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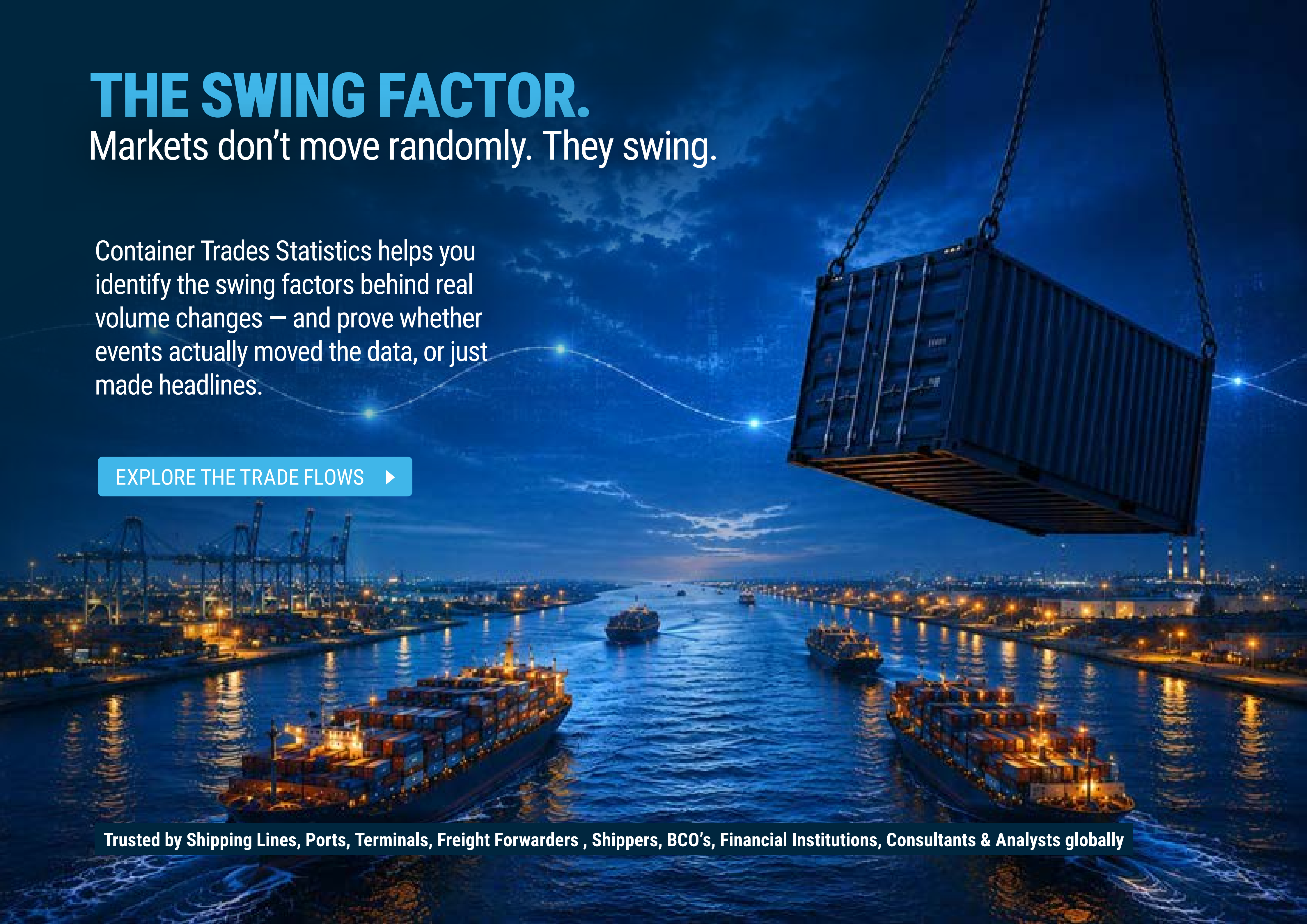
THE DATA BEHIND GLOBAL CONTAINER TRADE

CONTAINER TRADES STATISTICS

Carrier-sourced container trade data that helps you predict demand, validate market narratives, and make confident commercial decisions across global trade lanes.


THE SWING FACTOR.
Markets don’t move randomly. They swing.
Container Trades Statistics helps you identify the swing factors behind real volume changes — and prove whether events actually moved the data, or just made headlines.
EXPLORE THE TRADE FLOWS
Trusted by Shipping Lines, Ports, Terminals, Freight Forwarders , Shippers, BCO’s, Financial Institutions, Consultants & Analysts globally

TEU VOLUME DATA

Our TEU volume reports provide a clear, consistent view of how container trades are developing across the world. Built from **carrier-sourced data** and robust estimation methodologies, our reports track performance across seven global regions, including intra-regional (non-feeder) movements:

REGIONS

- **Australasia & Oceania**
- **Europe**
- **Far East**
- **Indian Subcontinent & Middle East**
- **North America**
- **South & Central America**
- **Sub-Saharan Africa**

Select the level of detail that suits your analysis: region, sub-region, country or port-level reporting.

You can also tailor the dataset by container type, with options for dry, reefer or combined volumes.

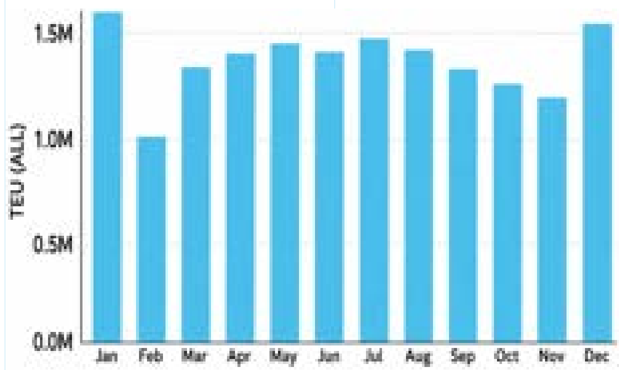
- TRACK MARKET GROWTH AND CONTRACTION ACROSS KEY TRADES
- IDENTIFY EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES AND COMPETITIVE SHIFTS
- SUPPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS
- BENCHMARK PERFORMANCE AGAINST WIDER MARKET TRENDS

Clarity without complexity

The container market generates vast amounts of information, but not all data is comparable or easy to interpret. CTS delivers structured, harmonised and reliable trade lane data that allows you to monitor performance without getting lost in a sea of numbers.

Sample Report

Far East to Europe | TEU Volumes, 2019



Looking for carrier market share insights?

CTS also offers carrier market share data across selected trades and regions. Please enquire for further details.

PRICE INDICES

CTS Price Indices provide a clear, consistent measure of how sea freight rates are evolving across the global container market. Available at both region-to-region and sub-region-to-sub-region level*, the indices can be viewed for dry, reefer or combined container types; allowing you to track pricing dynamics and seasonality trends across the trades most relevant to your business.

Each index measures the monthly movement in the weighted average sea freight rate per TEU, benchmarked to 2008 (Index 100). Built only from carrier-contributed data, our indices incorporate all major rate types, including both spot and contract pricing, as well as all other associated billable elements of moving the box quay to quay.

BILLABLE ELEMENTS

- **Basic Ocean rate from lines' B/L port of loading to B/L port of discharge including feeders**
- **Special Equipment Additional**
- **Hazardous Cargo Additional**
- **Congestion Surcharge**
- **Currency Adjustment Factor (CAF)**
- **Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) – including Low Sulphur Fuel Additional**
- **Terminal Handling Charge (Origin and Destination)**
- **EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) surcharge**
- **Any other charge relating to the sea leg.**

Sample Report
Far East to North America - Price Indices, 2019

CTS Price Indices enable you to monitor movements in freight rates, identify turning points and assess the relationship between supply, demand and pricing across key trades.


THE CONTAINER MARKET, UNCOVERED
Beneath every trade lane lies a deeper story.
CTS goes further, uncovering the underlying trades, volumes and price movements that define market reality.
Transparent data. Trusted insight. Clear decisions.
ACCESS A FREE SAMPLE TODAY

NEWSLETTER

Your monthly view of the global container market

The CTS Newsletter delivers a comprehensive overview of global trade performance, combining volume and pricing reports in one accessible monthly publication. Available via a 12-month digital subscription, it provides the insights needed to support informed commercial and strategic decisions.

EACH EDITION INCLUDES

49

REGIONAL IMPORT & EXPORT REPORTS &
49 REGIONAL AGGREGATED PRICE INDICES
98 REPORTS TOTAL

Designed for top level global analysis and easily digestible market updates, the Newsletter features expert commentary highlighting the most important trends and movements from the latest data release; ideal for those needing a fast, reliable summary of market developments.

Subscribers access the Newsletter through a secure area of the CTS website, with datasets available to download in Excel or CSV format for easy integration into internal reporting and analysis workflows.

Sample Newsletter
Far East to Indian Sub-Continent & Middle East TEU Volumes & Price Index Graph

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CTS is a valuable marketing intelligence tool for us, supporting our business development activities. It helps us gain a clear understanding of market trends. Every need we have is always met with professionalism and precision. Indeed, an excellent choice.

— LARA TROPIA
Business development & marketing manager
Finsea Group.

TRADE NEWSLETTER

Deeper insights into your core markets

In today's rapidly changing shipping landscape, gaining clear visibility into shifting cargo flows, demand patterns and pricing trends is more critical than ever. CTS Trade Newsletter provides reliable container trade intelligence, focused on the trade lanes, markets and opportunities that matter most to your business.

What You Get

- **Monthly TEU volume trends by region and sub-region**
- **Aggregates regional and sub-regional price index movements**
- **Expert commentary on key market developments**
- **Easy-to-read charts and trade flow visuals**
- **Downloadable datasets for internal analysis**
- **Dry & Reefer cargo split**
- **12 month on-going subscription with previous 12 months included for free**

Why It Matters

- **Understand trade shifts**
- **Follow regional demand changes**
- **Monitor pricing trends across key routes**
- **Support commercial and forecasting decisions**
- **Stay informed on the markets impacting your business**

Who It's For

- **Commercial & sales teams**
- **Market analysts**
- **Strategy teams**
- **Shipping lines**
- **Ports & terminals**
- **Freight forwarders**
- **Financial institutions**

TRADES INCLUDED

FAR EAST	⟷	EUROPE
EUROPE	⟷	NORTH AMERICA
FAR EAST	⟷	NORTH AMERICA
FAR EAST	⟷	SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA
EUROPE	⟷	SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA
EUROPE	⟷	SUB SAHARAN AFRICA
EUROPE	⟷	INDIAN SUB CONT & MIDDLE EAST
EUROPE	⟷	AUSTRALASIA & OCEANIA

Each featured trade is selected based on strong data coverage, ensuring reliable and representative insights across major global routes.

▸ Request a free data sample today.

BRINGING GLOBAL TRADE INTO FOCUS

Clarity in a complex shipping landscape.

CTS delivers **carrier-sourced data** that reveals what's moving, where it's moving, and how prices are shifting — across trades, regions and time.

UNLOCK GLOBAL MARKET VISIBILITY ▶

OUR STORY

Following changes to EU Competition Laws, CTS was established in 2008 to address a growing challenge:
a lack of transparent, reliable market data.

CTS was built differently from the outset:

- **Carrier-sourced data providing real market visibility**
- **Independent and neutral positioning**
- **Consistent methodology across global trade lanes**

Today, CTS is recognised as a leading provider of trusted, comparable global container trade data, supporting shipping lines, ports, terminals, freight forwarders, financial institutions, analysts and shippers in making informed commercial decisions.

Built On Carrier Manifest Data

CTS operates on behalf of **World Liner Data Ltd (WLDL)**, whose members include many of the world's leading container shipping lines.

- **Carrier-contributed liftings and pricing data form the foundation of CTS datasets**
- **Supplemented with robust methodologies to ensure full market coverage**
- **In many major trades, datasets are based entirely on contributed carrier data**

This creates a highly representative and reliable view of global container movements and pricing trends.

Our Mission

Delivering Trusted Insight into Global Container Trade.

Supporting the maritime industry with dependable data and providing meaningful market intelligence.

> **Over 2.7 billion TEU's counted in the CTS Database!**

OUR MEMBERS

CMA CGM
CONTAINERSHIPS
COSCO SHIPPING
ESL
EVERGREEN
GOLD STAR LINE
Hapag-Lloyd
HMM
MAERSK
MESSINA LINE
msc
ONE OCEAN NETWORK EXPRESS
OOCL We take it personally
PIL
SCI
外运集运 SINOLINES
SWIRE
WEC LINES
YANG MING
ZIM

TIMELINE

CTS Founded
Independent container trade intelligence established following changes in liner shipping regulation.

2008

2010

Global Carrier Data Partnership
Appointed agent for World Liner Data Ltd (WLDL), working directly with carrier-contributed datasets.

1 Billion+ TEUs Recorded
CTS surpasses 1 billion TEUs tracked globally across container trades.

2016

2017

Advanced Database Expansion
Platform rebuilt to support deeper trade lane analysis and refined market intelligence.

2 Billion+ TEUs Tracked
CTS records the highest Global Price Index on record and surpasses 2 billion TEUs in its database.

2022

2023

Expansion Into Asia
CTS strengthens its international presence with its first Asian trade show and team expansion.

Record Global Volumes
192.9 million TEUs recorded globally in a single year.
Intra Far East volumes reach almost 50 million TEUs.

2025

2026 - PRESENT

Investing in the Future of Trade Intelligence
Continued investment in data coverage, technology and product development.

SUBSCRIPTION MODEL

TEU Volume and Price Index Data

All CTS data products are available on a rolling 12-month subscription basis or as standalone historical datasets, depending on your requirements. Subscriptions provide ongoing monthly updates and access to the latest available data.

Competition compliance & data visibility

To comply with EU competition law and similar regulations in certain jurisdictions, CTS applies a Safety Mechanism to some datasets. This may delay the release of certain country or port level volume data for a period of three or six months where required, until the information is no longer considered commercially sensitive.

Full details of the Safety Mechanism are available in our FAQs on our website or reach out to a member of the team for a one to one on how this may affect your subscription.

KEY FEATURES

- AVAILABLE BY CONTAINER TYPE: DRY, REEFER OR COMBINED
- PUBLISHED MONTHLY WITH A ONE-MONTH REPORTING LAG (EG, JAN. DATA RELEASED IN MAR.)
- REPORTS INCLUDE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISONS TO SUPPORT TREND ANALYSIS
- DATA DOWNLOADABLE IN EXCEL OR CSV FORMAT
- SECURE ONLINE ACCESS VIA PERSONAL LOGIN
- REPORTS AND COVERAGE CAN BE TAILORED TO MEET SPECIFIC BUSINESS NEEDS

> *The monthly CTS data is the gold standard in container shipping. It encompasses all the loads moving and originates from the carrier's own detailed actual information. There is no better source for definitive facts related to the level and trend of container shipping volume and pricing than CTS.*
>
> **— JOHN D. MCCOWN**
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> Recognized container shipping expert with four decades of operating and investing experience in the sector

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