

JULY 2024 **MONTHLY MONITOR**



Market Update

India - There has been a steady increase in air cargo from India. Space is getting tighter but is still available, while rates are slowly climbing. Space is tightening but available for ocean as GRIs from multiple carriers have been implemented with more expected. Port congestion is evident as the Red Sea issue continues to be disruptive, especially for Mundra port.

Bangladesh - Air space is very tight with rates increasing daily. Ocean space is readily available and rates are stable; however, another GRI will be implemented. There are berthing delays at Chittagong ranging from 2-3 days.

Sri Lanka - Air space is very limited after a surge of shipments which is driving up rates. Port congestion is holding up cargo at Colombo which is increasing transit time. Some steamship lines (OOCL, COSCO, HM) have very limited space and will be calling on the Port of Colombo less frequently.

*Happy Holidays
From Around The Globe!*

Date	Holiday	Origin
July 4th	Independence Day	United States
July 8th	Awal Muharram	Malaysia
July 13th	Governor's Birthday	Malaysia
July 17th	Ashura (Muharram)	Bangladesh, India
July 22nd	Asarahabucha	Thailand
July 29th	King's Birthday	Thailand

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Hong Kong – Both air and ocean demand are surging because of the ongoing disruption of container shipping industry; rates are gradually increasing and the situation will continue into the summer. HK flag carrier Cathay Cargo will cancel a large number of flights in July for scheduled maintenance, it may cause further congestion due to the reduction of freighter capacity.

Shanghai – For July, we may see air demand and rates higher and then level out due to US crackdown on e-commerce shipments. We will see another round of increase in ocean rates in July. We can expect freight rates to stay elevated until at least October.

Shenzhen – Prices are expected to be stable or rise slightly in the first half of July. For Q3, shipments will begin to increase, and prices will continue to adjust according to market changes, and e-commerce will still be an important factor affecting air market prices. In July, carriers will raise rates, which is expected to increase by about USD800-1000/20 'and USD1000-1200/40' HQ every half month. Although new routes were added at the end of June, space will remain tight.

South East Asia

Cambodia – Air and ocean space is very tight for both modes. Rates are steadily increasing and will continue for the rest of July.

Malaysia - Airfreight demand and capacity are expected to be strong and in high demand for July. Ocean freight demand and capacity are expected to be continuously in demand with rates remaining high.

Indonesia - Air capacity and rates in July will increase due to peak season and e-commerce shipments from China. Ocean space continues to be impacted from Red Sea and other issues. It is likely that the current ocean market situation will continue until September with high rates and tight space.

Philippines – Air space is expected to be tight due to increased demand. Ocean carriers are having space issues, especially for US-bound destinations. Rates for both modes will fluctuate and likely rise depending on space demands and scheduling changes.

Thailand – Demand for space from BKK to EU and US are still high, with rates increasing and longer transit times, as there are backlogs at Asia transit hubs (ICN/TYO/DXB/TPE). Ocean transit times will be longer due to turn-around time for the vessels which are often delayed, and rates for the month are elevated.

Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh) - Air rate may increase up to 5% in July. Space capacity would be still limited, especially for palletized cargo. Ocean rates may increase by 10-15%. Ocean capacity will be affected by ongoing equipment issues.

Vietnam (Hanoi) –Air and ocean rates will continue to increase as the month progresses. Space for both modes of transport will be very tight. Advance bookings are highly recommended for air and ocean until further notice.

United States - Most US ports and airports are stable, although there are some rail delays for shipments leaving West Coast Ports. There remains a threat of a Canadian rail strike in July, which would also impact some U.S. and Mexico rail movements if it occurs. The Union has already voted twice to authorize strike action.