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Triple-E will reduce CO2 emissions by 50 %

Its size is remarkable, but the most impressive attributes of the Triple-E cannot actually be seen. The Triple-E class of container vessels will emit 50 % less than the industry average for vessels operating on the Asia–Europe trade.
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Service & Surcharge updates

News

St. Petersburg, Russia – Terminal situation

On 8 February 2011, we informed you about the difficult situation at the terminals in the Big Port of St. Petersburg, Russia. We would now like to report that we continue to see considerable container volume growth and low gate-outs in St. Petersburg. Added to this, we are facing a very tough winter situation in the Big Port of St. Petersburg, with serious ice conditions and terminal congestion.

Terminal congestion at First Container Terminal (FCT) of the Big Port of St. Petersburg has led to increased storage charges for all import containers, compelling us to implement a Congestion Surcharge (CON) for import and export containers of USD 50 per container.

As a consequence of the above, we will pass on the FCT Congestion Surcharge of USD 50 per container and the storage increases at FCT in the demurrage tariff rates, effective 15 March 2011.These increases are only applicable to FCT.

Due to the excessive dwell times at the terminals in the Big Port of St. Petersburg, and in order to stimulate quicker pick-up of full import containers, effective 15 March 2011 we will revise the Late Pick-Up fee for dry containers.

We ask you to help optimise terminal operations by taking delivery from the container yards as early as possible.

The new Import Demurrage tariffs and Late Pick-Up Fee are available at **www.maerskline.com**.

We will continue to invest in additional vessel capacity and terminal space to serve you better.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Maersk Line representative.

Services

Mediterranean – East Coast of United States – New service coverage

Subsequent to our announcement dated 3 February 2011, we are now pleased to inform that FMC approval for the Slot Swap Agreement between Maersk Line and Hapag Lloyd has been completed. The new agreement will provide you with wider port coverage and more direct connections between main ports.

The Slot Swap Agreement will consist of two services with the following rotation:

New rotation for the WestMed service:
Marsaxlokk, Malta – Gioia Tauro, Italy – Livorno, Italy – Genoa, Italy - Fos sur Mer, France – Valencia, Spain – Algeciras, Spain – Newark, New Jersey, US – Norfolk, Virginia, US – Savannah, Georgia, US – Marsaxlokk, Malta.

New rotation for the Mediterranean Gulf Express (MGX) service:
Cagliari, Italy – Livorno, Italy – Genoa, Italy – Barcelona, Spain – Valencia, Spain – Savannah, Georgia, US - Port Everglades, Florida, US – Houston, Texas, US - New Orleans, Louisiana, US - Port Everglades, Florida, US – Cagliari, Italy.

This slot swap will enable direct coverage from Italy and Spain to/from the US Gulf, while replacing Miami, Florida, US with Port Everglades, Florida, US as the entrance port to Florida.

The first vessel sailing on the Med Gulf Westbound service will be the Akritas, which will depart from Genoa, Italy on 4 March 2011, while the first vessel sailing on the Med Gulf Eastbound service will be the Northern Diversity, which will depart from Houston, Texas on 10 March 2011.

Asia to/from North Europe – Service network change

Effective April 2011, our Asia - North Europe network service will begin undergoing major changes, with all changes fully implemented by June 2011.

Our efforts are focused on improving coverage and reliability between the major markets along the route. The network will feature multiple calls from Ningbo, China; Shanghai, China; Yantian, China and Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia – plus direct coverage of Japan, Korea and other Chinese ports into Europe. South East Asia ports will continue to be served via our transhipment hub at Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia.

"It is Maersk Line's aim to be our customers' number one choice by offering an efficient and easy to use shipping network. Our customers have clearly requested more reliable services and better end-to-end connections, so we have built such improvements into this network design" says Vincent Clerc, Vice President at Maersk Line.

The first westbound change to the new network will be effective with our AE10 service from Ningbo, China on 7 April 2011, continuing into Shanghai, China; Yantian, China and Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia.

Our other strings will also follow a similar rotation through Asia, with direct calls to Japanese and Korean ports; Xiamen, China; Hong Kong, Hong Kong and Nansha, China. We will continue to offer frequent direct coverage of Felixstowe, UK; Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Bremerhaven, Germany. In addition, Hamburg, Germany; Le Havre, France; Zeebrugge, Belgium; Antwerp, Belgium; Gdansk, Poland; Aarhus, Denmark and Gothenburg, Sweden will also benefit from direct calls.

Eastbound changes start from Gdansk, Poland on 13 May 2011, proceeding through North European ports into South China.

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Surcharge News

Overview of CAF and global BAF levels

For a comprehensive overview of the CAF levels and the global BAF calculator, please follow the link below.

» **CAF and global BAF**

To view trade specific surcharges that have been changed in the past week in Maersk Line, please click on the trade names given below. Please note the published surcharges are not a comprehensive overview of all the surcharges applicable in the trades, but reflect recent changes only.

Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) changes for April

You'll find most BAF changes for April in this week's edition. Click the link for your trade or click "All trades" to see a list of all surcharges, including BAF.

To see BAF changes only, **click here**.

General Rate Increases/Restoration (GRI/GRR)

In order to continue offering our broad portfolio of services and high level of reliability it will be necessary for us to implement a number of rate increases/restorations.
We ask for your understanding and look forward to continuing to provide the service you've come to expect from Maersk Line.

Far East Asia to East Coast of South America – General Rate Increase (GRI)

Effective date: 1 April 2011

Scope: Far East Asia to East Coast of South America

General Rate Increase: USD 400/800 per 20'/40' dry

Transatlantic – General Rate Increase (GRI)

Effective date: 1 April 2011

Scope: North Europe to/from US, Guam and Canada

Amount: USD 300 per container

Surcharges

Africa trade | The Africa trade includes cargo moving to and from Africa, including Indian Ocean Islands, but excluding North African countries which are Morocco, Algiers, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt.

Australasia trade | The Australasia trade includes cargo moving to and from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji Islands.

Asia Europe trade | The Asia Europe trade includes cargo moving to and from Asia, North Europe, Mediterranean and North Africa.

Central America - Caribbean trade | The Central America trade includes cargo moving to and from Latin America.

Far East trade | The Far East trade includes cargo moving to and from Asia and Middle East, Red Sea, and South Asia.

Intra Asia | The Intra Asia trade includes cargo moving to and from Asia.

Intra Europe trade | The Intra Europe trade includes cargo moving between the European and North African countries.

South America trade | The South America trade includes cargo moving to and from South America.

Transatlantic trade | The Transatlantic trade includes cargo moving from North America to and from North Europe, Mediterranean, Middle East, South Asia, and Intra Gulf.

Transpacific trade | The transpacific trade includes cargo moving from Far East to and from North America.

All Trades | For changed surcharges applicable to all trades.

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eTip

Did you know that your company's back office systems can communicate directly with ours?

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is basically a direct connection from computer to computer, allowing you to book a multiple number of containers instantly.

It is easy – we offer quick access to frequently used applications.

In today's globalised business environment, EDI has been adopted as the universal standard for computers to exchange business data in a structured way. No matter where two trading partners are located, they can always use the EDI solution for paperless communication.
With EDI, the sending computer compiles, translates and formats the message automatically. This leads to faster transfer of data, fewer errors, reduced exception-handling and, all in all, a more streamlined business process.

» **EDI**

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