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OCTOBER 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.

October 20 ● Anticipated AI wealth could fuel a new wave of global health philanthropy, as GiveWell explores a potential partnership with the Global Fund involving $2B–$3B in additional malaria funding. Read more.

A CASE STUDY IN COST RISKS AND RELIABILITY

In today's logistics market, the pricing clients get from their 3PL suppliers often fails to account for reliability and the realities of execution. When expected and foreseeable events become reality, the lowest price can expose clients to exponential cost risks. Logenix recently was able to intervene to mitigate tens of thousands of dollars of unnecessary costs for a client that fell victim to this scenario. It is a quintessential case study of how these concepts intertwine in the real world.



Typical Crowd Scene During China's Golden Week

China's National Day holiday, known as Golden Week, creates a predictable challenge for booking international sea freight. As factories prepare to close, shippers rush to move cargo before operations come to almost a complete halt. Trucking capacity and rates to port tighten, container availability can become more difficult to secure, and, most predictably, the cost of ocean freight increases. After the holiday, spot rates usually soften so waiting until after the holiday to book ocean freight becomes a strategy for many 3PLs.

On the Wednesday the week prior to the beginning of Golden Week, which began October 1st this year, we received an urgent request from a client. Could we obtain a dozen containers and have them loaded by the following Monday? The problem our client faced was another large 3PL had bid rates for a dozen containers and then, when the cargo was ready on the suppliers' dock, told the client containers were not available. The client had over 100,000 kilos on the suppliers' dock that had to be loaded. If containers could not be secured for loading prior to Golden Week, the client was facing substantive, budget busting cost risks for pickup and storage of the cargo; between $50,000 USD and $100,000 USD depending on how long after Golden Week containers could be secured.

Logenix received the call around 1000 EDT. Immediately our ops staff went to work. Within a half hour, 2330 that same day in China, we were able to contact our partners to explain the issue. They promised to tackle the challenge immediately the next morning. By 1100 EDT, we contacted our control tower in Dubai, 1900 there, and our offices in India, 2030 there, with instructions. Dubai was to interface with China the following morning and India was to look for alternative ocean freight carriers as a backup option; the concern being the purported container shortage.

By 2200 EDT that same day, 1000 the next morning in China, our partners had secured the necessary dozen containers AND arranged for loading the following Monday with sailing prior to Golden Week. Very curiously, while our China partners secured the containers and booking with our usual carrier for the route, our Mumbai office had been able to source an alternative carrier; also able to supply containers, loading and carriage prior to Golden Week. The container shortage that had been reported to our client, certainly did not seem to be the case.

Almost exactly twelve hours after receiving the urgent call from our client, our ops team was able to eliminate the unnecessary and very substantial cost risk they faced. Most importantly, the urgent operation was able to be executed at exactly the rates we bid to the client more than a month prior. Rates that had been formulated with the expertise and experience over decades of Golden Week challenges.

While few shipments represent such a classic case study concerning severe consequences of unrealistic costings, the gap between an inexperienced, unreliable quote and an expert, reliable one is a risk clients face every day. Logenix' operating mission, supported by our unmatched operational knowledge and strive for excellence, is to always be both cost effective and reliable.

AIDEX 2026: GENEVA

Logenix International was proud to attend AidEx Geneva 2026, connecting with humanitarian organizations, development agencies, and industry partners from around the world. The event provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships, discuss evolving humanitarian logistics needs, and explore new opportunities to support aid delivery in challenging environments.



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New Opportunities for Aid Delivery



GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

The return to Suez Canal routing is gaining momentum, with transits increasing to 62 vessels last week, the highest weekly level this year. According to Sea-Intelligence, approximately 60% of Asia–Europe capacity is expected to normalize by year-end. As more vessels return to the shorter route, African ports that benefited from diversions around the Cape of Good Hope could see fewer vessel calls, while transit times on Asia–Europe services improve.

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) decreased 3%, driven by falling Transpacific rates. Across the major East–West trades, 56 blank sailings are expected out of 715 planned sailings from weeks 45–49, representing an 8% cancellation rate. Despite these cancellations, 92% of scheduled services are expected to operate, indicating that most planned capacity remains in the market.

Week over week (WoW), global air cargo tonnage increased +2%, driven by a rebound in Asian exports following the Golden Week holiday, despite declines across other regions. Average global air cargo rates rose +4% WoW, while capacity increased +2% WoW as freighter deployment recovered following two weeks of reductions.

AIR INSIGHTS

- JET FUEL PRICES HAVE RISEN BY UP TO 70% SINCE THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT BEGAN, PROMPTING AIR INDIA, AIR INDIA EXPRESS AND INDIGO TO INCREASE FUEL SURCHARGES ON AFFECTED ROUTES.
- AIR FRANCE CARGO WILL LAUNCH A NEW FREIGHTER SERVICE PARIS (CDG) - CAIRO (CAI), STARTING OCTOBER 27TH.
- CHINA SOUTHERN LAUNCHED ITS FIRST SCHEDULED PASSENGER SERVICE TO ETHIOPIA ON OCTOBER 12, 2026. THE ROUTE OPERATES TWICE WEEKLY, EXPANDING AIR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND AFRICA. THE ROUTE IS GUANGZHOU (CAN) - CHANGSHA (CSX) - ADDIS ABABA (ADD).
- CHINA SOUTHERN LAUNCHED A NEW CARGO ROUTE BETWEEN GUANGZHOU (CAN) AND NAIROBI (NBO) ON OCTOBER 18, 2026, EXPANDING AIR FREIGHT CAPACITY BETWEEN CHINA AND EAST AFRICA.

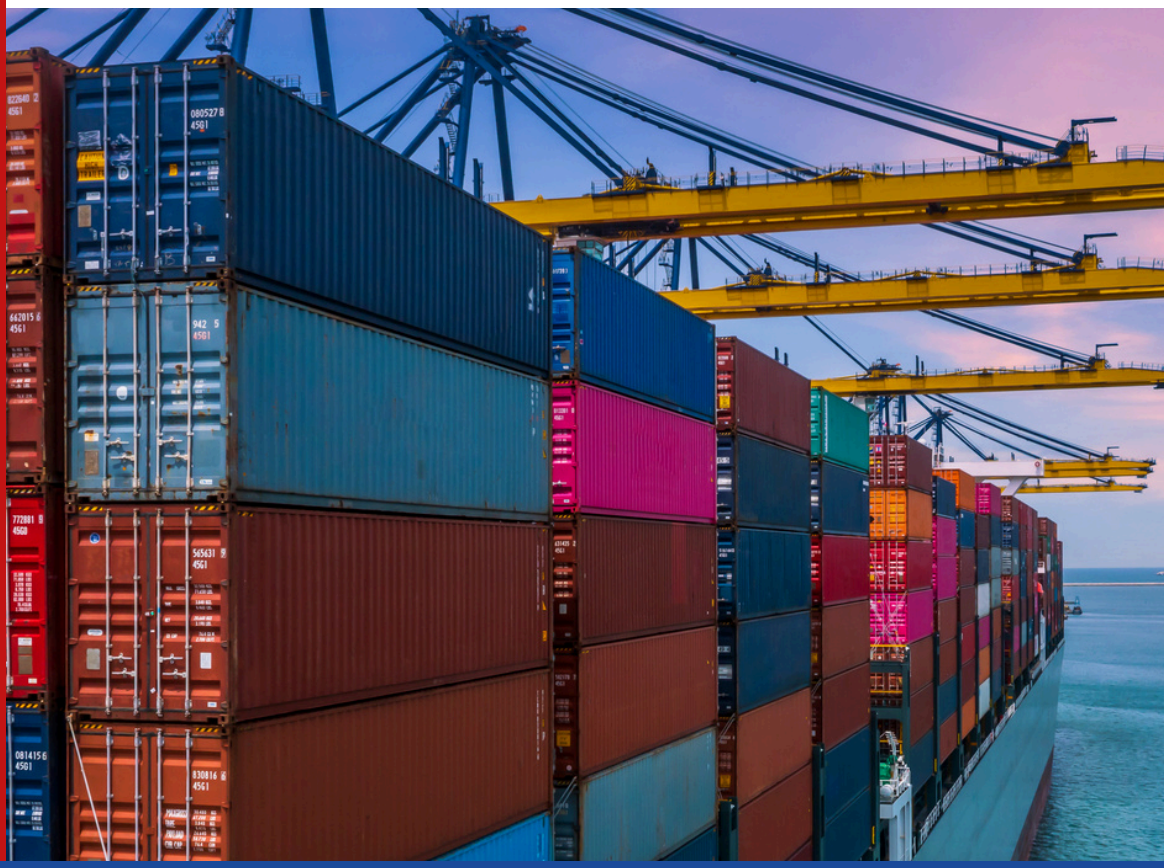
OCEAN INSIGHTS

- SUMMIT SHIPPING WILL LAUNCH ITS NEW BRS SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 2026, CONNECTING THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT WITH THE RED SEA ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS. THE SERVICE WILL DEPLOY TWO VESSELS AVERAGING 900 TEU, WITH A PORT ROTATION OF NHAVA SHEVA – MUNDRA – SOKHNA – NHAVA SHEVA.
- CMA CGM REVISED ITS IOFEED5 SERVICE IN OCTOBER, ADDING A CALL AT TAMATAVE, MADAGASCAR. THE FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE NOW FOLLOWS THE ROTATION OF EHOALA – TAMATAVE - RÉUNION - PORT LOUIS – TOLIARA – EHOALA, THE FIRST VESSEL DEPARTED ON OCTOBER 9.
- HMM GIA SERVICE NOW OFFERS DIRECT NHAVA SHEVA–MUNDRA–DAR ES SALAAM – MOMBASA COVERAGE IMPROVING EAST AFRICA TRANSIT RELIABILITY.
- MAERSK RELAUNCHED ITS FM1/AGX SERVICE IN OCTOBER 2026, RESTORING THE ASIA-MIDDLE EAST ROUTE. THE PORT ROTATION OF QINGDAO – NINGBO – TANJUNG PELEPAS – KHOR FAKKAN – SINGAPORE – QINGDAO.
- SUDAN HAS INTRODUCED MANDATORY ADVANCE CARGO DECLARATION (ACD) REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAINERIZED IMPORTS, WITH FULL ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026.

On a two-week-over-two-week (2Wo2W) comparison, global air cargo tonnage remained unchanged, as increases in Africa (+3%), Asia Pacific (+1%) and South Asia (+1%) were offset by declines across other major regions. Average global rates increased +1%, with Africa (-2%) the only region recording a decrease. Global capacity fell -1%, with all regions recording declines, led by South Asia (-5%).

Year over year (YoY), global air cargo rates increased +29%, with all major regions recording gains, led by South Asia (+59%), followed by Africa and Europe (both +28%) and Asia Pacific (+26%). Global air cargo tonnage increased +6%, led by Africa (+11%) and Asia Pacific (+10%), while capacity rose +2%, with increases in Africa (+6%) and Asia Pacific (+4%) offset by a decline in South Asia (-4%).

Overall, global air cargo rates and tonnage remain higher than a year ago, with Africa recording strong annual growth in both volumes and capacity. Recent weekly gains were driven by the rebound in Asian exports following Golden Week, while short-term capacity and rate movements remain mixed across regions.



Industry News

Air cargo volumes bounce back after Golden Week holiday

“Air cargo tonnages out of Asia quickly rebounded following the Golden Week holiday, while volumes from other origins were under pressure.”

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CMA CGM launches block train service in Kenya

”The service has 54 wagons and a capacity of 108 TEU. It will initially operate once a week. CMA CGM developed the service in partnership with the Kenya Ports Authority and Kenya Railways Corporation.”

Read Article

Panama Canal revenue hits US$6.6bn as transits rise 4.1%

“The Panama Canal handled 13,951 vessel transits in fiscal 2026 (October 2025–September 2026), up 4.1% year-on-year, as energy shipments and container traffic supported demand despite renewed draft restrictions in the final months of the fiscal year.”

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Thank You

We would like to thank all of our clients and partners for the impactful collaborations both featured and not featured in this newsletter.

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