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CURRENT USE OF THE ULCVs

6.6% not operating on Asia-Europe services

At the moment 136 vessels have a capacity of more than 10,000 TEU. These mega vessels are known as Ultra Large Container Vessels (ULCVs).

During 2012 we will see another 74 ULCVs be delivered from the yards, but the pertinent question is where the carriers will choose to deploy them. In this week SeaIntel Maritime Analysis will take a closer look at the current deployment of the ULCVs.

From a high-level perspective it is clear that the most efficient use of such vessels would be on the Asia-Europe service, as such a deployment would, in general, provide the best trade-off between time spent in port versus time spent at sea. This is also the deployment where the port infrastructure at either end, as well as the transshipment ports enroute, support the largest choice of network design opportunities.

However, it is also clear that the Asia-Europe trade has not exhibited strong demand growth, and hence the ability to absorb the capacity influx from these vessels is quite limited.

Consequently, we decided to analyze the current deployment of the ULCVs as the past months has seen the ULCVs been deployed on both the

The test

This week saw the announcement of another Asia-Europe service. Technically it is an "old" service which was temporarily paused. However, the trickle of changes in that trade means that the capacity reductions brought forth by Maersk and CMA CGM earlier in the year has now been more than negated. We will now see the true test of the carriers' resolve to place profitability above market share, as the capacity is now back to levels seen before the reductions, whereas demand growth remains very low.

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