

MSC adjusts its East-West network to manage disruption caused by Red Sea crisis

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Due to the current situation in the Red Sea, MSC has temporarily suspended transits through the Suez Canal in both Eastbound and Westbound directions.

This decision to redirect all vessels via the Cape of Good Hope has had widespread effects on global shipping networks.

According to an MSC's recent statement, to mitigate the impact on their sailing schedules caused by this rerouting, the company is making adjustments to its East-West routes. These changes include altering rotations and adding vessels to minimise disruptions and ensure a more efficient sailing schedule via the Cape.

The updated rotations will come into effect in early February.

Condor: Ningbo, China – Shanghai, China – Nansha, China – Yantian, China – Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia – Colombo, Sri Lanka – Tanger Med, Morocco – Felixstowe, UK – Hamburg, Germany – Antwerp, Belgium – London Gate, UK – Le Havre, France – Tanger Med, Morocco – Abu Dhabi, UAE – Jebel Ali, UAE

Griffin: Shanghai, China – Ningbo, China – Xiamen, China – Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia – Felixstowe, UK – Rotterdam, Netherlands – Le Havre, France – Tanger Med T2, Morocco – Colombo, Sri Lanka – Singapore

Jade: Qingdao, China – Busan, South Korea – Ningbo, China – Shanghai, China – Xiamen, China – Nansha, China – Yantian, China – Singapore – Valencia, Spain – Barcelona, Spain – Gioia Tauro, Italy – Tanger Med, Morocco – Singapore – Yantian, China

Phoenix: Xingang, China – Dalian, China – Busan, South Korea – Ningbo, China – Shanghai, China – Shekou, China – Singapore – Port Said, Egypt – Koper, Slovenia – Trieste, Italy – Rijeka, Croatia – Trieste, Italy – Tanger Med, Morocco – Singapore

Tiger: Busan, South Korea – Shanghai, China – Ningbo, China – Shekou, China – Singapore – Port Said, Egypt – Yarimca, Turkey – Istanbul, Turkey – Tekirdag, Turkey – Port Said, Egypt – Abu Dhabi, UAE – Jebel Ali, UAE – Singapore – Shekou, China

Dragon: Dalian, China – Busan, South Korea – Shanghai, China – Ningbo, China – Yantian, China – Singapore – Gioia Tauro, Italy – Genoa, Italy – La Spezia, Italy – Fos-Sur-Mer, France – Barcelona, Spain – Valencia, Spain – Sines, Portugal – Mundra, India – Nhava Sheva, India – Colombo, Sri Lanka – Singapore

Empire: Yantian, China – Xiamen, China – Ningbo, China – Shanghai, China – Busan, South Korea – Panama – New York, USA – Norfolk, USA – Baltimore, USA – Colombo, Sri Lanka – Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia – Yantian, China

Additionally, MSC noted that the rotations of Albatros, Silk, Lion, Swan, America, Emerald, Elephant and Santana services have not changed. However, bypassing via the Cape, longer transit times are expected.