

INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE

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In the wake of the attacks in Israel, many carriers are stopping their service into or out of the country. UPS and Fedex suspended flights into Israel mid-month. Although the Civil Aviation Authorities in the US, European Union, and Israel urged all airlines to use extreme caution in the region's airspace, they have not completely restricted flights.



Two Airbus A321 passenger-to-freighter aircraft sit on the tarmac at Miami International Airport next to Global Crossing's headquarters shortly after being delivered last summer.
(Photo: FreightWaves/Eric Kulisch. Source: [FreightWaves](#))

Global Crossing Airlines, also known as Global X, a startup charter airline based in Florida, is helping bring aid into Israel with more than 50 tons of relief supplies. Two freighters have already been sent to Tel Aviv, with a third one pending.

DHL continues to offer service through its hub in Leipzig, Germany.

Some ocean carriers continue to accept bookings to and from Israel, with staff working remotely to ensure the safety of their personnel. Israel's major ports continue to function. Additionally, some ocean carriers are starting to announce War Risk surcharges taking affect mid-November, and hazardous material is not being accepted.

China

During Golden week, Typhoon Koinu suspended terminal operations in Hong Kong and Shenzhen, causing vessel wait times up to four days.

After the holiday, space to Pacific Southwest is still backlogged, with some carriers encountering double and triple booking rolls.

Carriers

Starting November 6, 2023, Vanguard is changing their Kansas City CFS to Midwest Express. The change will affect all inbound cargo from Los Angeles, helping streamline processes and offer a faster transit time. Vanguard also sent notice of changes for their Tampa, Orlando, and Las Vegas CFS locations. Be sure to visit their website for the updated locations: www.vanguardlogistics.com.

Port News

Effective November 1, 2023, PierPass is increasing its Traffic Mitigation Fee (TMF) charges. It will increase to \$35.37 per TEU and \$71.41 per FEU.

The Port of Long Beach imports continue to be on the rise. Results for September showed that the port was up 11.8% from the same month last year, surpassing the record set in September 2020. The port moved 829,429 twenty-foot equivalent units. Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero stated that consumer confidence is on the rise, and we can look forward to a moderate cargo volume rebound through the end of the year. (Source: [FreightWaves](#))



Port of Long Beach

Air Freight

The International Air Transport Association announced that air cargo grew 1.5% in August. This was the first year-over-year gain in over 19 months. However, further analysis shows that the newfound growth is due to seasonal changes rather than a shift in demand. Cargo capacity for September did not change and had the slowest pace in 11 months. Global rates are 30% lower than last year, and volume is down 6% versus August in 2022. Many experts are predicting that any real growth for the air cargo sector is still at least a year away.

DHL's partnership with Singapore Airlines has further expanded its intercontinental air network. This new venture will operate five weekly flights on a rotation schedule. The agreement will operate five Boeing 777 freighters, four of which are currently deployed, based out of Changi Airport. Tony Khan, President and representative Director of DHL, stated that this will provide an even faster and more reliable service to support growth for customers in the Chubu region to the US. (Source: [Air Cargo News](#))

Customs

CBP released September 2023 stats. More than 2.7 million entry summaries were processed, and they valued more than \$271 billion. \$6.6 billion of duties were identified to be collected. Ocean shipments accounted for 41% of overall imports for the month.

CBP is the leading government agency to eliminate goods from forced labor. During September, 259 shipments valued at more than \$102 million were stopped after further examination upon suspected use of forced labor.

CBP returns stolen historical artifacts to Ukraine, giving items back to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during a repatriation ceremony on September 21. The items were sized in Sept 2022 at JFK airport after the JFK CBP offices identified the items as Ukrainian cultural property.

The Harmonized system was updated, including 12981 ABI records and 2614 Harmonized Tariffs.

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Sources: FreightWaves, Vanguard, Sinpex, PierPass, MSC, Air Cargo News, American Shipper, CBP, Customs & International Trade Law, Vanguard