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JANUARY 2026 KEY DEVELOPMENTS

In January 2025, the Trump administration launched a sweeping review of U.S. foreign aid, proposing a significant restructuring that includes consolidating key functions within the State Department.

- January 22** ● U.S. lawmakers are advancing a \$50B foreign aid funding bill for FY2026. The proposal would cut funding by roughly 16% from 2025 levels but would maintain the U.S.'s status as the world's largest foreign aid partner. Even if enacted, the Trump administration has signaled it may again seek to rescind approved funds, adding pressure over how aid is ultimately deployed. [Read more.](#)

Powering Progress Across Zambia

The Government of the Republic of Zambia's rural energy expansion program is one of the country's most important national electrification initiatives, aimed at strengthening infrastructure and extending reliable power to communities that have long lived without it. The initiative includes the installation and commissioning of electrical panels and transformers to support long-term grid reliability and rural electrification.

As part of this effort, Logenix was contracted to manage the complex transportation of three oversized transformers that were manufactured in Maharashtra, India. Together, the units weighed a combined 190 metric tons and had a total value of approximately \$330,000 USD.

From India, the cargo was shipped as breakbulk to Durban, South Africa, the preferred port of discharge for out-of-gauge cargo for more than a decade. The port offers the specialized equipment and operational expertise required to safely manage high-weight breakbulk shipments. In Durban, Logenix oversaw lashing, inspections, and preparation of the cargo for the overland journey.





The overland movement crossed South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, each presenting distinct challenges. Detailed surveys were conducted in advance to ensure the cargo could safely navigate the planned route, while backup vehicles and escort teams were positioned to address any operational issues. There were the expected border clearance delays in Zimbabwe, the heavy-haul vehicles required on-route maintenance due to the poor road infrastructure, and communication was a key challenge as large portions of the route had limited mobile network coverage. These challenges were all mitigated through expert contingency planning by our experienced staff and local partners.

The in-country last-mile execution was, as usual, one of the most demanding phases of the delivery. The sites were each nearly 300 miles apart, and very close coordination with the consignee was necessary to preposition six heavy lift cranes, two at each site, and experienced rigging teams to manage the safe unloading and grounding.

Despite the very challenging beginning-to-end operational complexity, the transformers were delivered safely and on schedule across Zambia. The successful and complex delivery showcased Logenix's capability to execute critical, time-sensitive infrastructure projects across Africa when reliability and cost-effectiveness are essential.






GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

OCEAN INSIGHTS

As the Suez Canal prepares to reopen, Sea-Intelligence notes that the global container network faces a complex correction. Ports that have gained traffic from diversions around Africa now face a heightened risk of losing that temporary increase, while Red Sea and Mediterranean ports show strong recovery potential. The transition is expected to bring operational volatility rather than a smooth return to pre-crisis conditions.

One month into the new year, the Drewry World Container Index (WCI) that benchmarks global rates declined -10%, marking the second consecutive weekly decrease. As usual, the pullback was driven by weakness across the main China trade lanes, the Transpacific and Asia-Europe trade lanes, where spot rates continued to slide.

Over the next five weeks, ocean carriers have announced 109 blank sailings out of 703 scheduled departures, representing 16% of planned sailings. Again, as usual, the majority of cancellations (90%) are concentrated on those same main China trade lanes.

The Drewry Breakbulk Sea Transport Indices continued to reflect elevated pricing levels this month. Rates for both general cargo (+49.6%) and project cargo (+68.1%) remain significantly above pre-pandemic norms.

- HAPAG-LLOYD AND ONE WILL REVISE THE MIAX/AIM SERVICE LINKING THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT AND MIDDLE EAST TO WEST AFRICA, ADDING A PORT CALL AT CAPE TOWN.
- MSC REMOVED VIZHINJAM FROM ITS IAS SERVICE, SHIFTING EAST AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA COVERAGE TO COLOMBO-BASED ROUTINGS, WITH DURBAN NOW SERVED VIA COEGA AND TRANSIT TIMES EXTENDING TO 45 DAYS.
- STARTING JANUARY 15, MSC WILL RAISE FAK RATES ON ALL SHIPMENTS FROM FAR EAST PORTS, INCLUDING JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO NORTHERN EUROPE.
- CMA CGM WILL REVISE THE MEDWAX SERVICE BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WEST AFRICA, ADDING CALLS AT SAN PEDRO AND ABIDJAN WHILE REMOVING LEKKI.

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- ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES LAUNCHED A DEDICATED FREIGHTER SERVICE ON JANUARY 21, 2026, OPERATING CARGO FLIGHTS BETWEEN KABUL (KBL) AND DELHI (DEL).
- KENYA AIRWAYS WILL INCREASE CAPACITY ON THE NAIROBI (NBO) – LONDON HEATHROW (LHR) ROUTE FROM MID-JULY 2026, OPERATING FOUR OF SEVEN WEEKLY FLIGHTS WITH HIGHER-CAPACITY AIRCRAFT.
- OMAN AIR CARGO ANNOUNCED THEY WILL LAUNCH A NEW MUSCAT (MCT)–KIGALI (KGL) ROUTE IN JUNE 2026, TO SUPPORT PERISHABLES AND TIME-SENSITIVE CARGO BETWEEN EAST AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST.
- IN JANUARY, EZHOU HUAHU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAUNCHED A NEW EZHOU (EHU) – ATHENS (ATH) CARGO ROUTE, ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL ADDITION OF 2026. OPERATED TWICE WEEKLY, THE SERVICE ADDS UP TO 20,000 TONS OF ANNUAL CARGO CAPACITY.

Global air cargo trends for 2025 show total revenues increased by +3% year over year, supported by continued growth in chargeable weight. Full-year tonnage reached a new record, finishing the year up +4% compared to 2024. While average air freight rates declined slightly from last year, volume growth continued to support overall market stability.

Following the post-holiday slowdown, worldwide air cargo tonnages rebounded in early January, rising +26% Week over Week (WoW) in week 2 and +11% WoW in week 3 after the consecutive weekly declines of -22% and -19% at the end of December.

While global chargeable weight increased by +20% over the past two weeks, air freight rates dropped across most regions down -5% 2Wo2W. Africa (+3%) was the only notable region to increase export rates.



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Industry News

Houthis signal potential return of attacks on shipping

“Yemen’s Iran-backed militia, the Houthis, appear to have thrown a spanner into the works of abandoning Cape of Good Hope diversions, posting a video indicating a potential return to attacks on commercial shipping in the Red Sea.”

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African domestic air cargo capacity finally goes digital

“Global forwarders are finally getting a clear line of sight into African domestic cargo, with real-time digital access to rates and capacity that has been largely out of reach.”

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Xeneta Schedule Reliability Scorecard - 2025 Year in Review - Alliances

“This week we’re wrapping up the best and worst of alliance reliability in 2025, to be followed by carriers.”

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