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Global Supply Chains Brace for Peak-Season Pressure Amid Tariff Volatility and Capacity Shifts, Dimerco Reports

Dimerco's latest freight report reveals a manufacturing rebound, tariff impacts, and shifting trade flows shaping logistics strategies across Asia-Pacific.

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, September 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dimerco Express Group, a leading global logistics provider, has published its Asia-Pacific Freight Report for October 2025, delivering critical insights into the region's manufacturing outlook, freight market dynamics, and the ongoing impact of global tariffs and trade disruptions.

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)	2024					2025							
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Global	49.5	48.7	49.4	50.0	49.6	50.1	50.6	50.3	49.8	49.6	50.3	49.7	50.9
USA	47.9	47.3	48.5	49.7	49.6	51.2	52.7	50.2	50.2	52.0	52.9	49.8	53.0
China	50.4	49.3	50.3	51.5	50.5	50.1	50.8	51.2	50.4	48.3	50.4	49.6	50.5
Taiwan	51.5	50.8	50.2	51.5	52.7	51.1	51.5	49.8	47.8	48.6	47.2	46.2	47.4
Hong Kong	49.4	50.0	52.2	51.2	51.1	51.0	49.0	48.3	48.3	49.0	47.8	49.2	50.7
Japan	49.8	49.7	49.2	49.0	49.6	48.7	49.0	48.4	48.7	49.4	50.1	48.9	49.7
S. Korea	51.9	48.3	48.3	50.6	49.0	50.3	49.9	49.1	47.5	47.7	48.7	48.0	48.3
Singapore	50.9	51.0	50.8	51.0	51.1	50.9	50.7	50.6	49.6	49.7	50.0	49.9	50.0
Vietnam	52.4	47.3	51.2	50.8	49.8	48.9	49.2	50.5	45.6	49.8	48.9	52.4	50.2
Malaysia	49.7	49.5	49.5	49.2	48.6	48.7	49.7	48.8	48.6	48.8	49.3	49.7	49.9
Philippines	51.2	53.7	52.9	53.8	54.3	52.3	51.0	49.4	53.0	50.1	50.7	50.9	50.8
Indonesia	48.9	49.2	49.2	49.6	51.2	51.9	53.6	52.4	46.7	47.4	46.9	49.2	51.5
Thailand	52.0	50.4	50.0	50.2	51.4	49.6	50.6	49.9	49.5	51.2	51.7	51.9	52.7
India	57.5	56.5	57.5	56.5	56.4	57.7	56.3	58.1	58.2	57.6	58.4	59.1	59.3
Australia	48.5	46.7	47.3	49.4	47.8	50.2	50.4	51.2	51.7	51.0	50.6	51.3	53.0

APAC Manufacturing PMI

The latest report underscores a resurgence in global manufacturing activity, with the Global Manufacturing PMI rising to 50.9 in August 2025, marking the first expansion since June 2024. Notably, countries such as the USA, India, and Australia are driving positive momentum, whereas trade flows remain subdued due to ongoing geopolitical uncertainties and protectionist policies.

> "Tariff pressures and evolving trade dynamics demand smarter logistics. Our October report equips shippers to anticipate disruptions and optimize global operations."
>
> *Kathy Liu, VP of Global Sales and Marketing at Dimerco Express Group*

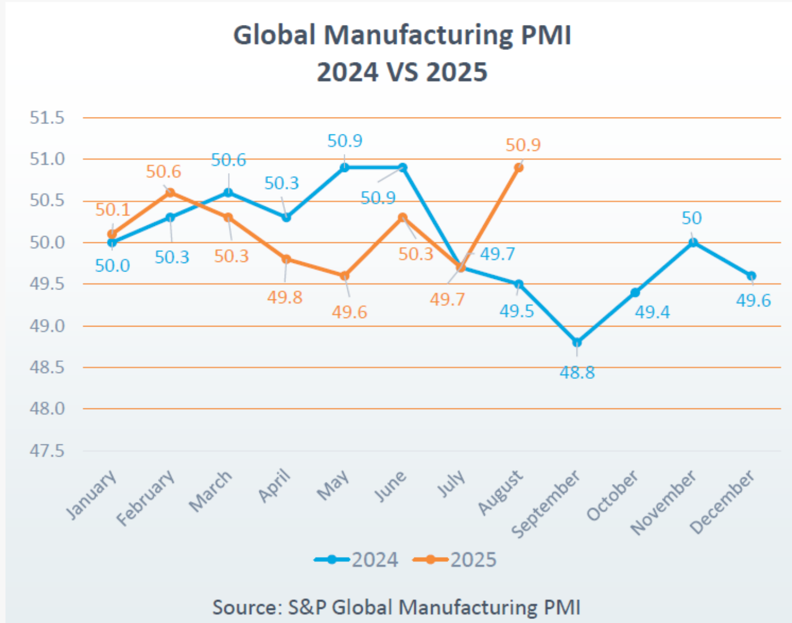
Key highlights from the report include:

 Manufacturing Expansion: The Asia-Pacific Manufacturing PMI revealed steady growth in several key markets, with India leading at a strong 59.3, followed by Thailand (52.7) and the Philippines (50.8). Meanwhile, manufacturing in Taiwan and South Korea remains challenged due to tariff pressures and reduced consumer demand.

 Tariff Impact & Investigations: Ongoing 232 tariff investigations by the US continue to heavily impact trade, notably with high tariffs effective on automotive parts (25%), steel and aluminum (50%), and copper (50%). Investigations continue into critical sectors, including pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, and critical minerals.

 Ocean and Air Freight Outlook: Global container spot rates have continued to decline despite significant capacity reductions by carriers. Dimerco forecasts that blank sailings will rise sharply following China's Golden Week to manage weaker demand. Air freight remains constrained due to disruptions such as the recent China-Europe Railway issues and the lingering impacts of Super Typhoon Ragasa in Hong Kong and South China.

 Regional Dynamics: North American shipments to Asia are rising significantly, driven by the peak seafood season and manufacturing growth, whereas Australia is experiencing increased imports from China amid ongoing US-China trade tensions. Southeast Asia, particularly Vietnam, Thailand, and Malaysia, faces tightened air and ocean freight capacities due to increased high-tech and AI product shipments.



Global Manufacturing PMI 2024 vs 2025 - August

Air Freight	TO ASIA		TO EUR		TO USEC		TO USWC	
	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate
Taiwan	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Stable
S. Korea	Tight	Stable	Soft	Stable	Tight	Stable	Tight	Stable

Ocean Freight	TO ASIA		TO EUR		TO USEC		TO USWC	
	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate	Capacity	Rate
Taiwan	Upturn	Stable	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling	Soft	Falling
S. Korea	Soft	Stable	Soft	Falling	Tight	Falling	Soft	Falling

Freight market situation - North Asia

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

Ocean Freight	TO ASIA		TO EUR		TO USEC		TO USWC	
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South China	Upturn	Stable	Soft	Stable	Upturn	Stable	Upturn	Stable
Hong Kong	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable	Soft	Stable

Key for available space	SOFT	UPTURN	TIGHT	BACKLOG	SERIOUS
	Supply is more than demand	Market is picking up, but demand of space can still be met by current supply.	Space Gets tight. Pre-arrangement of space is needed.	Backlog of 1-2 days is found in the market.	Space demand critical, turndown of booking found. Consider alternatives

Freight market forecast for October - China Market

"The October 2025 report provides crucial insights for businesses navigating complex global trade environments," stated Kathy Liu, VP of Global Sales and Marketing at Dimerco Express Group. "Our analysis helps shippers anticipate disruptions, manage tariffs effectively, and optimize logistics operations across Asia-Pacific and globally."

The full October 2025 Asia-Pacific Freight Report, including detailed forecasts, market-specific insights, and strategic guidance, is available for download here.

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