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## MAY 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.

- May 13** ● U.S. launches partnership to distribute American-developed malaria repellent across 10 countries, with plans to reach 60 million people over three years. [[Devex](#)]

## UNMATCHED PLANNING AND COMPLEX EXECUTION IN NIGERIA

Malaria continues to pose a major public health challenge across Africa, where millions remain vulnerable to mosquito-borne illnesses each year. For decades, Logenix has been the preeminent logistics provider trusted to ensure life-saving supplies, like malaria nets, reach communities throughout Africa, including some of the continent's most remote and operationally challenging countries. Nigeria carries the world's largest malaria burden and, according to [Reuters](#), represented 27% of all global malaria cases in 2025.

Beginning in early 2025, Logenix developed an elaborate, cost-efficient logistics plan for the operation of a large-scale transport of mosquito bed nets into Nigeria. The operation consists of more than 10 million kilograms of bed nets, valued at over \$33 million USD, loaded into 425 ocean containers and destined for six locations throughout Nigeria, each presenting unique transportation and delivery challenges.

Almost a year into the operation, Logenix continues to execute a carefully designed transportation strategy. The cargo originates from multiple suppliers across India and Vietnam, with final destinations spread across northern, southern, and eastern Nigeria. Shipments are routed in tranches of 10-12 containers through the most advantageous port of entry based on the final destination. An important key to the planning is staggering deliveries to each location to account for limited warehouse capacity. This complex plan reduces inland trucking distances, improves transit times, and, most importantly, reduces total costs.





The last-mile delivery phase presents its own unique challenges. With cargo destined for locations including Bauchi, Lafia, and Birnin Kebbi in the north, shipments must travel hundreds of miles inland. Northern Nigeria is a high-risk region due to the ongoing insurgent activity, requiring close coordination with security escorts to guard the cargo as it transits through these high-risk areas. In southern and eastern Nigeria, for the destinations Calabar, Uyo, and Abakaliki, security escorts are also required to mitigate risks associated with theft and bandit activity.

Prior to the arrival of each tranche of containers, the Logenix Nigeria office coordinates with authorities to expedite Nigeria's cumbersome customs clearance process to ensure the timely availability and to eliminate costly port storage and demurrage charges. With over forty separate document packages to shepherd individually through Nigeria's often capricious customs bureaucracy, the role of our Nigeria office is vital.

To date, 239 containers, representing 56% of the total project volume, have been successfully delivered; on time and on budget. By project completion, Logenix's transportation strategy is projected to save nearly \$1 million in transport, demurrage, and port storage related costs.

The operation demonstrates Logenix's ability to combine strategic planning, unmatched operational expertise, and disciplined last-mile execution to successfully manage complex supply chains in the world's most challenging environments.





# GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

## AIR INSIGHTS

- ETIHAD AIRWAYS WILL RESUME FREIGHTER OPERATIONS ON A SECOND WEEKLY ROTATION EX SHANGHAI PUDONG (PVG) – CHENNAI (MAA) – ABU DHABI (AUH) EFFECTIVE MAY 2026.
- CENTRAL AIRLINES LAUNCHED A NEW EZHOU (EHU) – FRANKFURT (FRA) CARGO ROUTE ON MAY 17, OPERATING TWO WEEKLY FLIGHTS.
- EMIRATES UPGRADES ITS SERVICE TO LAGOS (LOS), ADDING TWICE-WEEKLY FREIGHTER FLIGHTS BEGINNING IN JUNE DUE TO HIGH DEMAND.
- ASTRAL AVIATION LAUNCHES NEW WEEKLY SERVICE FROM NAIROBI, KENYA (NBO) TO ASMARA, ERITREA (ASM).

The ongoing conflict in the Strait of Hormuz continues to place significant financial pressure on the global shipping industry, primarily through higher bunker fuel costs. According to Sea-Intelligence, carriers have absorbed an estimated \$5.5 billion in additional fuel expenses during the first three months of the crisis. If elevated fuel prices persist, the industry could face more than \$22 billion in added annual fuel costs, increasing pressure on freight rates and carrier operating margins across major trade lanes.

The Drewry World Container Index (WCI) increased 6% this week. Carriers are pushing rates higher through increased Freight All Kinds (FAK) levels and Peak Season Surcharges (PSS), while tightening capacity through selective blank sailings.

Over the next five weeks (weeks 22–26), 41 blank sailings are expected out of 700 scheduled departures, a 6% cancellation rate. Cancellations are mostly concentrated across the Transpacific eastbound and Asia-Europe/Med trades (37% each).



## OCEAN INSIGHTS

- COSCO SHIPPING HAS LAUNCHED A NEW CHINA-BENGHAZI SERVICE OPERATING BIWEEKLY, LINKING QINGDAO, SHANGHAI, AND GUANGZHOU WITH EASTERN LIBYA. TRANSIT TIME FROM GUANGZHOU TO BENGAZI IS APPROXIMATELY 25 DAYS.
- EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026, MAERSK WILL LAUNCH ITS NEW ASIA-INDIAN SUBCONTINENT “FI2” SERVICE, CONNECTING SHANGHAI, NINGBO, NANSHA, TANJUNG PELEPAS, NHAVA SHEVA, PIPAVAV, AND PORT QASIM.
- ONE HAS EXPANDED ITS WEST AFRICA COVERAGE WITH THE NEW MAX SERVICE VIA ALGECIRAS, CONNECTING NHAVA SHEVA, MUNDRA, HAZIRA, KARACHI, DAKAR, ABIDJAN, AND LEKKI.
- CMA CGM WILL IMPLEMENT A PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGE (PCS) FOR SHIPMENTS TO ABIDJAN EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2026, DUE TO ONGOING PORT CONGESTION. THE SURCHARGE APPLIES TO CARGO FROM ALL REGIONS EXCEPT NORTH AND LATIN AMERICA.

Containership transits through the Suez Canal increased to a 10-week high in mid-May, with 32 vessels recorded during the week ending 17 May. Despite the modest increase, the Cape of Good Hope remains the dominant Asia-Europe routing option, with approximately 190–200 vessels continuing to divert around Southern Africa each week. A full-scale return to the Suez Canal still appears unlikely in the near term as carriers remain cautious around Red Sea security conditions.

Global air cargo demand strengthened this month, with worldwide tonnage increasing +3% week over week, driven primarily by a rebound in Asia Pacific (+11%). While global spot rates remained relatively stable, overall market pricing edged up +1% WoW, with rates continuing to hold well above last year’s levels.

On a year-over-year basis, rates rose sharply +38% across all regions, led by South Asia (+57%), Africa (+39%), and both Europe and Asia Pacific (+38%). Capacity also edged higher (+2%) year over year, supported primarily by growth in Asia Pacific (+8%), Europe (+3%), and Africa (+2%).



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# Industry News

## Hapag-Lloyd Calls Q1 "Unsatisfactory" While Warning of Uncertainty

*"Hapag-Lloyd was the latest carrier to report dramatically lower first quarter financial results."*

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## Qatar Cargo introduces smart temperature solution for pharma

*"Qatar Airways Cargo has introduced a pharma solution to manage dual-temperature requirements within a single shipment journey and improve shelf-life protection."*

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## Rate spike on horizon as pressures on liner networks tighten

*"Freight rates could spike materially in the coming weeks as the downstream impacts of distribution the world over make their mark, and, once again, it appears carriers will be the beneficiaries of global chaos."*

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# Thank You

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