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Executive Summary

Impact of Russian food imports ban

We analyse container throughput in August in the major eastern Baltic Sea ports, and find that the data does not give any solid indication of whether volumes will be significantly affected by the Russian food import ban.

Deploying larger vessels on Asia-Australia

We take a closer look at the possibility of deploying larger vessels on the Asia-Australia trade and whether the five main Australian container ports are able to accommodate larger vessels. We find that in four out of the five ports at least one terminal is capable of handling 8,000 TEU vessels, while the fifth port will probably get similar capabilities by the end of 2016

Rate war on Atlantic Eastbound

We analyse Transatlantic freight rates, and find that despite strengthening fundamentals, rates from US East Coast to Europe have dropped, indicating an underlying rate war – financed by the Transatlantic westbound trade.

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Weekly Indicators –

20 – 26 Oct 2014

Port of Antwerp

September YTD container throughput

6.73m TEU
+5% Y/Y

Port of Los Angeles

September 2014 container throughput

775,133 TEU
+9% Y/Y

Port of Virginia

September 2014 container throughput

201,113 TEU
+8.6% Y/Y

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