

## MSC continues container ship order rally with new major order

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The Swiss container shipping giant MSC continues its strong order streak, placing a new massive order for newbuild container ships.

According to Alphaliner, MSC has placed an order for ten vessels, each with a capacity of 24,000 TEUs, at the Chinese shipyard Hengli Heavy Industry. The delivery of the newbuildings is expected to begin in 2028, with the value of the deal estimated at around US\$2.35 billion.

This new order further increases MSC's orderbook, which now surpasses the 2 million TEU mark, reaching 2.13 million TEUs.

Rank	Operator	Teu	Share	Existing fleet	Orderbook
1	<a href="#">Mediterranean Shg Co</a>	6,279,624	20.2%		
2	<a href="#">Maersk</a>	4,435,967	14.3%		
3	<a href="#">CMA CGM Group</a>	3,806,674	12.2%		
4	<a href="#">COSCO Group</a>	3,322,217	10.7%		
5	<a href="#">Hapag-Lloyd</a>	2,330,305	7.5%		
6	<a href="#">ONE (Ocean Network Express)</a>	1,960,059	6.3%		
7	<a href="#">Evergreen Line</a>	1,739,948	5.6%		
8	<a href="#">HMM Co Ltd</a>	893,042	2.9%		
9	<a href="#">Zim</a>	772,372	2.5%		
10	<a href="#">Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp.</a>	703,945	2.3%		
11	<a href="#">Wan Hai Lines</a>	521,052	1.7%		
12	<a href="#">PIL (Pacific Int. Line)</a>	369,016	1.2%		

Source: Alphaliner

Given that Ocean Network Express (ONE), the sixth-largest container line, has a fleet of 1.96 million TEUs, MSC's orderbook could be considered the "sixth-largest container fleet" in the world.

It is worth noting that in September last year, MSC placed orders for ten dual-fuel LNG-powered container ships, each with a capacity of 21,000 TEUs, at the same shipyard.