

Freight Rate Increase for the Ocean Going Shipping
Line, Composite index Rebounded Sharply

In the week ending May-31, Ningbo Containerized Freight Index (NCFI) issued by Ningbo Shipping Exchange (NBSE) quotes 675.0 points, slightly up by 9.2% against last week. Meanwhile, seventeen of the selected twenty-one routes maintain an upward trend while other four have fallen. In addition, according to the freight indices of the primary ports along the Maritime Silk Road, sixteen ports appear a constant rising tendency while other two 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

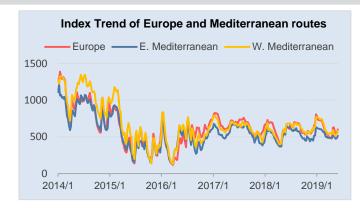
Freight Information: NCFI selects the data of the freight in the terms of export CIF and CY-CY. The freight rate includes ocean freight and surcharges. **The surcharges includes:**

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: Transportation volume was seen increased steadily in the Europe route, where box liners kept taking capacity controlling measures and suspended service to reduce overall capacity, and demand/supply condition keeps firm. Most box liners freight rate for the container sailing schedules from June. In the Mediterranean route, market has a similar performance as the Europe route, box liners push up freight rate in this week. Freight index in the route from Ningbo-Europe quotes 602.1 points, increasing 7.8% from one week ago. Freight indices in the routes from Ningbo to East Mediterranean and West Mediterranean quote 513.3 points and 585.2 points, growing by 5.8% and rising by 8.3% against last week respectively.



Europe -Hamburg/ Rotterdam

W. Mediterranean-Barcelona/ Valencia/ Genoa

E. Mediterranean-Piraeus/ Istanbul North America route: Transport demand has a tremendous growth in the USWC route in the end of month, where demand/supply condition improves relatively. Box liners push up freight rate for the voyage sailing start from June. In the USEC service, cargo volume and transport demand performs weak,freight rate drops slightly. This week,freight indices in the routes from Ningbo to East America and West America quote 890.1 points and 887.5 points, slipping by 0.7% and climbing by 13.0% from one week ago respectively.

Mideast route: As the approach of Ramadan in destination, transport demand keeps rising in the Mideast route. Supported by the sufficient cargo volume. Some carriers took measures to cut their space supplies that lead to space tension. The freight rate has a large increase. This week, freight index in the route from Ningbo-Mideast

quotes 920.6 points, having a week-on-week increase of 14.2%.

South America route: In the South America route, the market transportation demand remained stable. In order to improve the service route revenue, the liner company's active to pushed up the freight rate for the voyage sailing in the beginning of June. This week, freight index in the route from Ningbo to East South America quotes 796.1 points, up by 0.4% against last week. Freight index in the route from Ningbo to West South America quotes 716.4 points, up by 39.0% against last week.







W. America-Los Angeles/ Long Beach/ Oakland

E. America-New York/ Norfolk/ Charleston

Mideast-Dammam/ Dubai

South America route

Santos/ Buenos Aires/ Buenaventura/Callao/G uayaquil/Iquique