

## **LIVRO GLOBAL SHIPPING NEWS**

### **1. LNG Shipping Rates Hit 8-Month Highs Amid Red Sea & Cape Diversions**

On July 17, LNG shipping rates climbed to \$51,750/day (Atlantic) and \$36,750/day (Pacific)—the highest levels since November 2024. This sharp uptick reflects a drop in vessel availability due to Red Sea risks and longer voyages around the Cape of Good Hope. The current tightness in global LNG trade routes has left charterers with limited options, while shipowners are temporarily benefitting from premium rates. Analysts warn that any new disruptions could heighten rate volatility.

Source: [www.tradewindsnews.com](http://www.tradewindsnews.com) | TradeWinds | 17.07.2025

### **2. Drewry: Global Freight Rates See Third Consecutive Weekly Rise**

As of July 18, Drewry's World Container Index rose for the third week in a row, now 67% higher year-on-year. Trans-Pacific rates, especially China–US West Coast, saw the largest increase, driven by tight space availability and stable demand from US importers. Meanwhile, spot rates to Europe remained flat, reflecting slower cargo movement and capacity restoration. Carriers are expected to continue blank sailings to sustain profitability.

Source: [www.drewry.co.uk](http://www.drewry.co.uk) | Drewry | 18.07.2025

### **3. Persistent Low Water Slows Germany's Rhine Shipping Despite Recent Rainfall**

Despite rainfall in mid-July, cargo traffic on Germany's Rhine River remains significantly constrained due to persistently low water levels near key points such as Kaub, south of Duisburg and Cologne. Barges are now operating at just 50% of normal capacity, forcing operators to deploy more vessels to move equivalent cargo, which inflates operational costs and introduces freight surcharges. These rising logistics challenges continue to pressure inland supply chains, particularly for bulk commodities like coal, oil, minerals, and grains.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com> | Reuters | 17.07.2025

### **4. Panama Canal Authority Adds More Daily Transit Slots Amid Backlog Pressure**

In a strategic move, the Panama Canal Authority added two extra daily transit slots starting July 16 to ease growing vessel queues. Recent drought conditions had limited crossings, leading to increased waiting times and rerouting via Cape of Good Hope. The authority also raised draft limits slightly as water levels improved. However, shippers remain cautious, given unpredictable El Niño weather patterns expected in late 2025.

Source: [www.seatrade-maritime.com](http://www.seatrade-maritime.com) | Seatrade Maritime | 16.07.2025

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### **5. Torrential Monsoon Floods Hit Mundra Port, Disrupt Container Movement**

Heavy rains from July 15–17 flooded access roads and container yards at Mundra Port, India's largest private port. Waterlogging stalled truck movement and container loading at depots. Exporters faced shipment delays and rising costs. Adani Ports began cleanup efforts, but full recovery may take several days. Authorities now call for better ECD infrastructure to prevent future disruptions.

Source: [www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com](http://www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com) | Times of India | 17.07.2025

### **6. EU Extends SAF Mandate to Air Cargo Carriers by 2026**

The European Commission announced that from January 2026, all air cargo carriers operating in EU airspace must use at least 6% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). Major integrators like DHL and FedEx welcomed the move, citing ongoing SAF trials. However, freight forwarders are concerned about potential surcharge hikes as fuel costs increase.

Source: [www.flightglobal.com](http://www.flightglobal.com) | FlightGlobal | 17.07.2025