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Shortages of seasonal workers have prompted delays across Europe's inland waterways, leaving many in the sector aggrieved at the failure to address the years-long problem.

According to barge operator Contargo, delays hit 44 hours and 72 hours at Antwerp and Rotterdam, respectively, with one source in the sector highlighting the issue neither industry nor government had "bothered to address."

"This is nothing new, we see it each summer: the typical seasonal worker shortages across inland terminals," said the source.

"Every holiday season we experience this challenge from the start of July until the end of August. But it has become more worrying that it seems to be accepted and that no one wants to address it, particularly with Rotterdam's box capacity set to double by 2033."

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

Singapore Container Ship Logjam Spills Over to Malaysian Port

Container ship congestion in Singapore, one of Asia's busiest ports, is spreading to neighbouring Malaysia, snarling supply chains and causing delays in the movement of consumer goods.

Around 20 container vessels are anchored in a cluster off Port Klang, on the western coast of Malaysia near Kuala Lumpur. Both Klang and Singapore sit on the Straits of Malacca, a vital waterway that links Europe and the Middle East to East Asia.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).

Straits of Singapore and Malacca Report Piracy Declines in 2024

After several years of warnings about the high rate of piracy in the Singapore and Malacca straits, ReCAAP Information Sharing Center provided details of a strong decline in piracy in the region during the first half of 2024. They are reporting that enhanced measures and cooperative efforts with littoral states contributed to a 50 percent reduction in incidents of sea robbery in the straits of Malacca and Singapore. However, they are warning of continuing dangers and a rise in petty theft.

Unlike the more violent piracy incidents where crewmembers are assaulted and taken hostage elsewhere in the world, the Asia region has seen a strong increase in lower-level incidents of boarding and theft. Most of the individuals are rarely armed or only have knives and attempt to go

undetected from the crew. They board ships underway and attempt to reach the stores and engine room to steal spares, lose parts and tools. When they are identified frequently they flee.

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