

LIVRO GLOBAL SHIPPING NEWS

1. Antwerp Terminals Operating at Overcapacity Amid Equipment Failures

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges is suffering its worst backlog since the pandemic. Recurrent terminal strikes and ongoing crane maintenance have crippled cargo flow, causing dwell times to swell past 10 days. High-value goods—chemicals, pharmaceuticals, luxury vehicles—are disproportionately affected due to delayed inspections and storage constraints. The port authority is urging carriers to reroute via alternate hubs or anticipate extended transit schedules through Q3, citing persistent capacity limits.

Source: <https://www.porttechnology.org/> | Port Technology International | 03.07.2025

2. Cape Town Faces Extended Delays Due to Weather and Volume Surge

The Port of Cape Town is experiencing vessel standby times of 6–10 days as port operations struggle against adverse weather and a surge in diverted Red Sea cargo. CMA CGM, Hapag-Lloyd, and other carriers have begun omitting Cape Town calls entirely, redirecting reefer and general cargo traffic through Durban. Exporters of fresh produce report loss of shelf life and surcharge penalties. Port authorities have engaged additional crane shifts to chip away at the backlog.

Source: <https://www.freshplaza.com/> | FreshPlaza | 05.07.2025

3. Maersk Introduces Final Demurrage & Detention Invoice Policy for Transparency

Effective July 7, Maersk will issue a single, consolidated Demurrage & Detention invoice per shipment once the container is confirmed returned or released rather than multiple interim bills. The change is aimed at reducing billing complexity and dispute volume for shippers. Early feedback shows that the new policy will enhance invoice clarity and improve cash flow planning for logistics teams.

Source: <https://www.maersk.com/news> | Maersk Newsroom | 04.07.2025

4. General Rate Increase for Middle East & ISC to North America

A General Rate Increase (GRI) is in effect as of July 1 for shipments from the Indian Subcontinent and Middle East to North America. The surcharge applies to 20' and 40' dry, reefer, and high cube containers. Carriers cited persistent port congestion, elevated bunker costs, and network disruptions as justifications. Freight forwarders are advising clients to renegotiate long-term contracts to lock in current rates.

Source: <https://www.freightwaves.com/> | FreightWaves | 01.07.2025

5. Transshipment Delays Rise at Singapore Amid High Volumes

PSA terminals in Singapore are experiencing transshipment delays of 2–3 days due to record volumes of diverted Red Sea cargo tying up berths. PSA has mobilized contingency berths and initiated feeder reroutes through the Tuas Mega Port to prevent spillover congestion. Shippers expect efficiency to stabilize in August once new infrastructure comes online.

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Source: <https://www.container-news.com/> | Container News | 02.07.2025

6. Global Air Cargo Rates Remain Stable Despite Middle East Turbulence

June's Baltic Air Freight Index (BAI00) fell by only 1.1% across all lanes despite ongoing Gulf-region disruptions. With Europe-US trade still strong, Frankfurt and Heathrow air freight rates rose +2.6% and +33.1%, respectively MoM. The data indicates resilience in high-value sectors like aviation parts and pharmaceuticals. Capacity constraints from the Gulf remain in force, diverting cargo further west.

Source: <https://www.aircargonews.net/> | Air Cargo News | 03.07.2025