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GLOBAL APERTURE

The latest report by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a G20 Nations watchdog, says major increases in shipping rates have contributed to consumer price inflation, but projects that the uptick will peak by year's end. At the 14th World Cargo Symposium on October 12, IATA called on members of the air cargo industry to maintain cooperation with a strong performance outlook through the onset of 2022—key to this lies partly in the global ratification of the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) which has been signed by 94% of member states.

REGIONAL FOCUS

AMERICAS

No Change



No Change



As import container backlogs push into October from every coast, the President of the United States has announced intent to broker an agreement with the Port of Los Angeles that would implement 24/7 operations. Other ports have opted for federal assistance to open inland storage sites, and even big box retailers and parcel delivery companies have set out to expand cargo processing operations. Furthermore, in response to last week's oil spill, US legislators have introduced House Bill 5573 to prohibit cargo vessels from idling or anchoring off the coast of Southern California.

The international airports of Atlanta and New York join those of Los Angeles, Chicago O'Hare, and Dallas-Fort Worth in wading neck-deep in imports due to understaffed terminals and limited trucking capacity.

In Mexico, new waybill regulations will be enforced January 1, 2022 as a measure to reduce cargo theft and smuggled goods throughout the country—the trial period begins December 1 and expands the number of required fields for bills of lading (BOL). While the airports of Guadalajara and Monterrey report normal operations, cargo moving through Mexico City's airport terminals are adversely affected by chronic backlogs, delaying operations by up to five hours.

ASIA-PACIFIC

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The passage of China's Golden Week holidays has nearly halved the number of anchored ships along the country's coast compared to weeks prior, and container availability at the ports of Shanghai and Qingdao have also stabilized according to container analytics. This gives transpacific shippers some breathing room before holiday demand picks up. Unfortunately, ports in the Shenzhen region have been advised of an incoming tropical storm which is projected to move through Hong Kong and into Vietnam and Cambodia by the end of the week—port terminals in Yantian, Shenzhen, and Pearl River Delta suspended operations some time on October 12.

India's largest private port operator will ban cargo from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan from November 15 onward following a large drug seizure at Mundra Port. The decision has been criticized by export organizations as one that would ultimately increase cargo congestion as shipments are diverted to Mumbai and Jawaharlal Nehru.



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Asia-North Europe roundtrip sailings have been significantly roughed up by extensive delays. Due to congestion at Felixstowe Port, sea freight carrier Maersk will reroute cargo vessels to discharge UK-destined shipments in parts of Europe, where smaller vessels will ferry them back to lesser utilized ports.

The development comes in response to the Felixstowe Port Authority's temporary suspension of empty container returns, which has recently been reversed, as well as the continued shortage of truck drivers to receive offloaded containers. Other carriers, including CMA CGM and Cosco, have also diverted cargo vessels to realign shipping schedules at the cost of further slowing delivery times.