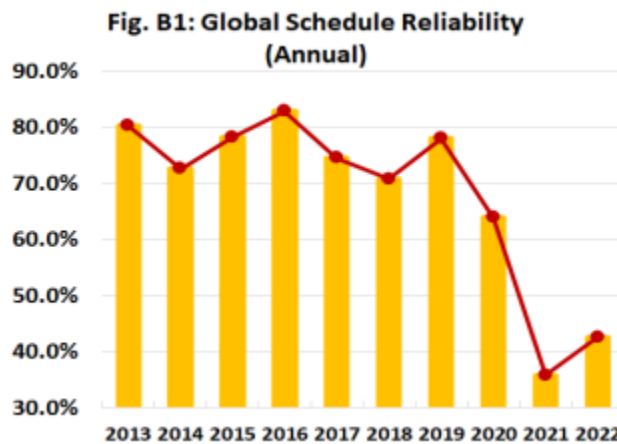


GLOBAL FREIGHTS

- Global demand for container shipping is declining and there is no sign of the usual seasonal uptick of rates and demand which we would normally expect, especially following the Lunar holidays.
- If we continue to see low global demand and therefore overcapacity (too many vessels), it is likely that larger vessels will be phased into the trans-Atlantic route (Europe to North America). This will cause a decline in spot rate and a reduction in the number of weekly services. This can potentially also lead to greater pressure on inland logistics which are not adapted to the greater container volumes.
- All data indicates a return to normality in vessel's reliability. 67% of global vessel capacity lost due to congestion has been resolved and is on track for full normality by April 2023. We are seeing global vessel reliability recover following the pandemic, which is another indication that we are returning to normality.
- Sucafina's Raphaëlle Hemmerlin, Head of Logistics & Operational Efficiency, was featured in episode 5 of [MSCDigitalTalks series about smart containers](#).



NORTH AMERICA

Ports situation

- The port situation in NY/NJ through the first two months of the year is back to some sense of normalcy. Dray partners are successful in pulling cargo within free time.
- The situation in Toronto CN/CP has seen improvements in the start of the year. However, warehouse operators are still working a peak capacity.
- Houston congestion continues and the Port Authority Import dwell fee seems to be paying dividends.
- Oakland is experiencing container backlog & chassis shortages. Some cargo is falling into inaccessible areas within the port adding to longer-than-usual pick-up windows.

- Jacksonville is experiencing increased imports, causing longer driver dwell time and taking 5+ hours to pick up containers. There is a shortage of equipment being reported within local chassis pools.
- Montreal congestion remains and cargo is still taking 8-10 days to discharge into warehouses once pulled from terminals.
- Vancouver continues to see increased volumes that are causing warehouse operators to still struggle to discharge containers. On average there is about a 7-10 days turnaround time.

Inland transportation

- US trucking rates have remained somewhat stable into the start of the new year.
- LTL shipping continues to be a challenge as carrier unreliability to meet warehouse pick up appointments is causing delays on outbound orders.

EUROPE

Ports situation and inland transportation

- Port congestion has finally eased up.
- Trucking rates remain high but availabilities are back to normal.
- The port of Iskenderun in Turkey has been severely impacted from the earthquake. Stacks of containers fell, resulting in significant structural damage. A fire broke out in the center of the container storage area that spread overnight and engulfed hundreds of containers. All operations at the port of Iskenderun have stopped until further notice and trucks are not moving in or around the port.
- The haulage industry in the UK continues to struggle to train and retain truck drivers, with the current shortage estimated to be about 50,000 drivers.

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

Container availability and vessel space

- Container availability is much better than before.
- There has been a slight improvement in vessel spaces, but anticipation is still necessary to request bookings.
- With dry port customs, clearances are being done but inspections are taking longer than usual.
- As per NPPO Brazil's latest instructions on the Phytosanitary certification, we kindly remind independent companies to change their certification so that it does not mention NPPO Brazil's certificate title.
- Susep, the insurance regulator of the Ministry of Economy, is analyzing the possibility of prohibiting the Global Insurance "DDR" for road freight transport.

COLOMBIA

- Container availability is good.
- From Cartagena, there are no issues with space availability but, from Buenaventura, most of the shipping lines are already full for February and we are only getting booking confirmations for March.

OTHER

SUCAFINA SA

- For Peru, availability of containers and spaces in the vessel. Political and social situation is better, which has allowed better flow of shipments.
- Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua are facing a late crop season that is delaying some of the harvest and therefore the shipments.
- Just like in previous seasons, we are starting to see some difficulties in container availability and an increase in spot freights from these origins.

AFRICA

UGANDA, RWANDA, AND KENYA

Container availability and vessel space

- Vessel schedules are stable and most shipping lines have, on average, 3 vessels per month.
- Containers are available in Kampala for our current demand.
- Shipping line containers are scarce in Kigali.

Trucks and border

- Trucks are available and border operations are running smoothly.
- Mombasa port is operating normally.

TANZANIA, BURUNDI

Container availability, vessel space and port situation

- We are experiencing vessel changes with most shipping lines, as well as booking rejections for nearby bookings due to capacity restrictions (e.g. Maersk).
- We are facing a shortage of 20ft containers with most shipping lines.
- Dar es Salaam port's berthing delays have increased to 8+ days. This is probably due to new management, who are still setting their operational strategies.

ETHIOPIA

- Containers are available for our current requirements.
- Transit to Djibouti is normal and the port is operating normally.

ASIA PACIFIC

CHINA

- Ningbo, the world's third busiest port, reported a container volume surpassing 3 million TEUs in Jan 2023, maintained strong volume growth in the month of Lunar New Year right after China reopened its borders and lifted zero covid policy. This puts a question mark until when exporters/importers can enjoy the container availability and low freight rates for almost all of the routes.
- Travel between Hong Kong and China has been back to normal since early February. Neither PCR tests nor monitoring with a daily limit is required.

NEW ZEALAND

- North island in New Zealand was hit by a major storm during the last days of January. Auckland port was closed on 31st Jan and the storm caused widespread damage, mostly from flooding and landslides. Severe weather was still being watched closely until now but the impact to vessel and trucking operations is fortunately minor as far as we are concerned.

OTHERS

- PIL and Iris Lines will launch a new weekly service called TPS connecting Thailand, Philippines and Singapore, calling at Laem Chabang, Bangkok, Singapore and Manila. Its first sailing is operating on 15 February.
- Carriers continue to apply blank sailings out of Asia and take longer routes to try bringing capacity down to the current levels of demand.

