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## WEEKLY CAPACITY VARIABILITY

Significant changes in weekly capacity over the next 12 weeks from Asia to Europe

The standard measurement methodology used in the industry to gauge the capacity on offer in a given trade, is to calculate the average capacity offered per week based on all vessels deployed in the trade.

From a macro-perspective this provides a good strategic overview, even though challenges such as transshipment cargo to/from other regions provide a methodological challenge.

However, the macro-perspective fails to take the weekly variability into account and, as we shall see in today's analysis, this variability can be very significant indeed.

We have focused our attention on the 40 main strings from Asia to Europe and mapped the exact vessels used by the carriers week-by-week for the next 12 weeks. We find that only 1 of the 40 strings is comprised of vessels with identical sizes. We also find that for 25 of the 40 strings, the week-on-week change in capacity can be in excess of 10% - and for 5 of the services, the week-on-week capacity change can be in excess of 30%.

Measured on a TEU basis, we find that 22 of the services have periods where the capacity on offer changes by more than 1000 TEU from one

### The test – part 3

Spot rates still show 0% success for the latest Pacific rate increase. Additionally, the Asia-Europe spot rate declined markedly this week. This seems to indicate we might have reached the peak level attainable for the carriers, unless capacity is removed from the trade or a firmer capacity management discipline is instilled.

This week unfortunately saw the passing away of Jean-Louis Cambon of Michelin and the European Shippers Council. His passion and outspokenness will be missed in the industry.

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