



Hapag-Lloyd on course to be the world's only shipping line with smart container fleet

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Tracking devices on 1.6 million containers by 2024. Celebrating 700,000th installation on the path to the world's largest smart container fleet.

Hapag Lloyd fleet of 1,6 million containers will be equipped with tracking devices until 2024, and the carrier is celebrating the installation of its 700,000th tracking device, a significant moment on the company's path to creating the world's largest smart container fleet.

This Monday, at the company's headquarters in Hamburg, Germany's Federal Minister of Digital and Transport, Dr Volker Wissing, personally installed the device on a container. "Digitalisation offers great opportunities for the transport industry.

One sign of this is the progress made by Hapag-Lloyd in building an intelligent container fleet. Such advances not only benefit shipping but strengthen Germany as a location for innovation and contribute to our vision of a better connected and more efficient transport sector," said Wissing.

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:"We are proud to be at the forefront of the digitalisation of container shipping. Our 'Smart Container Fleet' project is about transforming the industry and setting new standards for supply-chain transparency and customer service," added Hapag-Lloyd CEO Rolf Habben Jansen.

Dry container monitoring will be a game-changer, as having permanently installed real-time tracking technology permanently installed on and gathering data from standard containers will enhance visibility and answer the crucial question: "Where is my container now?"

The solar battery-powered tracking devices, equipped with internal sensors and GPS, will transmit data through the cell network in addition to recording shock events and ambient temperature. These devices are explosion-proof according to established standards ensuring safety for crews, cargo, and vessels.

The vast majority of Hapag-Lloyd's container fleet will be smart by the beginning of 2024. At around the same time, Hapag-Lloyd is planning to launch a corresponding commercial product called "Live Position".

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