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MONTHLY MONITOR



Market Update

India - Air freight volume and rates are stabilizing, with a slight demand growth expected in Q4. Transshipments from Dhaka via Delhi have decreased. Rates are higher than last year but manageable. Ocean freight rates, after a recent drop, are rising. Carriers plan rate hikes in December, but their sustainability is uncertain. The market is expected to remain stable, though potential disruptions in the Red Sea and unrest in the Middle East could cause congestion at alternative routes and transshipment hubs.

Bangladesh - The air freight market is stable with available space exceeding demand, leading to decreased rates. Chittagong Port experiencing minimal berthing delays, and there are no container shortages. Ocean freight rates are unstable and slowly increasing. The shipping industry faces challenges due to a global seafarer shortage, impacting freight rates and service quality.

Sri Lanka - The air freight market is soft with ample capacity, leading to decreasing rates, and improved transit times to the US. Ocean freight space is available, but Colombo Port faces slight congestion, causing delays. Europe and USEC-bound vessels are re-routed via Southern Africa, improving transit times. Far East, Oceania, and UAWC shipments face delays in Singapore and Port Klang. Air freight rates are expected to decrease further, while ocean freight rates remain constant until January despite ongoing port congestion.

*Happy Holidays
From Around The Globe!*

Date	Holiday	Origin
December 5th	Father's Day	Thailand
December 10th	Constitution Day	Thailand
December 16th	Victory Day	Bangladesh
December 25th	Christmas Day	Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, United States
December 26th	First weekday after Christmas Day	Hong Kong
December 30th	Rizal Day	Philippines
December 31st	New Year's Eve	Thailand
January 1st	New Year's Day	All Origins

Note: Reflected Dates Refer To Days Of Observance

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Hong Kong – Airfreight rates are stable but expected to rise by 5-6% in early December. Ocean freight rates declined in November but may rebound due to Chinese New Year. Demand is stable, with some congestion to Europe. A significant rush is expected before Chinese New Year, leading to tighter space and potential rate increases.

Shanghai – Airfreight rates have peaked with capacity issues. Ocean freight rates are rising post-Golden Week. High demand is driven by the holiday season and e-commerce. Strong demand for airfreight exports is expected in December due to trade tariffs and the post-election environment. Ocean freight demand remains strong.

Shenzhen – Space was tighter, and prices rose in November due to e-commerce and Black Friday. Ocean freight rates were lower, with slight tightness expected in December. Airfreight prices will continue rising. Early December prices should remain stable, with potential rises due to Chinese New Year.

South East Asia

Cambodia – Large capacity for air cargo, with decreased airfreight costs in November. Stable air shipment volume is expected in December, with rates increasing due to high global demand.

Malaysia - Airfreight and ocean freight demand and capacity are stable, with high rates. In December, both airfreight and ocean freight demand and capacity are expected to remain stable.

Indonesia -Demand and rates have increased, with limited space to the US. Ocean rates are stable, but some congestion is noted at transit ports. Demand and rates are expected to decrease after mid-December due to holidays.

Philippines - Air freight capacity is available, but advance booking is recommended due to potential congestion during the holiday season, with transit times extending to 7-9 days. Ocean carriers may face space constraints for US-bound routes, so booking at least three weeks in advance is advisable, with higher rates anticipated. The logistics market is expected to remain active in December due to increased demand from year-end business transactions and holiday shopping, particularly in consumer goods, electronics, and e-commerce.

Thailand – Airfreight rates are decreasing, with stable space. Ocean freight demand and rates are dropping. Demand is expected to increase from mid-December due to early Chinese New Year.

Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh) - Airfreight prices slightly decreased from October to November. The ocean market is stable. In December, the airfreight market may peak due to US holidays, leading to tight space and rate increases. The ocean market is expected to remain stable.

Vietnam (Hanoi) – Airfreight and ocean freight rates are stable, with space being monitored. Rates may decrease due to lower demand. Airfreight rates are expected to remain stable in December, and ocean freight rates may decrease.

United States – No major issues to report; most US ports and airports have stable operations, with rail delays occurring from USWC ports to Inland/IPI destinations. The USEC labor issues will continue leading up to Jan 15th strike deadline.

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