

## **LIVRO GLOBAL SHIPPING NEWS**

### **1. Boeing Kicks Off Production of Fuel-Efficient 777-8 Freighter**

Boeing has begun production of its 777-8 freighter variant with first delivery set for 2027. The new aircraft will offer 112.3 tonnes of payload and improved fuel efficiency. Qatar Airways has already committed to purchasing 34 units worth up to \$20 billion, indicating strong market demand for sustainable air cargo solutions.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com> | Reuters | 22.07.2025

### **2. Cambodia–Thailand Border Clash Disrupts Trade Routes**

A military skirmish on July 24 between Cambodian and Thai border forces near Poipet temporarily halted cross-border freight movement. The disruption affected trade in garments, electronics, and perishables. Though tensions have since eased, logistics operators are reporting delays of 12–24 hours across checkpoints.

Source: <https://asia.nikkei.com> | Nikkei Asia | 24.07.2025

### **3. India Accelerates Dholera Port Plan to Boost West Coast Trade**

India has fast-tracked approvals for the upcoming Dholera Port in Gujarat to enhance container and bulk cargo handling on the west coast. The port will be integrated with the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR), with connectivity planned via dedicated freight corridors and expressways.

Source: <https://www.business-standard.com> | Business Standard | 25.07.2025

### **4. Global Air Cargo Demand Rises by 2.2% in May 2025**

According to IATA's latest data, global air cargo demand grew by 2.2% year-on-year in May 2025, with strong contributions from the Asia-Pacific region (+8.3%). Although trade lanes such as Asia–North America experienced a 10.7% volume drop, improving market sentiment and easing fuel prices helped stabilize overall performance. Cargo capacity also rose 2.0%, with a stable load factor across major regions.

Source: <https://www.iata.org> | IATA | 30.06.2025

### **5. TotalEnergies and CMA CGM Launch LNG Bunkering JV at Rotterdam**

On July 23, French energy giant TotalEnergies and CMA CGM announced a 50/50 joint venture to build LNG bunkering services in the Port of Rotterdam. Operations, set to begin in 2028, will feature a custom-built 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> LNG bunkering vessel and an annual supply commitment of 360,000 tonnes of LNG through 2040. The initiative supports Europe's strategy to diversify energy sources away from Russian gas and reduce maritime emissions with cleaner fuel alternatives.

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Source: <https://www.reuters.com> | Reuters | 23.07.2025

### **6. Airfreight Rates Stable Globally, Surge in Europe**

Global airfreight prices dipped just 0.3% in the week ending July 21, according to the Baltic Air Freight Index. However, rates surged in Europe: Frankfurt saw a 5.9% increase while London climbed 8.1%—both driven by strong pharmaceutical and express e-commerce demand. In contrast, softening volumes from Asia to North America continued to weigh down trans-Pacific pricing.

Source: <https://aircargoweek.com> | Air Cargo Week | 22.07.2025