

# Dimerco's March Freight Report Highlights Tariffs, Changing Demand, and Capacity Realignment in Global Supply Chains

*Rising tariffs, changing demand, and capacity realignments are reshaping global supply chains, according to Dimerco's March 2025 Freight Market Report.*

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, March 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dimerco Express Group's March 2025 Asia-Pacific Freight Market Report demonstrates how rising tariffs, erratic demand trends, and continuous capacity changes are posing challenges for global supply chains. Businesses must implement adaptive methods to minimise disruptions as freight flows are reshaped by geopolitical developments and changing customer behaviour.

Origin	Additional Duties		Implementation Date	
Mexico & Canada	25%		March 4, 2025	
China	20% (Currently at 10%)		March 4, 2025	
Europe	25% (On Automotives)		To be Announced	

  

Air Freight	TO ASIA		TO EUR		TO USEC		TO USWC	
	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate
East China	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable
North China	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable
South China	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable
Hong Kong	Soft	Stable	Upturn	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable

  

Ocean Freight	TO ASIA		TO EUR		TO USEC		TO USWC	
	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate
East China	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling
North China	Soft	Stable	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling	Upturn	Falling
South China	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable
Hong Kong	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Falling	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling

Shippers are preparing for [major shifts](#) in freight demand and cost structures as a result of the impending March 4, 2025, implementation of [U.S. import tariffs](#) on goods from China, Canada, and Mexico, as well as other trade measures. The analysis finds early indications of supply chain modifications already in progress, despite the fact that these policies are creating uncertainty in important markets.



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*Alvin Fuh, Vice President of Ocean Freight at Dimerco*

## E-Commerce Slows as Tariff Uncertainty Looms

The once-strong e-commerce boom is showing signs of slowing, particularly in the U.S. and Europe, as businesses

reassess shipment volumes amid shifting tariff policies. "E-commerce is transitioning from a B2C model to a B2B2C model, with more shipments shifting to ocean freight," said Kathy Liu, VP of

Global Sales and Marketing at Dimerco. “This shift is likely to reshape demand patterns across major trade lanes.”

### Geopolitical Tensions Impact Ocean Freight Recovery

Global ocean freight networks continue to face uncertainty as carriers assess the safety of resuming Red Sea transits through the Suez Canal. “Carriers are unlikely to fully revert to the Suez route until at least mid-year, due to ongoing security risks and logistical complexities,” said Alvin Fuh, Vice President of Ocean Freight at Dimerco. “Until then, freight rates will remain volatile as capacity realignments unfold.”

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)													
	2024												2025
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Global	50.0	50.3	50.6	50.3	50.9	50.9	49.7	49.5	48.7	49.4	50.0	49.6	50.1
USA	50.7	52.2	51.9	50.0	51.3	51.6	49.6	47.9	47.3	48.5	49.7	49.6	51.2
China	50.8	50.9	51.1	51.4	51.7	51.8	49.8	50.4	49.3	50.3	51.5	50.5	50.1
Taiwan	48.8	48.6	49.3	50.2	50.9	53.2	52.9	51.5	50.8	50.2	51.5	52.7	51.1
Hong Kong	49.9	49.7	50.9	50.6	49.2	48.2	49.5	49.4	50.0	52.2	51.2	51.1	51.0
Japan	48.0	47.2	48.2	49.6	50.4	50.0	49.1	49.8	49.7	49.2	49.0	49.6	48.7
S. Korea	51.2	50.7	49.8	49.4	51.6	52.0	51.4	51.9	48.3	48.3	50.6	49.0	50.3
Singapore	50.7	50.6	50.7	50.5	50.6	50.4	50.7	50.9	51.0	50.8	51.0	51.1	50.9
Vietnam	50.3	50.4	49.9	50.3	50.3	54.7	54.7	52.4	47.3	51.2	50.8	49.8	48.9
Malaysia	49.0	49.5	48.4	49.0	50.2	49.9	49.7	49.7	49.5	49.5	49.2	48.6	48.7
Philippines	50.9	51.0	50.9	52.2	51.9	51.3	51.2	51.2	53.7	52.9	53.8	54.3	52.3
Indonesia	52.9	52.7	54.2	52.9	52.1	50.7	49.3	48.9	49.2	49.2	49.6	51.2	51.9
Thailand	46.7	45.3	49.1	48.6	50.3	51.7	52.8	52.0	50.4	50.0	50.2	51.4	49.6
India	56.5	56.9	59.1	58.8	57.5	58.3	58.1	57.5	56.5	57.5	56.5	56.4	57.7
Australia	50.1	47.8	47.3	49.6	49.7	47.2	47.5	48.5	46.7	47.3	49.4	47.8	50.2

### Key Market Trends for March 2025

- **Tariff Fallout:** U.S. import tariffs on goods from Mexico, Canada, and China are reshaping trade flows, with businesses exploring alternative sourcing options.
- **Capacity Adjustments:** Ocean carriers are introducing new vessels to ease supply constraints, but market demand remains inconsistent.
- **Regional Hotspots:** Taiwan and South Korea continue to see steady demand for high-tech products, while Southeast Asia faces capacity pressures linked to Ramadan and the ongoing shift to ocean freight.

**\*\* Dimerco recommends shippers adopt a multi-modal logistics strategy and secure capacity early to mitigate potential delays and rate fluctuations in the months ahead. \*\***

For more information or to arrange an interview with Dimerco’s logistics experts, please get in touch using the below contact details.

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