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APERTURE & *FOCUS*

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GLOBAL APERTURE

Some analysts project the air cargo market will see a demand spurt [over the next 20 years](#), aligned with Boeing's prediction that the global fleet size will [grow by 80% in that same timespan](#)—about 20% of new planes [will likely be driven by demand from China](#).

The ongoing Climate Change Conference (COP27) brings attention to the fruits of collective effort, including publication of [the newest World Trade Report](#), revealing key insights on manufacturing and sustainability trends such as low-carbon technologies and policy alignment. The [Green Shipping Challenge](#) was inaugurated at COP27 by US and Norway officials, reinforced with over 40 different announcements from port operators, transport providers, interstate agencies, and industry stakeholders.

REGIONAL FOCUS - AMERICAS

The [International Air Cargo Association \(TIACA\) Conference](#) takes place November 8-10 in Miami—amidst the hurricane warnings issued for Tropical Storm Nicole. [Port operations in Southern Florida](#) will close through Wednesday for safety.

Of the confederated [rail unions, BMWED](#) announced the daunting contract renegotiation date with US network providers has been rescheduled to early December, easing concerns of a national supply chain shutdown over Thanksgiving holidays. However, heavy rainfall in British Columbia [halted rail lines last week](#)—grain terminals were stalled from unloading until November 4, replenishing Canada's intermodal backlog problems.

REGIONAL FOCUS – ASIA-PACIFIC

In China, [Guangzhou undergoes partial lockdown](#) after Covid-19 cases rose for four straight days in the city; prior lockdowns and other supply chain disruptions [have been attributed to the](#) nation's year-over-year export decline in October. South Korea loses some service connections [to Russia via Incheon Port](#) on falling export volumes, attributed to semiconductor shortages and shrinking demand for automobiles.

[China deepens investment in Latin America](#) while [Taiwan puts money on Lithuania](#) for microchip production. Several inter-Asia air services have been deployed to connect Japan with [Malaysia, Hong Kong](#), and [Singapore](#). [Trial runs for the India-Bangladesh transshipment routes](#) concluded on November 7, solidifying cross-border partnership between the nations' customs agencies.

REGIONAL FOCUS – EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

[EU Parliament responded negatively](#) to the US government's recently enacted Inflation Reduction Act, criticizing the subsidies offered to domestic EV manufacturers. In Germany, the port of Bremerhaven [continues to suffer from high trade volumes and a lack of H&H and roll on/ roll off drivers](#), creating severe gridlock for containers and automobile imports that has resulted in long delays for major manufacturers.

Port workers at Antwerp [began a 24-hour strike](#) on November 9 over wages, closing the terminal until 6:00 am the following morning. In Liverpool, however, [a strike planned for November 14 was averted](#) when a temporary agreement was reached between port operators and union officials, ending future action pending union member approval.