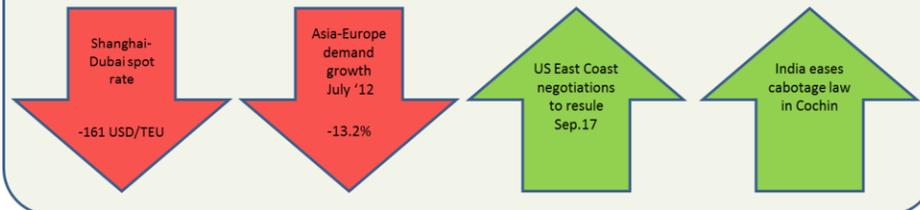


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Indicators from the week 3 Sep. – 9 Sep. 2012



Reliability from global vessels to the container at the country level:

Performance in July 2012.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PORT SEQUENCE

On Asia-Med, you get a better reliability if your cargo is unloaded early. No difference seen to N.Europe.

As we have been gathering detailed arrival information on vessels on all major trade lanes in 2011 and 2012, we have become increasingly capable of analyzing details regarding the scheduled versus actual operational performance across the carriers.

An aspect of interest – which has been brought to our attention by several carriers over the past year – is the question concerning port sequencing vis-à-vis schedule reliability. As a vessel approaches the destination area, it will call the ports in sequence.

The interesting question is whether the port sequence matters – in other words, whether reliability in a certain port is partially dependent on its placement

We find that despite the simplicity of the question, there is not a single simple answer to it. Overall, the data do indeed show a degrading performance in the Asia-Europe trade as the vessel works its way through the arrival sequence.

However, upon closer inspection this simplistic conclusion does hold some interesting nuances as geographical bias marks the true underlying

Tactics or reality?

Will we get a strike on the US East Coast? The anxiety factor is increasing these weeks with the halt of negotiations, now followed by announcements of new talks. Clearly the ILA has a tactical advantage – if the shippers get scared for their cargo, they will lean on the carriers, who in turn will lean on the USMX to make a deal. However, a strike might also permanently move some cargo to the USWC – clearly not in the ILA's interests. Is the threat of strike real – or is it just clever negotiation tactics? We are watching with interest...

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