

# Newsletter July 2017

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## Ocean and Air Situation

Intervracht keeps a close eye on the ocean and airfreight market circumstances and uses this information to advise customers on their shipping strategy and to make sure we keep our service level as high as possible. We also mention our insights in our newsletters which comes out a few times a year.



In this edition we evaluate the market situation since the first ships have arrived after the introduction of the new shipping schedules as a result of the acquisitions and new alliances. We see that the ocean freight market is stabilizing and the rising prices are leveling out.

In the first five months of the year the rates have increased exponentially, especially for export to Asia and to the US. We now see some stabilization of the rates to the Far East but we do expect the rates for export to the USA to increase a bit in the coming month(s). We even see a small decrease of the export Far East rates and space issues seem to be resolved in regards to this market. For export to the US we advise to still book as early as possible in order to achieve guaranteed space. Furthermore we see some congestion in the Rotterdam port in relation to Barge transportation. Many barge vessels experience long waiting times at all terminals in Rotterdam.

Dutch export grew further in April compared to last year with 2.9%. China is developing more and more into an import country, we expect the Far-East export to increase even more over time. In some Chinese ports, such as Shanghai, we already see that more congestion occurs because their infrastructure is based on export.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that businesses shifting their freight from ocean to air just to make sure they reach their deadlines and keep up their flow of goods. This development we see in the early numbers coming from Schiphol airport, showing an increase of freight of 12.3% in May, 9.5% in March and an overall increase of 8.5% in the last five months. Especially Cargo to Asia and in particular Shanghai, is booming. 12% more to Asia and 4% more from Asia. The same happens for outbound traffic to North-America, which increased with 12%. And not only Schiphol is shipping more cargo, the worldwide airfreight volume increased with 14.7% compared to last year. Especially the volumes in Hongkong, Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, London, Milano, Chicago and Frankfurt increased significantly.

Intervracht will inform its individual customers of any rate increases or delays when applicable. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact: [oceanexport@intervracht.nl](mailto:oceanexport@intervracht.nl), [oceanimport@intervracht.nl](mailto:oceanimport@intervracht.nl), [airexport@intervracht.nl](mailto:airexport@intervracht.nl) or [airimport@intervracht.nl](mailto:airimport@intervracht.nl).

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## Shipping Breakbulk? Intervracht Helps!

From April 24th until April 26<sup>th</sup> the Breakbulk event was hosted again in Antwerp where a large variety of forwarders, shipping companies and Break Bulk related companies were showing their solutions to the market. Intervracht also visited Antwerp to get to know the latest insights on what is new in this market.

What is break bulk? Everything that is packaged but non-containerized such as: bags, bales, barrels, boxes, cartons, drums, pallets, sacks, vehicles, etc. is termed break bulk, whereas loose cement, grains, ores, etc., are termed bulk cargo.



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## Intervracht will move to a new building on BusinessPark 7Poort in Zevenaar

In a recent press release Intervracht mentioned moving to a new building in the beginning of 2018. Our new warehouse will have a capacity of 2.500 m2. The construction is scheduled, starting this summer to be ready in December 2017 for the warehouse move. The choice for BusinessPark 7Poort was, in particular because of the strategic location between Rotterdam, Amsterdam and the German Ruhr area. [See official press release here](#)



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