

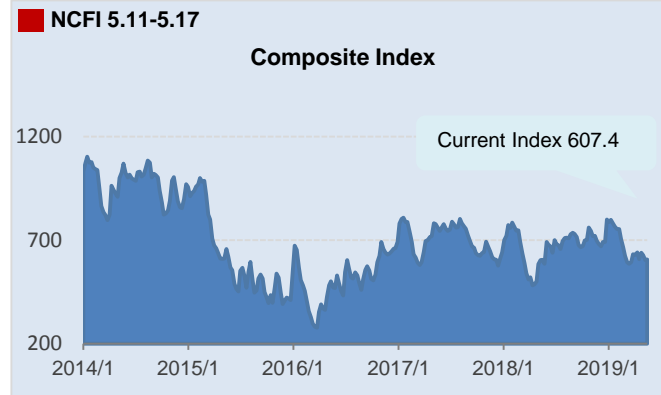
# Ningbo Containerized Freight Index Weekly Commentary

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Multiple Shipping Lines have Suspended Services by Impact of Ramadan, Freight Rate Rose in the Mideast and Red Sea

In the week ending May-17, Ningbo Containerized Freight Index (NCFI) issued by Ningbo Shipping Exchange (NBSE) quotes 607.4 points, slightly up by 0.5% against last week. Meanwhile, nine of the selected twenty-one routes maintain an upward trend while other twelve have fallen. In addition, according to the freight indices of the primary ports along the Maritime Silk Road, eleven ports appear a constant rising tendency while other seven are declining.



NCFI reflects the fluctuation of freight rates of international container shipping market by calculating and recording the changes of container freight rates of 21 routes departing from Ningbo-Zhoushan port, including composite index and 21 individual indices

**Freight Information:** NCFI selects the data of the freight in the terms of export CIF and CY-CY. The freight rate includes ocean freight and surcharges.

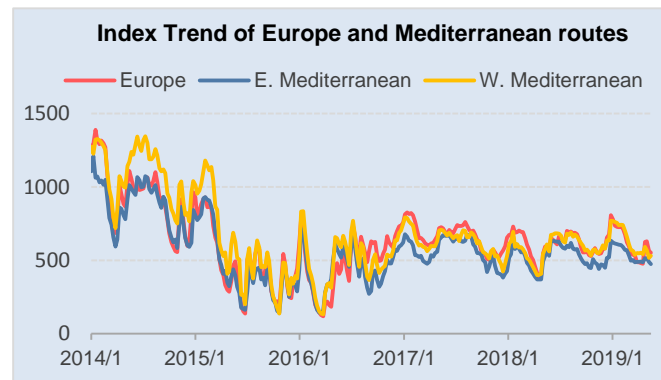
**The surcharges includes:**

Bunker/Fuel Surcharge, Emergency Bunker Surcharge, Low Sulphur Surcharge, Peak Season Surcharge, War Risk Surcharge, Port Congestion Surcharge, Suez Canal Transit Surcharge

**The surcharges excludes:**

Terminal Operation Fee, Security Charge, Origin Received Charges, Inland Point Intermodal, Booking Fee, Customs Clearance Fee

**Europe and Mediterranean routes:** In the Europe Route, Transportation demand has risen slightly, carriers continued their effort on space supply controlling measures, which led to space tension compared to the previous weeks. In the West Mediterranean route, market has a similar performance as the Europe route, the market freight rate rose marginally. This week, freight index in the route from Ningbo-Europe quotes 551.5 points, down by 2.2% from one week ago. Freight indices in the routes from Ningbo to East Mediterranean and West Mediterranean quote 474.2 points and 531.1 points, reducing by 2.8% and rising by 2.9% against last week respectively.

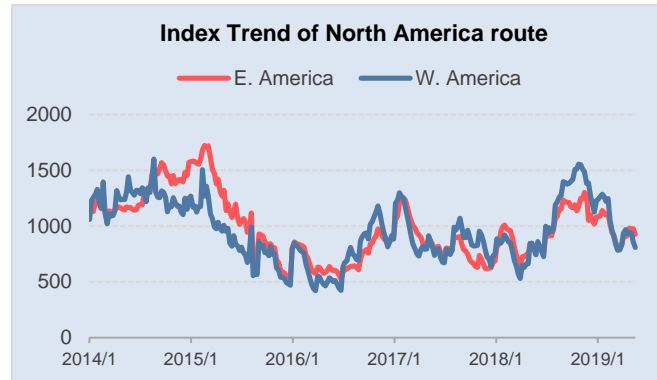


**Europe -**  
Hamburg/ Rotterdam

**W. Mediterranean-**  
Barcelona/ Valencia/  
Genoa

**E. Mediterranean-**  
Piraeus/ Istanbul

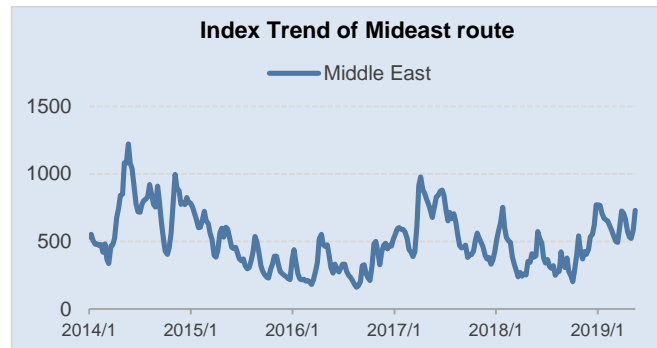
**North America route:** Even The US and China are locked in an escalating trade battle in recent, the market was no large-scale shipment from Ningbo to North America route. On the contrary, due to the uncertainty of the trade environment, some orders were delayed, and the market cargo volume decreased slightly. Part of liner company with mainly canvassing CIF goods continued to cut freight rate actively, which driving the market freight rate decline. This week, freight indices in the routes from Ningbo to East America and West America quote 927.7 points and 809.6 points, slipping by 5.0% and dipping by 5.4% from one week ago respectively.



**W. America-**  
Los Angeles/ Long Beach/ Oakland

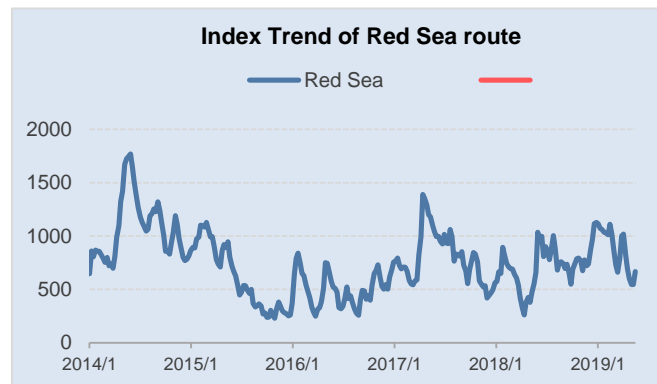
**E. America-**  
New York/ Norfolk/ Charleston

**Mideast route:** In the Mideast route, as Ramadan is coming at the destination, part of cargo owners rush to shipment, which boosts transport demand. Affected by suspensions and combination of trade lane services. The capacity supply shrinks somehow and the supply-and-demand relationship had been improved. Space was tightened and booking rate rebounded sharply. This week, freight index in the route from Ningbo-Mideast quotes 729.5 points, having a week-on-week increase of 23.9%.



**Mideast-**  
Dammam/ Dubai

**Red Sea route:** By the impact of Ramadan, transportation demand slipped in the Red Sea route. Capacity was still oversupplied overall, some shipping companies began to implement capacity reduce plans so as to avoid further deterioration of supply/ demand condition. The average loading rate significantly, with spot rate rises. This week, freight index in the route from Ningbo to Red Sea route quotes 666.5 points, up by 22.2% against last week.



**Red Sea**

Aqaba/ Jeddah/ Sokhna