



CONTENTS



Feature Story

Globelink Turkey

- Outstanding Agent Award

Service Introduction

New Service

- Direct consolidation service to Vladivostok

Notices

Notices by Globelink Offices

- Cargo restrictions into Central America
- New regulation for imports into Qatar
- Delays at Hong Kong port due to dock strike

Notices by Globelink network partners

- Change in company name

Industry News

- Asia-Europe and Transpac overcapacity spreads to Latin America
- Businesses hit badly due to implementation of stringent Saudization program

Others

- World Holidays in April 2013
- Inspiring Quote

FEATURE STORY – Globelink Turkey



Outstanding Agent Award

Globelink Turkey's airfreight division has been honored by Qatar Airlines as one of their top agents in 2012.

This recognition is testament of all the hard work put in and ensuring the best service quality provided by Globelink Turkey.



Headquartered in Istanbul, Globelink Turkey has branch offices located at Izmir, Bursa and Mersin as well as an office at Ataturk airport to handle airfreight.

For any enquiries, please contact Globelink Turkey.

Globelink Istanbul – Tel: +90 216 6519393

Email: info@globelink-unimar.com

Globelink Izmir – Tel: +90 232 4645156

Email: izunimar@globelink-unimar.com

Globelink Mersin – Tel: +90 324 2385645

Email: mersin@globelink-unimar.com

Globelink Bursa – Tel: +90 224 2116040

Email: bursa@globelink-unimar.com

SERVICE INTRODUCTION – New Service



Direct consolidation service to Vladivostok



From Busan

- ❖ Destination: Vladivostok, Russia
- ❖ Transit: 2 days
- ❖ Cut-off: Thursday
- ❖ ETD Busan: Saturday
- ❖ Frequency: Weekly

Service to inland destinations via Vladivostok is also available.

To find out more about this new service, please contact Globelink Korea – Tel: +82 2 7722613 or email: jslim@globelink-korea.com

NOTICES – Globelink Offices

Cargo restrictions into Central America

Due to strict import cargo restrictions on certain commodities into Central America, it is mandatory that prior approval is obtained before the following cargoes can be shipped into/via Costa Rica:-

- Agricultural products originating from animal or plants
- Medicines
- Veterinary products
- Raw materials
- Hazardous cargoes
- Oversized or overweight cargoes

New regulation for imports into Qatar

Effective 1 April 2012, The Ministry of Environment in Qatar has imposed new regulations on the import and sale of alcohol based perfumes to prevent misuse and potential health hazards.

A certificate from an authorized laboratory is mandatory for import of such products to ensure that they comply with Qatari standards and specifications. All traders and importers have to comply strictly with the new regulations.

Delays at Hong Kong port due to dock strike

Import and export operations in Hong Kong has affected due to the ongoing strike by dock workers. Since 28 March 2013, the strike has gone on for 3 weeks as settlement talks fall through.

NOTICES – Globelink Network Partners

Change of company name

Please note the change in company name of our agent in Yangon, Myanmar from Silver Bird Shipping Agency Ltd to WCL Ltd. The change in entity name does not affect existing operations of the company. Company address and personnel remains the same.

WCL Ltd

Rm 503, MMG Tower, #44-56, Kannar Road, 41st-42nd Street,

Botataung township, Yangon, Myanmar

Tel: +95 1 371551 / 398472 / 398473

Fax: +95 1 371551

INDUSTRY NEWS

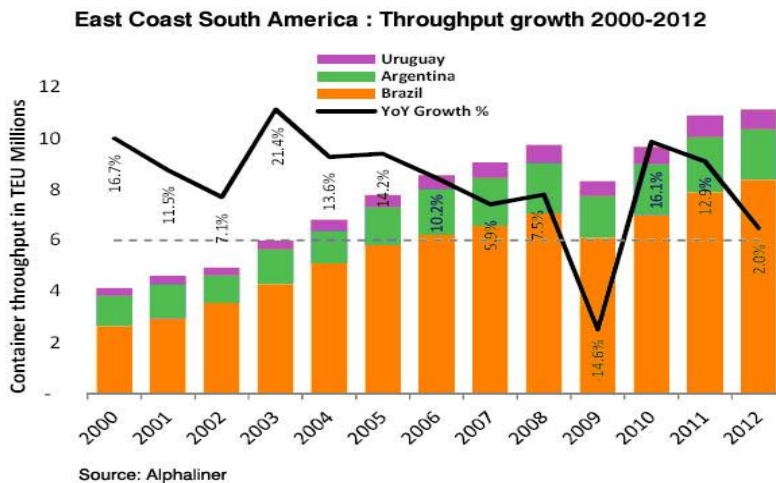
Asia-Europe and Transpac overcapacity spreads to Latin America

The overcapacity problems of the Asia-Europe and transpacific routes are slowly but surely spreading to other trades that formerly thought to be viable alternatives for profit during this challenging period of time.

In 2009 and 2011 carriers were hemorrhaging money on the Asia-Europe and transpacific trades, and as such they began looking at other trades that could potentially offset the significant losses they were suffering on the mainline routes.

These "alternatives" included the Intra-Asia trade, the Asia-West Africa and Asia-East Coast South America trades as well.

Shipping lines in recent weeks have told this publication of the growing overcapacity in the Intra-Asia trade, and now we learn that the Asia-East Coast South America trade too is overflowing in tonnage as carriers continue to throw more capacity in that direction.



Demand has been weak on the trade and with capacity rising rates are now in freefall mode.

According to a recent China Export Container Transport Market report, published by the Shanghai Shipping Exchange vessel utilisation on the trade is now around 70 per cent.

In the same report it reveals that the average spot rate from Shanghai to the Brazilian port of Santos has fallen 22 per cent from US\$2,223 per TEU on January 4 to \$1,736 per TEU on April 3.

The China Containerised Freight Index reveals a similar picture.

The China-South America freight index fell 3.4 per cent just last week to 929.75 points, which also represents a 15 per cent slide from the 1,097.29 points recorded in early January.

Businesses hit badly due to implementation of stringent Saudization program

Implementation of Saudization program in Saudi Arabia by which all firms have to employ a sufficient number of Saudi nationals, would lead to loss of jobs of over two million expatriates.

Labor authorities, supported by the police, have stepped up a major campaign to drive out illegal workers as well as those involved in cover-up businesses in different parts of the Kingdom. The move has triggered shock waves among expatriates, especially those who are not working for their sponsors and also for the private business houses.

Many shops and firms have been closed down in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and all other cities as they either did not have enough workers under their sponsorship or fear punitive action. Jawazat Police (passport cops) have been conducting raids to identify expatriates who are not working under sponsors.

According to Daily Arab News dated 01.04.2013, Mr. Ibrahim Al-Oqaili, head of customs clearing committee at Jeddah port, said that the inspection period has now extended to seven days due to the work forced being reduced from 1000 workers to 200 at best. According to him, the situation will get worse if the matter remains this way he said pointing to growing tension between traders and Custom clearance officers. "The resulting accumulation of goods and paper work has increased congestion at marine terminals, Mr. Nashwa Taher head of commerce committee Jeddah Chamber said that prices may be on the rise due to additional cost of wages and storage of longer period of time. Similar situation is anticipated at Dammam, Riyadh and Jubail Ports.

As work permit is mandatory for getting residential permits in Saudi Arabia, expatriates would be termed illegal residents when their permits are invalid or they are over-staying Hajj /Umrah or visit visas or if they are working in companies other than own legal sponsors.

Even in institutions that comply with the Saudization program, expatriates can work only under their own sponsors and this will prevent expatriates working under Free Visas.

The government's goal is to succeed in creating 1.12 million new jobs for Saudi nationals by 2014, or 92 per cent of all new jobs created, as set out in the current development plan.

- *Source: Globelink West Star Shipping*

OTHERS

World Holidays in April 2013



Australia

01 Apr Easter
25 Apr Anzac Day

China

04–06 Apr Qing Ming (Tomb Sweeping) Festival

Costa Rica

11 Apr Battle of Rivas

Croatia

01 Apr Easter Monday

Egypt

25 Apr Sinai Liberation Day

Hong Kong

01 Apr Easter Monday
04 Apr Ching Ming Festival

India

11 Apr Ugadi/ Gudi Padwa/ Telugu New Year Day*
13 Apr Baisakhi*
15 Apr Bangali New Year*
19 Apr Ram Navmi*
24 Apr Mahavir Jayanti*

* Regional holiday.

Portugal

25 Apr Liberation Day

Slovenia

01 Apr Easter Monday
27 Apr Resistance Day

Spain

01 Apr Easter Monday*
* Regional holiday.

Sri Lanka

25 Apr Bak Full Moon Poya Day

Thailand

06 Apr Chakri Memorial Day
13–17 Apr Songkran (Thai New Year)

Turkey

23 Apr National Sovereignty and Children's Day

UK

01 Apr Easter Monday

Vietnam

19 Apr Hung Kings Commemoration
30 Apr Liberation Day

INSPIRING QUOTE

"It is not enough that we do our best;
sometimes we must do what is required."

- Winston Churchill

CWT Globelink started in 1988 in Singapore. It has now expanded to more than 100 offices in 27 countries, providing comprehensive and high quality consolidation services to our valued customers.

CWT Globelink's presence includes Australia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

For more information about the CWT Globelink Group, please refer to our website: www.cwt-globelink.com or contact: newsletter@cwt-globelink.com



CWT Globelink Pte Ltd

If you have anything that you would like to share in our newsletter, please send your contributions to: newsletter@cwt-globelink.com

All Rights Reserved. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, no liability can be accepted for errors, omissions or inaccuracies of any kind. CWT Globelink would be pleased to receive amendments and other appropriate information for possible inclusion.