

Global Supply Chains Face Rising Congestion, Tariff Uncertainty, and Capacity Shifts, Per Dimerco's July Freight Report

Tariffs, congestion, and shifting demand are straining global freight. Dimerco's July report points to key capacity and rate challenges.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Dimerco Express Group's July 2025 Asia-Pacific Freight Market Report reveals a dynamic and challenging freight environment, intensified by looming tariff expirations, persistent congestion, and rapidly evolving capacity constraints across global trade routes.

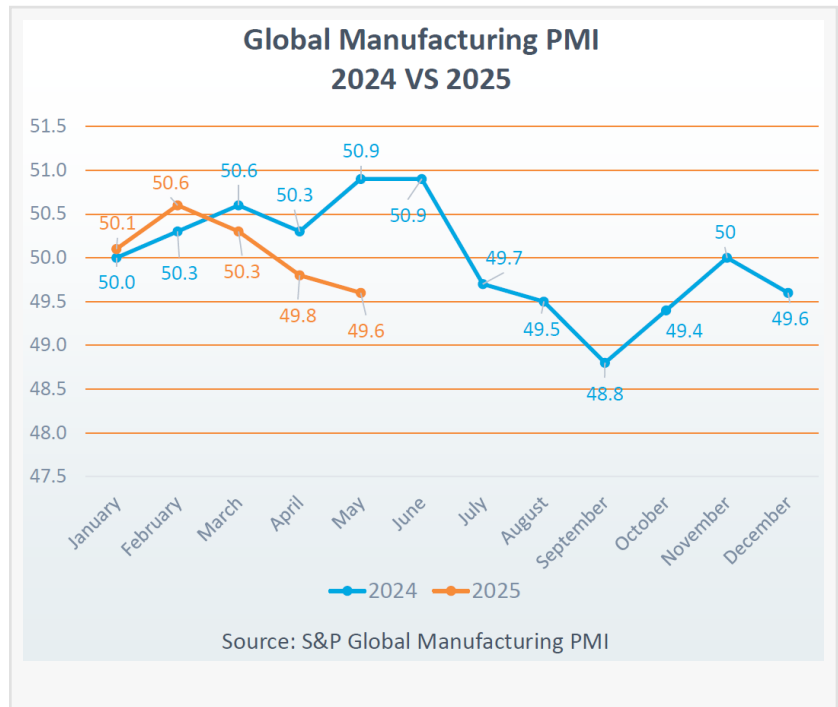
□ Tariff Deadlines Drive Export Surge:

The impending expiration of the U.S.–China reciprocal tariff suspension on August 13 has sparked a rush in exports, notably from Taiwan, [Vietnam](#), and Southern China, placing significant pressure on available air and ocean capacities.

□ Ocean Freight Volatility: Transpacific rates, after briefly softening in June, are stabilizing as shipping lines restore previously canceled sailings. Persistent port bottlenecks at Manzanillo, key European gateways, and select U.S. ports continue due to inland logistics congestion and labor shortages.

□ Divergent Airfreight Trends: Intra-Asia airfreight remains robust, especially between [China and Southeast Asia](#), while China–U.S. routes face reduced volumes due to declining eCommerce shipments. In contrast, U.S. outbound airfreight from Dallas and Los Angeles tightens amid back-to-school and early holiday preparations.

□ Geopolitical Complexity: U.S. military actions near Iran have disrupted Persian Gulf shipping routes, causing significant rerouting. Additionally, heightened India-Pakistan trade tensions have



forced carriers to restructure services, complicating South Asia–Middle East routes.

□ Semiconductor and High-Tech Demand: Taiwan experiences heightened demand for freight capacity as businesses expedite shipments of AI hardware and electronic components in anticipation of potential tariff impacts.

Expert Insights:

"The combination of tariff uncertainty, peak summer demand, and geopolitical volatility is creating a highly fluid freight environment," said Alvin Fuh, VP of Ocean Freight at Dimerco. "Businesses must remain agile and adapt quickly to rapidly evolving market conditions."

Kathy Liu, VP of Global Sales and Marketing at Dimerco, emphasized, "Demand patterns are shifting rapidly. The disparity between soft China–U.S. airfreight and booming exports from Southeast Asia highlights the critical need for proactive logistics strategies and early capacity planning."

Dimerco’s July report provides detailed forecasts, up-to-date rate analysis, and targeted insights, enabling shippers to effectively manage the complexities of today's freight landscape.

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ASIA PACIFIC MANUFACTURING PMI														
Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)														
	2024								2025					
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Global	50.9	50.9	49.7	49.5	48.7	49.4	50.0	49.6	50.1	50.6	50.3	49.8	49.6	
USA	51.3	51.6	49.6	47.9	47.3	48.5	49.7	49.6	51.2	52.7	50.2	50.2	52.0	
China	51.7	51.8	49.8	50.4	49.3	50.3	51.5	50.5	50.1	50.8	51.2	50.4	48.3	
Taiwan	50.9	53.2	52.9	51.5	50.8	50.2	51.5	52.7	51.1	51.5	49.8	47.8	48.6	
Hong Kong	49.2	48.2	49.5	49.4	50.0	52.2	51.2	51.1	51.0	49.0	48.3	48.3	49.0	
Japan	50.4	50.0	49.1	49.8	49.7	49.2	49.0	49.6	48.7	49.0	48.4	48.7	49.4	
S. Korea	51.6	52.0	51.4	51.9	48.3	48.3	50.6	49.0	50.3	49.9	49.1	47.5	47.7	
Singapore	50.6	50.4	50.7	50.9	51.0	50.8	51.0	51.1	50.9	50.7	50.6	49.6	49.7	
Vietnam	50.3	54.7	54.7	52.4	47.3	51.2	50.8	49.8	48.9	49.2	50.5	45.6	49.8	
Malaysia	50.2	49.9	49.7	49.7	49.5	49.5	49.2	48.6	48.7	49.7	48.8	48.6	48.8	
Philippines	51.9	51.3	51.2	51.2	53.7	52.9	53.8	54.3	52.3	51.0	49.4	53.0	50.1	
Indonesia	52.1	50.7	49.3	48.9	49.2	49.2	49.6	51.2	51.9	53.6	52.4	46.7	47.4	
Thailand	50.3	51.7	52.8	52.0	50.4	50.0	50.2	51.4	49.6	50.6	49.9	49.5	51.2	
India	57.5	58.3	58.1	57.5	56.5	57.5	56.5	56.4	57.7	56.3	58.1	58.2	57.6	
Australia	49.7	47.2	47.5	48.5	46.7	47.3	49.4	47.8	50.2	50.4	51.2	51.7	51.0	

Ocean Freight	TO ASIA		TO EUR	
	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate
USWC (LAX)	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable
USWC (SFO)	Tight	Stable	Upturn	Stable
US Central (ORD)	Upturn	Stable	Soft	Stable
US Central (DFW)	Tight	Rising	Upturn	Stable
USEC (NYC)	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Stable
Canada (VAN)	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Stable
Canada (TOR)	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable



Demand patterns are swinging quickly. The sharp contrast between weak China-U.S. airfreight and strong S.E. Asia exports underscores the need for flexible logistics planning and early space booking."

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