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Air Updates

Gradual Increase in Airfreight Volume Expected as Red Sea Crisis Could Last Months

Scan Global Logistics expects a slow but steady increase in airfreight volumes amid predictions that the Red Sea conflict could last months.

The logistics company said in a January 12 market update that there hasn't been a drastic increase in airfreight volumes as a result of the impact of the Red Sea-Suez Canal conflict on ocean shipping supply chains, but there is a clear growth.

"While an uptick in volumes on the airfreight side has been visible, a tsunami-like volume surge has not been the case. It is though expected that this will gradually increase, considering that the challenges in the Red Sea by now are considered longer lasting," said the company.

Read more in an [article from Air Cargo News](#).

Ocean Updates

Container Shortage Starts to Bite, Adding to Pressure on Costs

The predicted container shortages are beginning to bite amid the chaos thrown up in the Red Sea and a flurry of reroutings, delays and cancellations.

“It is getting increasingly difficult to get 40ft high-cube boxes, and also 20ft general purpose boxes, across the main ports in China,” said Hans-Henrik Nielsen, global development director at CargoGulf. “We are empty-repositioning as fast as we can, and we have also taken on the very last batches of new-lease containers, but from today, there are no more ... there are ‘out of stock’ signs on the doors of leasing companies.”

Read more in an [article from The Loadstar](#).

FMC Asks Shippers to Share Info on Red Sea Disruption and Charges

The U.S. Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has announced a public hearing for supply chain stakeholders to discuss how shipping conditions in the Red Sea, such as ‘unjust’ and ‘extortionate’ carrier surcharges, are impacting them.

The FMC said it would offer a chance to discuss how their operations have been disrupted by the attacks from Yemen, steps taken in response and the resulting effects.

The FMC’s topic example was “implementing contingency fees and surcharges” – the main source of stress for many shippers amid the crisis.

It said: “The commission recognizes that the threat to commercial shipping imposes costs on the maritime transportation industry. The commission and its staff are closely monitoring rates, charges and rules that common carriers have implemented as a result.”

Read more in an [article from The Loadstar](#).

Rail and Truck Updates

Toronto Roads Ranked Third Slowest in the World

Toronto is ranked the third slowest city in the world, according to the 2023 TomTom Traffic Index.

The survey included 387 cities in 55 countries, which were ranked based on the average time it takes to drive 10 km in the city.

According to the report, drivers spend around 29 minutes for a 10-kilometre drive.

Read more in an [article from Today's Trucking](#).

CPKC Intermodal Network Update – Week of January 15

Service highlights this week

As the week progresses, CPKC anticipates a return to more-seasonal temperatures in the Canadian Prairie region (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba), Northern Ontario and through the

U.S. Midwest, moving away from the extreme cold conditions of the past several days. CPKC will implement a safe and measured return to normal seasonal operating guidelines as temperatures improve.

During the winter season, it is imperative to keep walking areas, parking locations and dock facilities safe and free of debris. Containers also must be cleared of snow and ice when ready for pickup. Sanding or cleaning away snow or ice is one of the ways that poor winter weather effects can be mitigated.

The [CPKC Customer Safety Handbook](#) provides clear direction on safe rail operations and can help to educate customer employees on the potential hazards on and around tracks.

Asset forecast this week

- Lachine is tight for all equipment types
- Vaughan and western terminal equipment supply is good for all types
- Equipment supply is adequate through U.S. terminals

Operational performance

Click [here](#) to review CPKC key metrics for the week ending January 13.