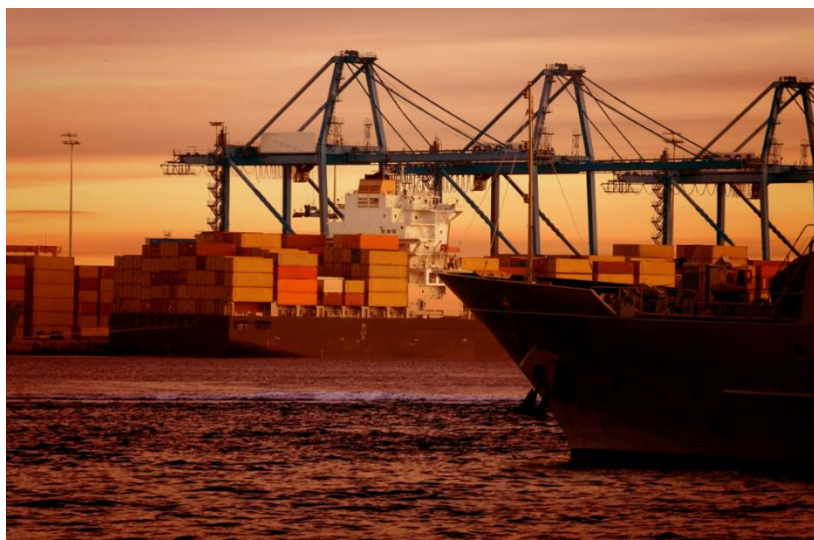




International Monthly Market Update:

October 2022



China/Asia:

- Golden Week in China runs October 1st through October 7th. History shows carriers implementing peak season surcharges and limited space prior to the holiday. The Shanghai Containerized Freight Index (SCFI) paints a different picture this year, with five consecutive weeks of declining rates. SCFI reported that the index had a decline of over 40% over the previous five weeks and another 50% over the previous 11 weeks. While the reduction in rates is welcoming to see, the current index is still 155% higher than the same period in 2019 before the pandemic.
- Shanghai is currently the world's largest port, with Ningbo rapidly coming in to take 2nd, surpassing Singapore. Alphaliner's latest report on September 21st showed Ningbo handled 17.54 million TEU in the first half of 2022, just slightly less than Singapore. Ningbo's expected growth for the remainder of the year is estimated to surpass Singapore as volumes bounce back since the lockdowns in March and April.



(Photo reference: [Splash247.com](https://www.splash247.com))

Europe:

- Another strike at UK's largest ports, Felixstowe and Liverpool, by dock workers continues to cause delays. The first strike started in Liverpool on September 19th, with Felixstowe overlapping September 27th through October 5th. The strikes are expected to cause delays for the North European hub ports and impact Transatlantic shipping schedules.

Carrier Announcements:

- Hapag & HMM sent a notification out regarding fake and fraudulent emails to their customers. The warning advised customers not to provide banking details and shared the fake email address.
- Maersk continues its push in the air market with the upcoming Air Freight Gateway opening in Chicago this fall. The facility will be a bonded container freight station (CFS) that will also be a TSA Certified Cargo Screening facility (CCFS).

Port Updates:

- Negotiations between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) are still ongoing. The parties have reached an agreement on health care and announced they are committed to negotiating a new contract without disruption.



- August was the busiest month on record for the port of Savannah, handling more than 287,000 containers. This is an 18% increase over the same time last year, and the port continues to experience excessive delays. There are currently 30 ships waiting to berth, with wait times now averaging 12–20 days.
- The Pacific Southwest has seen significant improvement over the last few months, with congestion starting to lighten up. Currently, only 13 ships are within the 150 nautical mile structure pending berthing. Vessel wait times are now estimated at around seven days.
- Suez Canal Authority issued a statement in mid-September saying they are increasing their transit fee by 15% effective January 1st, 2023. The authority cites global inflation and increased energy costs for the fee increase.
- Newark currently has nine vessels waiting to berth, and wait times are averaging 2–7 days.
- The port of Manzanillo reopened after several days of being closed due to the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that rocked the Pacific Coast in Mexico mid-month. The earthquake epicenter was just 40 miles from the port, which is one of the main gateways for international trade with Mexico.

US Customs Updates:

- CPB released their Aug 2022 update with some highlights to take notice of:
 - CPB seized over 2000 shipments that contained counterfeit goods with a value of over \$159 million
 - CPB targeted 838 entries suspected of using forced labor in the production of imported goods, with a value of \$266.5 million
- The US Trade Representative Office has announced that rounds 1 and 2 of the Section 301 tariffs on China-origin goods have been continued. Round 3 tariffs are hitting the four-year mark of when they would expire if not reviewed, but it seems clear that these will be continued pending a review.
- The 2nd phase of the legacy ACE portal modernization has been scheduled for September 27th and October 11th.
 - This phase will include an updated referenced tab, document upload and management, and blanket declarations.

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Sources: SCFI, Freight Waves, CBP, Hapag, HMM, Maersk, American Shipper, Container News, STR Trade