

GLOBAL FREIGHTS

- The freight market is changing rapidly ex-Asia. It's a new paradigm after 2 years of squeeze across the whole supply chain. According to Dynaliners 48/22 publication, containership idle fleet continues to grow and is back to Q4 2020 levels and showing clear signs that shipping lines will reduce capacity and align with the lower demand. It remains to be seen if the pre-Tet period at the end of January will bring a short-term upward trend to spot levels.
- Green light across the globe for bookings, space & container equipment.
- Transit time and schedules are improving significantly (back to 50% reliability, a level not seen since end of 2020!).
- Maersk & IBM have pulled the plug on Tradelens – but Sucasina team remains very active through Cargo platform. Don't hesitate to connect as business partners to improve your Track & Trace and global collaboration with us!

NORTH AMERICA

Ports situation

- NY/NJ port congestion situation has improved, albeit because import volumes are down going into end of year. The empty return fee has helped to clear the backlog of empties sitting at depots.
- Toronto CN/CP rail depots continue operating over capacity. Shunting & demurrage charges are unavoidable at certain stages. However, gaining access to appointments has improved slightly.
- Houston congestion has persisted. The port authority is still looking to start implementing long import container dwell time fees to incentivize rotation of equipment and attempt to alleviate congestion.
- Montreal is feeling a spillover effect of the congestion issues from Toronto. Influx of more import loads from Halifax continue to keep terminals at full capacity.
- Vancouver continues experiencing long discharge times.

Inland transportation

- US trucking rates are seeing a slight decline in November going into the holiday season.
- LTL shipping remains challenging as carriers struggle to meet warehouse pick up appointments causing delays on outbound orders.

EUROPE

Ports situation and inland transportation

- Fuel surcharges of 25% are being applied across the region.
- The cost of warehouse operations across the region keeps increasing with the energy crisis and high inflation. We estimate an average increase of 13% for storage, trucking and handling in 2023.

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

Container availability and vessel space

- Container availability is much better. Having said this, however, some shipping lines have specific problems with releasing containers.
- There has been a slight improvement on 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.
- NPPO Brazil's latest instructions on the Phytosanitary certification are that non-governmental organizations are not allowed to issue certificates with the title "PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE" to destinations that do not require such certification. All independent companies should change their certification so that it does not mention NPPO Brazil's certificate title.

Container availability and vessel space

- Container availability is generally good. Only some shipping lines are having issues with container availability.
- Space availability is generally good as well. We have seen some availability problems for specific routes and with specific shipping lines. The same for some vessels not having their weekly availability in Buenaventura's port.
- Port activity remains high but mostly normal.
- We still have seen some strikes and landslides that lead into the closing of the road to Buenaventura port. Like previously, the issues are being solve rapidly.

OTHER

- For Peru, no issues with availability of containers and spaces. Low coffee production has caused delays of the shipments.
- For Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua the situation is normal. No issues with availability of containers or spaces.

AFRICA

UGANDA, RWANDA AND KENYA

Container availability and vessel space

- Changing schedules and sailing delays keep increasing, resulting in an average of 15 quay days.
- In Kigali and Kampala, container availability is moderate.

TANZANIA, BURUNDI

Container availability, vessel space + 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). All shipping lines have moderate container availability.
- Not enough trucks are available from Burundi
- Dar es Salaam port operates normally.

ETHIOPIA

Container availability and vessel space

- No issues regarding bookings.
- Container availability is moderate.

ASIA PACIFIC

VIETNAM

- Vietnam ranks 11th out of 50 countries in the 2022 Emerging Market Logistics Index released by logistics and freight provider Agility. Despite a great potential for growth, poor infrastructure/technology and high costs are the main bottlenecks. Logistics costs currently represent 20% of the country's GDP while it is 7-9% in mature markets.

CHINA

- Chinese factories are expected to shut down two weeks earlier than usual for the incoming Lunar New Year due to serious demand collapse and carriers continue to announce more blank sailings than ever as vessel utilization hits new lows.
- China Southern Air Logistics just decided to partner with WebCargo, the leading digital booking and payment platform belonging to Freightos Group. This move helps China's top air cargo to become the first Chinese carrier to offer China import eBookings.

INDIA

- Container availability with all shipping lines (except Hapag Lloyd) has improved significantly compared with previous months, partly due to arrival of raw cashew imports from West Africa.

SUCAFINA LOGISTICS VOICES

Hear from our Global Logistics team! In “Logistics Voices”, our team members reflect on the major challenges and opportunities we see in our day-to-day.

Today, we take time to reflect on 2022 together with Raphaëlle, our Head of Logistics & Operational efficiency.



“As we turn the page into 2023, now is a good time to reflect on the last 3 years of incredible logistics work at Sucafina. In December 2019, I could have never imagined what our following 36 months would look like. We can say it was really a hard time for our supply chains and for our people. However, from those challenges there have been and still are so many opportunities to catch. We’ve had the chance to put logistics back among the core of business. It was a kind reminder that what seems easy and smooth in a perfect supply chain scenario is not a result of chance, but a result of hard work and coordination between many stakeholders. I loved the fact that we had all to re-learn about transit time or the booking process. Every one of us became stronger, more experienced and better equipped to think proactively. We have collaboration with each other and built new networks of cooperation. I sincerely thank our customers for working with us to shift processes, our suppliers for adapting to new solutions and our partners and team members for working the extra mile. End of year festivities are hopefully the chance for all of us to take a deserved rest, to refill our resilience and to prepare for 2023 as the new opportunity to transform incidence into excellence. Merry Christmas and Happy new year 2023 to all”.

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