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FREIGHT FORWARDING

CMA CGM ADJUSTS FAK RATES TO NORTH EUROPE & MEDITERRANEAN

CMA CGM has announced new Freight All Kinds (FAK) rates from the Indian Subcontinent to North Europe and Mediterranean ports, effective 15 August 2025. These adjustments reflect continued volatility in Asia–Europe trade lanes as carriers balance weaker demand with high operational costs. Shippers are advised to monitor contract renewals closely as similar adjustments are expected from other liners.

NEPTUNE PACIFIC RESTORES ASIA–SOUTH PACIFIC RATES

Neptune Pacific Line has introduced a rate restoration program for cargo moving from Asia to South Pacific islands, citing sustained demand and higher bunker costs. The changes come at a critical time as many South Pacific economies rely heavily on imports, and the carrier aims to stabilize yields after a period of rate declines

PORT OF HUENEME COMPLETES DRONE-BASED SECURITY EXERCISE

The Ningbo Containerized Freight Index (NCFI) recorded a sharp decline in July, falling 20.5% month-on-month and plunging 56.7% year-on-year. The drop reflects weaker demand out of Asia following the post-tariff-pause shipping surge earlier in the year. Rate pressure was particularly heavy on Asia–Europe and Transpacific lanes, where vessel capacity remained ample and cargo volumes softened.

HIGHLIGHT

CMA CGM FAK HIKE

NEPTUNE RATE RISE

HUENEME DRONE DRILL

VALENCIA VOLUMES UP

LE HAVRE NEW MD

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VALENCIA PORT TRAFFIC CLIMBS 4.3% IN 2025 YTD

Valencia Port reported handling 3.26 million TEUs between January and July 2025, a 4.28% year-on-year increase. July alone saw 492,874 TEUs, driven by stronger Mediterranean transshipment flows and recovering European demand. This growth positions Valencia as one of Southern Europe's fastest-growing hubs, reinforcing its role as a key gateway to Spain and wider EU markets.

HANSEATIC GLOBAL TERMINALS NAMES NEW MD AT LE HAVRE

Benoit Klein has been appointed Managing Director of CNMP Terminal in Le Havre, effective 1 September 2025. Klein's appointment is expected to drive operational efficiency and digital transformation at one of France's key container gateways, as Le Havre continues its modernization push to compete with Northern Range ports such as Rotterdam and Antwerp

QUICK TAKEAWAYS

- Rates volatility – CMA CGM and Neptune Pacific moves show carriers tightening pricing strategies.
- Security focus – Drone technology at Hueneme signals how ports are modernizing against evolving threats.
- European growth – Valencia's throughput rebound adds confidence in Mediterranean and EU trade recovery.
- Leadership changes – Le Havre's management shift may trigger operational reforms impacting regional flows.