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GOVERNMENT TO BOOST TRANSPARENCY OF COASTAL TRADING LICENSING

The Federal Government is increasing the transparency of temporary coastal trading licensing decisions, which it believes is an important step in supporting the domestic shipping industry.

Coastal trading is the movement of cargo or passengers for commercial purposes on vessels between ports in different Australian states and territories.

The Australian Government regulates this trade by granting licences enabling vessels to engage in coastal trading." [The DCN](#)

DP WORLD TO ACQUIRE SILK

"Silk Logistics Holdings has inked a sale agreement with DP World Australia for the acquisition of all issued share capital of Silk.

The ASX-listed logistics company announced this morning (11 November) that it had entered a scheme implementation deed with DPWA. Silk's equity is valued at about \$174.5 million.

"DP World Australia is excited about the opportunity to welcome Silk into our portfolio," DP World CEO and managing director Asia Pacific Glen Hilton said." [The DCN](#)

TRANSPORT, A CHALLENGE FOR THE WEST

"With 20,781 km of coastline and a land mass of 2.5million square kilometres, Western Australia presents its share of transport challenges for an isolated state with a relatively small population. The Trans-Australian Railway and the Eyre Highway provide the main east-west land connections, and are vital links between Perth, often cited as the world's most remote capital city, and Australia's big population centres on the east coast." [The DCN](#)

SUPPLY CHAIN NEWS

WHAT WILL TRUMP'S WIN MEAN FOR THE LOGISTICS INDUSTRY?

"The big winner from Trump's election will be US trucking and other domestic logistics services. The losers will be international shipping, air and freight forwarders, although it must be pointed out that if there is strong US economic growth this will act as a growth driver. It must be expected that before tariffs are imposed there will be a major boom spike in imports to avoid extra costs and this will lead to an increase in shipping rates." [The Loadstar](#)

EMPLOYERS MAKE 'FINAL OFFER' TO STRIKING MONTREAL DOCKWORKERS

"Employers at Canada's port of Montreal have submitted what they call their "final, comprehensive" offer to end the dispute with dockworkers that has seen operations hobbled for over a week.

The Maritime Employers Association (MEA) has offered a cumulative salary increase of more than 20% over six years, and has requested a response from the Longshoremen's Union, CUPE Local 375, by 8pm on Sunday." [The Loadstar](#)

TRUMP TARIFF THREAT COULD SEE SHIPPERS LAUNCH NEW WAVE OF IMPORT FRONT-LOADING

"A perfect storm of supply chain disruptors, on top of the imminent 'Trump tariffs', could mean a rush of imports by US shippers to bolster their stock and some to "re-evaluate sourcing decisions".

Senior manager of container research at Drewry, Simon Heaney commented, "I think shippers were ahead of the curve in bringing forward shipments this year... and the confirmation of this resounding election result will definitely see more of the same." [The Loadstar](#)

RATES CONTINUE UPWARD TRAJECTORY

"Against a backdrop of tentative recovery in China-Australia spot rates container lines continue to chance their hands with rate rise notifications for shipments ex Asia.

The Shanghai-Melbourne SCFI came in at USD 4290/FEU for the first week of November, up from the October average of USD 4033/FEU. By comparison September's average was USD 4388/FEU, after a steady march up from the 2024 low of USD 1614/FEU in April.

Three carriers have announced general rate increases effective 15 November." [The DCN](#)

RATES REFLECT STRONG DEMAND BOUNCE AND CALL FOR MORE OCEAN CAPACITY

"Despite generally weak cargo demand, spot rates on the Asia-Europe trades continued to show gains this week, as carrier capacity management combined with port congestion left space at a premium.

Following a series of general rate increases on 1 November and a new round of freight all kinds (FAK) levels due on 15 November, carriers are adopting a bullish tone in what is traditionally one of the weaker periods of the calendar." [The Loadstar](#)

A RECORD YEAR FOR BOX SHIP ORDERS, AS GREENER-SHIPPING RULES LOOM

"More new container ships have been commissioned from shipyards this week, with orders this year set to be a record number.

Figures from VesselsValue show that 254 box ships have been ordered this year.

Stringent environmental regulations are prompting fleet renewals, while mainline operators seem certain the Red Sea crisis will continue, keeping tonnage supply tight." [The Loadstar](#)

CMA CGM 3RD QUARTER PROFIT SOARS

"CMA CGM Group's profit for the third quarter of 2024 hit USD 2.730 billion, an astounding USD 2.342 billion more than the equivalent quarter in 2023.

Group revenue stood at USD 15.8 billion in 3Q 2024, up 38.5% compared with the third quarter of 2023, driven mainly by the shipping business. EBITDA totalled USD 5.0 billion and the margin came in at 31.4%, up 14.0 points." [The DCN](#)

CROSS-BORDER ECOMMERCE CONTINUES TO DOMINATE AIR CARGO MARKETS

"Ecommerce continues to be air cargo's star performer, dominating China's export market and absorbing capacity to Europe and the US, according to a senior industry executive.

"The overall market in 2024 so far has produced decent growth in general cargo [+3%], complemented by a heavy surge in ecommerce business driven by the new Chinese market entrants," Geodis's EVP freight forwarding, Eric Martin-Neuville, told [The Loadstar](#)."

TRUMP PRESIDENCY COULD CURB E-COMMERCE AIR CARGO

"A crackdown on e-commerce shipments could see the air cargo industry lose valuable volumes in the dawn of a new era of presidency in the US.

Judah Levine, head of research at Freightos, said there's a strong possibility that a new government led by the soon-to-be president Donald Trump will, like the [Biden Administration planned](#), act to close a de minimis exemption for imports into the US with a value of less than \$800. This exemption allows goods to be imported with no duties applied and with less customs scrutiny." [Air Cargo News](#)

FREIGHT FORWARDERS FACE COMPLEX CHALLENGES

"As we close out 2024, it's clear that freight forwarding in the US is navigating a complex web of challenges and opportunities. From labour disputes to natural disasters and tightening regulatory frameworks, the air cargo and logistics sector continues to be at the forefront of US economic resilience.

Members of the Airfreighters Association have witnessed firsthand how the freight forwarding community has adapted, often under intense pressure, to keep goods moving in an increasingly volatile global environment." [Air Cargo News](#)