

## CMA CGM to maintain Cape diversions on majority of network

Despite the reduced threat from the Houthi in the Red Sea CMA CGM will have “significant reliance” on transits via the Cape of Good Hope.

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Of the top tier container lines serving the Asia – Europe trade [CMA CGM](#) is the only carrier to have maintained some presence through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal over much of the last 14 months operating services on a case-by-case basis.

Following the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel in Gaza the Houthi lifted its threat to most international shipping transiting the Southern Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden apart from Israeli owned or flagged vessels.

At the weekend CMA CGM provided an update regarding possible future changes to its network given the improved security situation.

“The ceasefire allows humanitarian relief and hope for peace. Recent developments in the region suggest progress towards greater stability, which is a positive but fragile sign for the global shipping and logistics industry,” CMA CGM said.

“Yet, the safety of our seafarers, vessels, and our customers’ cargo remains the CMA CGM Group’s utmost priority. Given the ongoing tensions and associated risks for commercial vessels in certain areas, CMA CGM will for time being continue to prioritize alternative routes, including a significant reliance on passage via the Cape of Good Hope.”

The company added that adjustments could be made on a case-by-case basis dependent on security and operating conditions.

[Maersk](#), [MSC](#), and [Hapag-Lloyd](#) have all indicated that they will maintain Cape of Good Hope transits for the time being.