executive.com/> 27.03.2025

### **3 Shipping groups urge caution over proposed US port fees**

A public commentary and hearing process for a US Trade Representative (USTR)-proposed fee structure that would be levied on Chinese and Chinese-built ships visiting US ports saw major shipping lobbies and interests argue that the proposed fees would not achieve the policy's intended outcome. Many of those who spoke or submitted written commentary acknowledged their support for US President Trump's stated goal of revitalising the US' domestic shipbuilding industry, but said the port fees policy could hinder that goal. The public hearing on the proposal took place from 24 March to 26 March, with over 60 witnesses providing testimonies in person. A deadline for submitting post-hearing comments has been set for 2 April.

Source: <https://www.rivieramm.com/> 28.03.2025

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### **4 China blocks sale of Panama Canal shipping terminals to US investor: Reports.**

CK Hutchison will not sign a deal as scheduled to sell its port operations near the Panama Canal to a U.S. investor and Swedish shipping line. The Hong Kong conglomerate (OTC: CKHUF) controlled by billionaire Li Ka-shing on March 4 announced an agreement to sell control of its Hutchison Port Holdings marine terminals outside China to a consortium of BlackRock (NYSE: BLK) and TiL, the terminals arm of Geneva-based shipping firm MSC, for \$23 billion. The announcement set an April 2 deadline to finalize the transaction. The sale, which includes terminal operations at the ports of Balboa and Cristobal in Panama, followed public pressure from President Donald Trump, who has said the U.S. should retake control of the Panama Canal.

Source: <https://www.freightwaves.com/> 28.03.2025

### **5. Global air cargo rates rebound as post-lunar new year recovery gains momentum**

Air cargo rates worldwide saw a steady rebound in the third week of March, with spot prices rising by 5% to an average of \$2.69 per kilo, according to World ACD Market Data. This marks a continued recovery following the Lunar New Year (LNY) slowdown, bringing global rates back to levels seen in mid-January and last summer. Despite a slight 1% week-on-week decline in worldwide cargo volume, the year-on-year tonnage remains up by 3%. The Asia-Pacific region, in particular, saw a 10% increase in chargeable weight compared to last year, partly due to the earlier timing of LNY in 2025.

Source: <https://caasint.com/> 28.03.2025

### **6.£5.4m Of Goods Disrupted By Heathrow Shut Down.**

Last Friday's closure of Heathrow Airport disrupted the supply of over £5.43m of goods, says the international delivery expert Parcelhero. The cost could ultimately run to millions. Many delayed products, such as pharmaceuticals and fresh foods, have a limited shelf life. The full impact of the closure of Heathrow Airport on the UK supply chain is likely to have been underestimated, says the international delivery expert Parcelhero. It says the movement of over £5.43m of goods was disrupted by the airport's closure on Friday. 70% of all UK cargo by value passes through Heathrow and the chaos resulting from its unexpected closure – caused by a loss of power following a fire at an electricity substation – will impact on UK cargo for days to come.

Source: <https://tandonline.com/> 26.03.2025