

## UASC continues the structural blank sailing program Asia – Europe network (AEC)

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Further to the customer advisory dated 15 June, related to our structural blank sailing program on our AEC network, please be advised that in order to continuously support in creating transparency to your supply chain planning, we have reached an agreement with our partners to further engage in a structural blanking program for the coming months. The service changes are as follows:

### Asia – Europe Container Service 7 (AEC7) aligning with Asia – Europe Container Service 8 (AEC8) (until further notice)

- **New port rotation of AEC7/AEC8:** Shanghai - Ningbo - Yantian - **Vung Tau** - Port Kelang - Le Havre - Rotterdam - Antwerp - Hamburg\* - Felixstowe - Rotterdam - Le Havre - Jeddah - Port Kelang - Chiwan - Shanghai.
- **Effective date:**
  - Eastbound service will start its new rotation from week 39 with the first vessel 'CMA CGM Laperouse' departing Le Havre, France (FRLEH), 25 September.
  - Westbound service will start its new rotation from week 42 with the first vessel 'CMA CGM Titan' departing Shanghai, China (CNSHA), 14 October.
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\* Note: Please be advised that in Hamburg, Germany (DEHAM), CMA CGM's vessels will call HHLA Container Terminal while UASC and CSCL vessels will call Eurogate Container Terminal.

With this change, AEC7 and AEC8 will have similar port rotation as well as cut-off times which will allow us to provide you with a non-interrupted service from/to Asia to/from Europe.

Please note that, the aligned service will call Vung Tau, Vietnam (VNVUT). This is the second service providing a direct call at Vung Tau on the Asia - Europe trade, providing you with one of the fastest transit times from Vietnam to Europe in the market.

### Xiamen call on AEC8 service will be transferred to Asia – Europe Container Service 1 (AEC1)

- **New port rotation of AEC1:** Qingdao - Shanghai - Ningbo - **Xiamen** - Yantian - Port Kelang - Felixstowe - Rotterdam - Hamburg - Zeebrugge - Rotterdam - Port Kelang - Yantian - Qingdao.
- **Effective date:** The service will start its new rotation from week 42 with the first vessel 'CSCL Atlantic Ocean' departing Qingdao, China (CNTAO), 16 October.

### During the Golden week in Asia, our AEC network will also experience some blank sailing as follows:

- AEC1 will have one blank sailing in week 41, after vessel 'Al Nasriyah' departing Qingdao, China (CNTAO), 1 October.
- The aligned AEC7/AEC8 service will have one blank sailing in week 41, after vessel 'CSCL Saturn' departing Ningbo, China (CNNGB), 29 September.

We thank you for your continuous support and welcome you to contact your local sales or customer service representative with questions regarding any AEC service and/or booking enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

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