

# WEC Lines enhances its reefer container fleet

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WEC Lines has decided to enter the refrigerated container market by adding 45ft reefer boxes to its container fleet. The company has added the first batch of 50 brand new 45ft High-Cube Pallet-Wide refrigerated container units.

The carrier says the demand for reefer containers has been rising steadily across various industries, including food & beverage, pharmaceuticals, and healthcare, driven by the need for reliable and secure transport of temperature-sensitive goods.

According to the projections published in Drewry's 2023 Reefer Shipping Forecaster, box carriers will see their carryings of reefer containers rise by

4% a year between 2023-2028 as the perishables trade proves more resilient to economic downturns.

The new 45ft refrigerated containers are all equipped with a state-of-the-art (electric) cooling system to maintain precise temperature control within a range from -30°C to +30°C, ensuring the integrity of temperature sensitive or perishable cargo throughout the transportation process such as fruit and vegetables, fresh or processed food, pharma, and dairy products.

Caesar Luikenaar, managing director of WEC Lines, commented, "With this new investment, WEC Lines is ready to meet the growing demand for refrigerated cargo within Europe. Adding new reefer units enables us to serve our clients with new and fresh stock and also meet the large demand for new containers and equipment availability in current markets."

With its short sea vessels already equipped with reefer plugs and sufficient reefer slots, last month, [WEC Lines launched a new direct service](#) connecting Morocco, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom. The service provides onward linkages to North-western Europe e.g., the Netherlands, France, and Belgium where Moroccan tomatoes and citrus fruits are currently finding their way into European supermarkets.

In line with the company's commitment to bringing its ecological footprint to net-zero by 2050, all reefers are equipped with one of the lowest power-consuming machines in the industry and a refrigerant with a low GWP (Global Warming Potential). In addition, the foaming used warrants significant reductions in equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and has a zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP), meaning it does not harm the ozone layer.