

# Dimerco Express Group Releases September 2025 Asia-Pacific Freight Market Report on Tariffs and Peak Season Trends

*Dimerco's September freight report shows tariff-driven US import drops, Southeast Asia's air cargo surge, and ocean carriers cutting capacity to stabilize trade*

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, September 2, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dimerco Express Group has released its detailed September 2025 Asia-Pacific Freight Market Report, offering extensive insights into the evolving dynamics of global freight transport amidst [ongoing tariff shifts](#), geopolitical uncertainty, and peak season developments.



The report highlights substantial market adjustments driven primarily by tariff uncertainties, significantly impacting US import patterns. Containerized imports to the United States are projected to experience a notable decline of 19-21% year-over-year from September to December 2025. This downturn has prompted businesses to critically evaluate and revamp their sourcing strategies, enhance supply chain resilience, and incorporate greater flexibility into operational frameworks to manage potential disruptions.

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Tariff uncertainty is forcing businesses to rethink sourcing and logistics strategies. The shift in trade flows this season underscores the need for supply chain agility.”

*Alvin Fuh, VP Ocean Freight,  
Dimerco Express Group*

Contrastingly, the air freight sector is observing a robust peak-season uptick originating from Southeast Asia, primarily attributed to rising demand for advanced AI

servers, consumer electronics, and various other high-tech commodities. Notably, export activity from key markets such as Vietnam, Thailand, and Malaysia is significantly surpassing volumes from China, signaling a shift in regional export dominance.

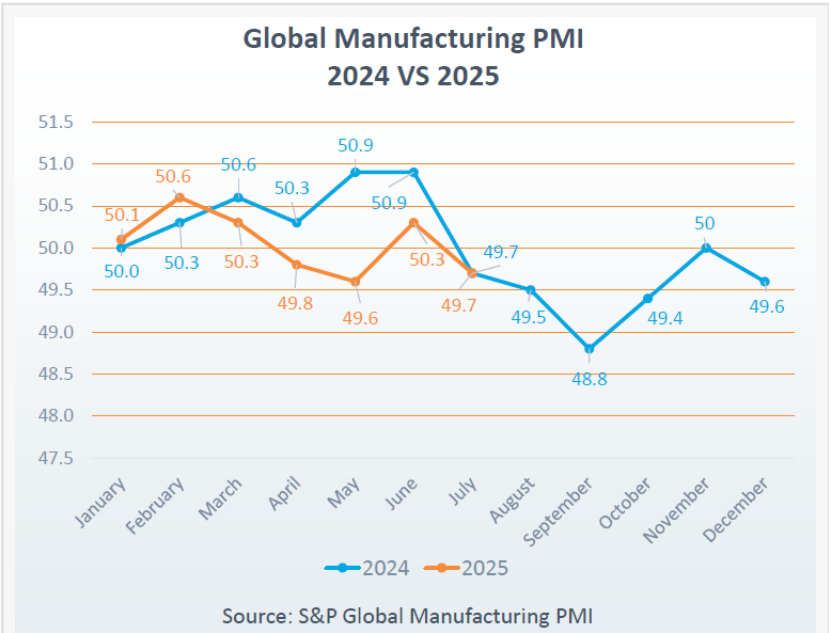
“We’re seeing major shipping lines adjust their networks as demand and trade patterns keep shifting,” according to Alvin Fuh, Vice President of Ocean Freight. “For instance, MSC has trimmed about 12% of weekly capacity on its Asia–US East Coast service and restructured its Round-the-World routes into two transatlantic loops to make better use of vessels.”

Detailed key insights from the September 2025 report encompass:

- **Tariff-driven Demand Realignment:** Overall US import volumes are anticipated to decline by approximately 5.6% through 2025, driven largely by [tariff-driven uncertainties](#). Businesses are increasingly compelled to adopt dynamic sourcing strategies and responsive logistics solutions to navigate this volatile trade environment.
- **Strong Air Freight Expansion from Southeast Asia:** Airlines have proactively augmented capacity to meet surging demand on Transpacific Eastbound (TPEB) routes. This strategic capacity expansion is crucial to accommodating increased volumes of technology-driven exports, particularly during the traditional freight peak season.

- **Strategic Ocean Freight Capacity Adjustments:** To counteract persistent overcapacity and subdued demand conditions, major ocean carriers have implemented strategic measures, including approximately 7% capacity reductions. These adjustments are predominantly impacting transpacific routes, underscoring the industry's ongoing efforts to maintain operational stability and profitability.

For additional details and region-specific insights, the full September 2025 Asia-Pacific Freight



Global Manufacturing PMI 2024 vs 2025

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)												
	2024						2025					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Global	49.7	49.5	48.7	49.4	50.0	49.6	50.1	50.6	50.3	49.8	49.6	50.3
USA	49.6	47.9	47.3	48.5	49.7	49.6	51.2	52.7	50.2	50.2	52.0	52.9
China	49.8	50.4	49.3	50.3	51.5	50.5	50.1	50.8	51.2	50.4	48.3	50.4
Taiwan	52.9	51.5	50.8	50.2	51.5	52.7	51.1	51.5	49.8	47.8	48.6	47.2
Hong Kong	49.5	49.4	50.0	52.2	51.2	51.1	51.0	49.0	48.3	48.3	49.0	47.8
Japan	49.1	49.8	49.7	49.2	49.0	49.6	48.7	49.0	48.4	48.7	49.4	50.1
S. Korea	51.4	51.9	48.3	48.3	50.6	49.0	50.3	49.9	49.1	47.5	47.7	48.7
Singapore	50.7	50.9	51.0	50.8	51.0	51.1	50.9	50.7	50.6	49.6	49.7	50.0
Vietnam	54.7	52.4	47.3	51.2	50.8	49.8	48.9	49.2	50.5	45.6	49.8	48.9
Malaysia	49.7	49.7	49.5	49.5	49.2	48.6	48.7	49.7	48.8	48.6	48.8	49.3
Philippines	51.2	51.2	53.7	52.9	53.8	54.3	52.3	51.0	49.4	53.0	50.1	50.7
Indonesia	49.3	48.9	49.2	49.2	49.6	51.2	51.9	53.6	52.4	46.7	47.4	46.9
Thailand	52.8	52.0	50.4	50.0	50.2	51.4	49.6	50.6	49.9	49.5	51.2	51.7
India	58.1	57.5	56.5	57.5	56.5	56.4	57.7	56.3	58.1	58.2	57.6	58.4
Australia	47.5	48.5	46.7	47.3	49.4	47.8	50.2	50.4	51.2	51.7	51.0	50.6

APAC Manufacturing PMI 2024 vs 2025

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

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

Key for available space

SOFT  
Excess capacity, low demand

UPTURN  
Market is picking up, but demand is still low

TIGHT  
Space is tight, demand is strong

BACKLOG  
Backlog of 1-2 days is high in the market

SERIOUS  
Excess demand, serious shortage of vessels, severe capacity constraints

September 2025 Freight Market Forecast - NA

Market Report is available for [download here](#).

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