

Spot Rates Dropped on Most Service Routes, With Composite Index Showing an Enlarged Decline

In the week ending Jun-21, Ningbo Containerized Freight Index (NCFI) issued by Ningbo Shipping Exchange (NBSE) quotes 613.2 points, slightly falling by 5.4% against last week. Meanwhile, four of the selected twenty-one routes maintain an upward trend while other seventeen have fallen. In addition, according to the freight indices of the primary ports along the Maritime Silk Road, four ports appear a constant rising tendency while other fourteen 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

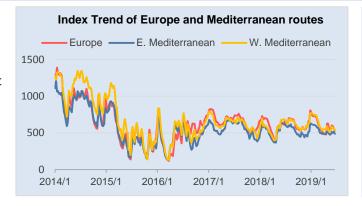
**Freight Information:** NCFI selects the data of the freight in the terms of export CIF and CY-CY. The freight rate includes ocean freight and surcharges. **The surcharges includes:** 

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, some liner companies continued to lower the spot rate to attract more cargo volume at the end of the month, which led to a slight decline in the overall freight rate of the market. In the Mediterranean route, the market situation was similar to that of the European route, spot market rate dropped back this week. Freight index in the route from Ningbo-Europe quotes 532.8 points, down by 3.7% from one week ago. Freight indices in the routes from Ningbo to East Mediterranean and West Mediterranean quote 488.0 points and 537.5 points, reducing by 5.4% and 5.5% against last week respectively.



Europe -Hamburg/ Rotterdam

W. Mediterranean-Barcelona/ Valencia/ Genoa

E. Mediterranean-Piraeus/ Istanbul **North America route:** In the North America route, transportation demand remained stable. Most liner companies adopted a wait-and-see attitude this week to keep the freight rate unchanged, but a small number of liner companies with poor loading rates reduced freight rate slightly for market share. This week, freight indices in the routes from Ningbo to East America and West America quote 844.8 points and 819.3 points, slipping by 1.4% and 1.9% 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 the peak of the shipment during Ramadan has ended, the market volume continues to decrease. Although the liner company still implements the service suspension measures this month, the market space supply is still sufficient. Most liner companies embarks on an aggressive strategies for cargo canvassing, and market freight rates continue to fall. This week, freight index in the route from Ningbo-Mideast quotes 674.9 points, down by

Index Trend of Mideast route

— Middle East

1500

1000

500

0

2014/1 2015/1 2016/1 2017/1 2018/1 2019/1

Mideast-Dammam/ Dubai

**Red Sea route:** Transport demand is flat in the Red Sea route, where the shortage of cargo volume caused the average slot utilization rate drops somehow. Since the market freight rate has reached a high level in the past few weeks, the freight rate has dropped significantly this week. Freight index in the route from Ningbo to Red Sea route quotes 913.8 points, falling by 15.0% against last week.



Red Sea Agaba/ Jeddah/ Sokhna