



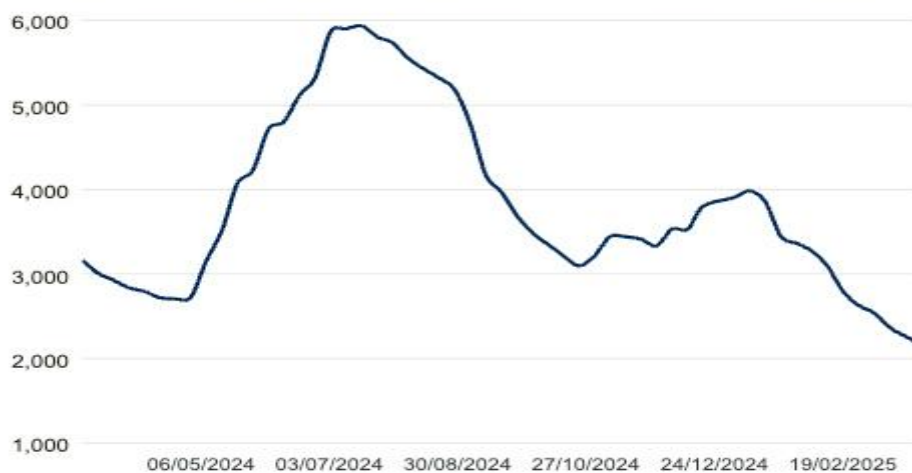
## Drewry World Container Index - 27 March

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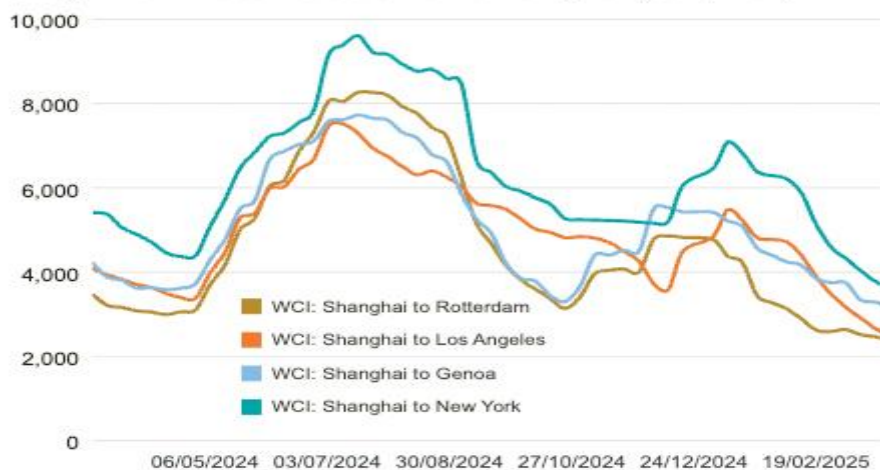
For many years, World Container Index has been the go-to, independent, global reference for index-linked contracts. If your organisation is considering index-linked contracts or requires regional visibility/coverage beyond the eight trade lanes provided below, or would like to learn more, please contact our team of ocean freight cost benchmarking and procurement specialists.

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Drewry World Container Index (WCI) - 27 Mar 25 (US\$/40ft)



Drewry WCI: Trade Routes from Shanghai (US\$/40ft)



Source: Drewry

World Container Index, Drewry Supply Chain Advisors

### Our detailed assessment for Thursday, 27 March 2025

- The Drewry WCI composite index fell 4% to \$2,168 per 40ft container, 79% below the previous pandemic peak of \$10,377 in September 2021 and the lowest since January 2024. However, the index was 53% higher than the average \$1,420 in 2019 (pre-pandemic).

- The average YTD composite index closed at \$3,053 per 40ft container, \$167 higher than the 10-year average of \$2,886 (inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 Covid period).

- Freight rates from Rotterdam to New York decreased 7% or \$154 to \$2,162 per 40ft container and those from Shanghai to Los Angeles fell 6% or \$171 to \$2,487 per 40ft container. Rates from Shanghai to Rotterdam and Shanghai to New York decreased 4% to \$2,370 and \$3,622 per 40ft container, respectively, while those from Shanghai to Genoa reduced 3% or \$115 to \$3,171 per 40ft container. Conversely, rates from Rotterdam to Shanghai increased 3% or \$16 to \$500 per 40ft container and those from Los Angeles to Shanghai increased 1% or \$7 to \$709 per 40ft container. Meanwhile, rates from New York to Rotterdam remained stable. Drewry expects rates to decrease slightly in the upcoming weeks.

### Spot freight rates by major route

Our assessment across eight major East-West trades:

Route	Route code	13-Mar-25	20-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	Weekly change (%)	Annual change (%)
<b>Composite Index</b>	<b>WCI-COMPOSITE</b>	\$2,368	\$2,264	\$2,168	-4%	-26%
Shanghai - Rotterdam	WCI-SHA-RTM	\$2,512	\$2,463	\$2,370	-4%	-25%
Rotterdam - Shanghai	WCI-RTM-SHA	\$490	\$484	\$500	3%	-39%
Shanghai - Genoa	WCI-SHA-GOA	\$3,333	\$3,286	\$3,171	-3%	-17%
Shanghai - Los Angeles	WCI-SHA-LAX	\$2,906	\$2,658	\$2,487	-6%	-35%
Los Angeles - Shanghai	WCI-LAX-SHA	\$702	\$702	\$709	1%	3%
Shanghai - New York	WCI-SHA-NYC	\$4,038	\$3,774	\$3,622	-4%	-28%
New York - Rotterdam	WCI-NYC-RTM	\$854	\$846	\$844	0%	32%
Rotterdam - New York	WCI-RTM-NYC	\$2,373	\$2,316	\$2,162	-7%	-4%

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