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The global shipping market is deteriorating rather than improving

-Aditya Joshi

The global logistics market has gone through a repulsive winter.

The pandemic caused monstrous interruption. US and European ports got gummed up with PPE and clinical gear. This brought about port deferrals and a huge number of holders being out of position at objective when they are required at beginning, further compounding an absence of room

Shipping market challenges

Shipping lines that had scaled back in the pandemic have been gotten on the bounce. Thusly, they have been not able to find the phenomenal flood sought after for shipping space as global stock chains have hurried to re-stock.

Any shopper who imports or depends on homegrown providers who thusly import — or depend on imported segments — will have been hit with postponements and cost invades.

Back in the early piece of this current year, numerous spectators, us notwithstanding, expected the market would improve. In reality, cargo rates – an indicator of interest – had begun to descend nearly a month ago. That urged some to accept the more awful was past.

Then, India has been going through an all-around reported second flood of COVID contaminations and now China is confronting disturbance because of diseases. India shows up, from a contamination rate, to get on top of its new wave. Notwithstanding, with inoculation rates so low, the nation is now planning for a third wave

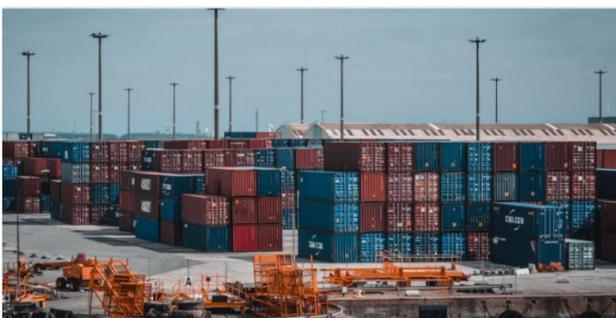
Shipping rates and deferrals have expanded since the beginning of Q2. There are deferrals of as long as about fourteen days to get space on vessels.

China shipping market

In China, shipping rates had eased from \$10,000 per 20-foot box in Q1 to \$5,000 per 20-foot box on the European route in the spring. However, the rate is back up to \$7,500 now. Furthermore, that is before news last week that a major port near Shenzhen in top exporting province Guangdong has temporarily halted operations due to a COVID outbreak.

Billet clog and load delays at Yantian International Container Terminal (YICT) have brought about vessel redirecting arranged stops at the port. Likewise, it has caused inescapable traffic delays in and around the port. Thus, there is significantly more prominent pressing factor falling on close by ports attempting to adapt to the aftermath. The subsequent clog is adding to an all-around overheated container market. Not many in the business see a lot of possibility of the tight global market facilitating before 2022.

Shippers ought to anticipate that rates should stay high and postpones the new typical for a long time to come on both the Asia to West Coast and Asia to European routes.



The United States and European Union seek to end trade tariffs and repair economic ties

-Ayush Singh

The leaders of the United States and the European Union are set to attend a transatlantic summit in Brussels on 15th of June. This is the first such major meeting between the two economic giants since 2014. The summit is aimed at ending non-tariff trade barriers on steel, aluminium and aircraft manufacturers from both countries.

The U.S and EU have the most integrated economic trade partnership in the world. The United States investment in the European Union is almost thrice that of its investment in Asia. Similarly, across the pond, the EU’s investment in the U.S is almost eight times that of its investment in India and China combined. Both of the countries contribute to almost half of the world’s GDP and have a third of the world trade flowing between them.

The summit is aimed at tackling non-tariff trade barriers between both the countries and to ease customs procedures and bureaucratic and regulatory restrictions. Trade disputes have been typically settled by the dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO and this only account for just 2% of the total trade between the United States and the European Union.

The summit will aim at setting a clear deadline to end tariffs from both sides. The deadline for ending subsidies to Aircraft manufacturers is July 11, tentatively. Similarly, the 1st of December is the deadline for settling the dispute on Steel and Aluminium. Earlier, the United States put a tariff of 25% on steel import and 10% on Aluminium import from the EU. The leaders will also look forward to ending retaliatory tariffs on whiskeys and motorbikes too.

Both sides are pretty cautious before inking the deal and are looking to protect their own vested trade interests. Twelve EU countries are looking to extend their own quotas to safeguard themselves from cheaper American imports. The economic ties between both the economies soured after Donald Trump ended a Free Trade agreement with the EU earlier. This was done to reduce the trade deficit with the EU. Trump administration also slapped tariffs worth \$7.5 billion on products European after the WTO ruled that the EU had unfairly aided and subsidised Airbus. The new president-elect of the United States, Joe Biden has made it clear that any agreement made with the EU will be reached only if works for the Americans and is in line with the political climate back home.

