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MONTHLY MONITOR



Market Update

India - Air capacity is readily available, and service to both the US and EU sector continue to improve with a transit time of 4- 5 days for the US and 3-4 days for EU. Ocean capacity is stable, transit times and rates are stable and the rollovers have reduced considerably.

Bangladesh - Air volume is stable; ocean bookings are normal and demand is steady. Both US and EU market ocean volume might go down in the coming months. Air rates are stable. There is a container shortage for HAPAG, YML, ZIM, EVERGREEN, and HMM at ICD. Capacity available in the market continues to exceed current demand levels. Political unrest has increased with some road blockages from political rallies; but so far, very little impact on cargo movement.

Sri Lanka – Air volume declined in October compared to the previous month, and we do not expect a major volume increase for November. Capacity will be slightly increased due to decreased demand, and seasonal carriers which are expected to start flying to CMB in November. For ocean, we expect an allocation cut by carriers during the month of November; However, there are no major capacity issues expected during the month of November.

*Happy Holidays
From Around The Globe!*

Date	Holiday	Origin
November 1st	All Saints Day	Philippines
November 2nd	Non-Working Holiday	Philippines
November 9th	Independence Day	Cambodia
November 13th	Deepavali	Malaysia
November 23rd	Thanksgiving	United States
November 27th	Bonifacio Day	Philippines
November 27th-28th	Water Festival	Cambodia

John Singleton, WPL's Chief Executive Officer, will be contributing to the Annual Review Outlook January issue of the Journal of Commerce Magazine.

Hong Kong – We anticipate that airlines will keep airfreight rates at a reasonable level in November. Due to lower market demand, more blank sailings were announced to stabilize the ocean freight rate. Expect the rates to drop slightly in the middle of November.

Shanghai - Overall market demand for airfreight capacity is increasing. We are expecting increased volumes for the traditional peak air cargo season. Ocean carriers are planning a wave of sizeable FAK rate hikes across the major east-west trade lanes .

Shenzhen – The air freight price in November will continue to rise. Due to South China market shipments, e-commerce and electronic cigarettes, shipping space is slightly tight, and prices continue to rise. For November, rates may increase, mainly to USWC. Many customers are choosing the USEC routing because the space is available. We are expecting an overall increase in shipments this month.

South East Asia

Cambodia – We are forecasting an increase in air volume, with a steady increase as the month progresses. No issues are hindering any ocean movement through the ports.

Indonesia - Air space demand is still very strong, with elevated rates, and there has been an impact on transit times. Ocean space is available at stable rates. Some carriers are now charging cancellation fees for missed or cancelled ocean bookings.

Malaysia - The airfreight demand and capacity are expected to continuously increase due to the heavy demand for e-com shipments, and rates are expected to increase further. The ocean freight demand and rates are expected to be stable for the month of November.

Thailand – Demand will be high due to airfreight rates from BKK being lower than Vietnam and Myanmar, which is why we are seeing more transit cargo from those two origins. Also, expected conversions from ocean to air will occur due to the rush for holiday sales and low inventory levels.

Philippines – Air rates are expected to increase this November due to very tight competition in the market and an increase in rates from other stations because of the holiday season. Ocean rates are expected to increase as well, but space is still available. There are no issues affecting cargo movement for either mode.

Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh) - For airfreight, there will be no issue with capacity; however, the price will still be at a higher level. For ocean there appears to be no peak season, so the price will be the same this month, and no issue for space or equipment.

Vietnam (Hanoi) – Starting from the end of October, the air freight rates will likely increase due to the increase in electronics cargo, and space will be tighter. Due to the vessel reduction policy of shipping lines in North Vietnam, the space will be tighter and rates will likely increase a bit compared to October.

United States

The cargo handling at US airports and seaports is good; the overall situation is stable. Continued Panama Canal restrictions are causing some delays but not currently having a significant impact on shipments.