MSC has expanded its reefer fleet big-time in the past year

The Swiss-Italian container carrier maintains its leading position as the world's largest shipping company for both regular and reefer containers.



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Container major MSC has experienced growth in the reefer container department and has increased its reefer capacity by 17.6% over the past 12 months, according to Alphaliner.

MSC thus maintains its first place as the shipping company with the largest capacity in reefer containers, as its 815 ships have almost 584,000 plugs on board for reefer containers.

"Our reefer count again confirms that European shipping lines have a larger share of their total capacity available for reefer containers," Alphaliner writes.

However, despite the large increase, one shipping company has managed to grow its reefer fleet even faster. Japan's ONE has increased its reefer capacity by 23.1% in the past year. This puts ONE in sixth place among the largest reefer shipping companies. In second place is Maersk, which has only increased its capacity by 1.7%.

HMM is the only shipping company that has reduced its reefer capacity over the past year, decreasing by 1.3%.

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