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FEATURE STORY – Region Focus

Mediterranean

Mediterranean – derived from the Latin word *mediterraneus*, literally means “sea between lands” is on account of the region’s intermediary position between the continents of Africa and Europe. The Mediterranean region is defined as countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

The Mediterranean Sea, the world’s largest inland sea is bounded by portions of Europe, Africa and Asia and 21 nations have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.

Europe: Spain, France, Monaco, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Greece and Turkey (East Thrace).

Asia: Turkey (Anatolia), Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Egypt (Sinai Peninsula).

Africa: Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.



Some of the world’s busiest shipping routes are in the Mediterranean Sea. It consists of two sub-regions, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Mediterranean.

Interesting Facts on the Mediterranean Sea

- ❑ The Mediterranean Sea is almost land locked as it is bordered by 21 countries.
- ❑ The Mediterranean Sea is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by the Strait of Gibraltar which is the main source of water for the sea.
- ❑ It has been estimated that it takes a century for the Mediterranean Sea to be completely renewed through the Strait of Gibraltar.
- ❑ The Mediterranean Sea has a very deep blue colour and the tides are not as prominent as other seas.
- ❑ The Mediterranean Sea also affects the climate of the region, which is most often wet, with cold winters and hot summers.



Cavtat, Croatia



Ölüdeniz, Turkey



Ibiza Town, Spain



Sveti Stefan, Montenegro

Globelink's Direct Services Into and Out of Mediterranean Ports

Spain – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Barcelona	Algeria	Algiers	Weekly	Barcelona	Lebanon	Beirut	Weekly
	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Weekly		Malaysia	Port Klang	Weekly
	Australia	Melbourne	Fortnightly		Malta	Valletta	Weekly
		Sydney	Fortnightly		Mexico	Altamira	Fortnightly
	Brazil	Paranagua	Fortnightly			Veracruz	Weekly
		Rio de Janeiro	Fortnightly		Morocco	Casablanca	Weekly
		Santos	Weekly		New Zealand	Auckland	Fortnightly
	Canada	Montreal	Weekly		Panama	Colon	Weekly
	Chile	San Antonio	Weekly		Peru	Callao	Weekly
	China	Shanghai	Weekly		Portugal	Leixoes	2 x Weekly
		Xingang	Fortnightly			Lisbon	2 x Weekly
	Colombia	Cartagena	Weekly		Saudi Arabia	Jeddah	Fortnightly
	Costa Rica	San Jose	Fortnightly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
	Cuba	La Habana	Fortnightly		South Africa	Cape Town	Fortnightly
	Cyprus	Limassol	Weekly			Durban	Weekly
Dominican Rep.	Rio Haina	Fortnightly	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Weekly		
Ecuador	Guayaquil	Fortnightly	Tunisia	Tunis Rades	Weekly		

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Barcelona	Egypt	Alexandria	Weekly	Barcelona	Turkey	Istanbul	Weekly
	Greece	Piraeus	Fortnightly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly
	Guatemala	Guatemala	Fortnightly		Uruguay	Montevideo	Weekly
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Weekly		USA	Chicago	Weekly
	India	Nhava Sheva	Fortnightly			Houston	Fortnightly
	Israel	Ashdod	Weekly			Miami	Weekly
		Haifa	Fortnightly			New York	Weekly
	Jordan	Aqaba	Fortnightly		Venezuela	La Guairá	Fortnightly
Korea	Busan	Weekly		Puerto Cabello	Fortnightly		
Valencia	Brazil	Santos	Weekly	Valencia	Mexico	Veracruz	Weekly
	Canada	Montreal	Weekly		Morocco	Casablanca	Weekly
	Cyprus	Limassol	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly
	Malaysia	Port Klang	Weekly		USA	New York	Weekly

Spain – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Barcelona	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Fortnightly	Barcelona	Malaysia	Port Klang	Weekly
	Brazil	Santos	Weekly		Mexico	Veracruz	Fortnightly
	Canada	Montreal	Weekly		Pakistan	Karachi	Weekly
	China	Dalian	Weekly		Peru	Callao	Weekly
		Guangzhou	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Ningbo	2 x Weekly		Sri Lanka	Colombo	Weekly
		Qingdao	Weekly		Taiwan	Kaohsiung	Weekly
		Shanghai	2 x Weekly			Keelung	Weekly
		Shenzhen	2 x Weekly		Thailand	Bangkok	Weekly
		Xiamen	Weekly		Tunisia	Tunis Rades	Weekly
		Xingang	Weekly		Turkey	Gemlik	Weekly
	Cyprus	Limassol	Fortnightly			Istanbul	Weekly
	Egypt	Alexandria	Weekly			Izmir	Weekly
	India	Chennai	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly
		Jodhpur	Fortnightly		USA	Charleston	Weekly
		New Delhi	Weekly			Chicago	2 x Weekly
		Nhava Sheva	Weekly			Houston	Weekly
	Israel	Ashdod	Weekly			New York	Weekly
	Korea	Busan	Weekly				
	Valencia	China	Ningbo		Weekly	Valencia	India
Qingdao			Weekly	Korea	Busan		Weekly
Shanghai			Weekly	Peru	Callao		Weekly
Shenzhen			Weekly	Singapore	Singapore		Weekly
Xiamen			Weekly	Taiwan	Kaohsiung		Weekly
Xingang			Weekly		Keelung		Weekly
Hong Kong		Hong Kong	Weekly	USA	New York		Weekly

France – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Marseille	Singapore	Singapore	Fortnightly	Marseille	UAE	Jebel Ali	Fortnightly

France – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Marseille	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly				

Italy – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Genoa	Australia	Melbourne	Weekly	Genoa	Malaysia	Port Klang	Weekly
		Sydney	Weekly		Pakistan	Karachi	Weekly
	China	Xingang	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
	Egypt	Alexandria	Weekly		Sri Lanka	Colombo	Weekly
	India	Chennai	Weekly		Thailand	Bangkok	Weekly
		Nhava Sheva	Weekly		UAE	Abu Dhabi	Weekly
	Korea	Busan	Weekly			Jebel Ali	Weekly
	Kuwait	Kuwait	Weekly				

Italy – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Genoa	China	Qingdao	Weekly	Genoa	Korea	Busan	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly		Malaysia	Port Klang	Weekly
		Shenzhen	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Xingang	Weekly		Sri Lanka	Colombo	Weekly
	India	Nhava Sheva	Weekly		Thailand	Bangkok	Weekly

Malta – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Malta	Singapore	Singapore	Fortnightly	Malta	Spain	Barcelona	Weekly

Slovenia - Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Koper	Israel	Ashdod	Weekly	Koper	Singapore	Singapore	Fortnightly

Slovenia - Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Koper	China	Ningbo	Weekly	Koper	Israel	Haifa	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Weekly				

Croatia – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Rijeka	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly				

Greece – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Piraeus	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly	Piraeus	UAE	Jebel Ali	Fortnightly

Greece – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	
Piraeus	China	Ningbo	Weekly	Piraeus	India	Nhava Sheva	Weekly	
		Shanghai	Weekly			Korea	Busan	Fortnightly
		Shenzhen	Weekly			Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Weekly					
Thessaloniki	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly					

Turkey – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Gemlik	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly	Gemlik	UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly
	Spain	Barcelona	Weekly				
Istanbul	Egypt	Alexandria	Weekly	Istanbul	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Port Said	Weekly		Spain	Barcelona	Weekly
	Malaysia	Port Klang	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly
Izmir	Egypt	Alexandria	Weekly	Izmir	Spain	Barcelona	Weekly
	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly

Turkey – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	
Istanbul	China	Ningbo	Weekly	Istanbul	India	Nhava Sheva	Weekly	
		Qingdao	Weekly			Korea	Busan	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly			Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Shenzhen	Weekly		Spain	Barcelona	Weekly	
		Xingang	Weekly		Thailand	Bangkok	Fortnightly	
	India	New Delhi	Fortnightly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Fortnightly	
Izmir	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly					

Cyprus – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Limassol	China	Ningbo	Weekly	Limassol	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Weekly
		Qingdao	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly		Spain	Barcelona	Weekly
		Shenzhen	Weekly			Valencia	Weekly

Lebanon – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Beirut	China	Ningbo	Weekly	Beirut	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly		Spain	Barcelona	Weekly
		Shenzhen	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly

Israel – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Haifa	Spain	Barcelona	Weekly	Haifa	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly

Israel – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Ashdod	China	Ningbo	Weekly	Ashdod	India	Nhava Sheva	Weekly
		Qingdao	Weekly		Korea	Busan	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Xingang	Weekly		Slovenia	Koper	Weekly

Egypt – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency	POL	POD Country	POD	Frequency
Alexandria	Belgium	Antwerp	Fortnightly	Alexandria	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
	Germany	Hamburg	Weekly		Spain	Barcelona	Weekly
	Netherlands	Rotterdam	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly

Egypt – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Alexandria	Belgium	Antwerp	Weekly	Alexandria	Netherlands	Rotterdam	Fortnightly
	China	Ningbo	Weekly		Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Shanghai	Weekly		Spain	Barcelona	Weekly
		Shenzhen	Weekly		Taiwan	Keelung	Fortnightly
		Xingang	Weekly		Turkey	Istanbul	Weekly
	Germany	Hamburg	Weekly		UAE	Jebel Ali	Weekly
	India	Nhava Sheva	Weekly		UK	Felixstowe	Weekly
	Italy	Genoa	Weekly		USA	New York	Weekly
	Korea	Busan	Weekly				

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Port Said	China	Ningbo	Fortnightly	Port Said	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Shanghai	Fortnightly			Singapore	Weekly

Tunisia – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Tunis	Spain	Barcelona	Weekly				

Algeria – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Algiers	Spain	Barcelona	Weekly				

Morocco – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency	POD	POL Country	POL	Frequency
Casablanca	China	Ningbo	Fortnightly	Casablanca	Singapore	Singapore	Weekly
		Shanghai	Fortnightly			Barcelona	Weekly
		Romania	Fortnightly			Valencia	Fortnightly

CWT Globelink has presence in 22 countries with 92 offices. With Singapore as its headquarters and offices in Australia, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Solvenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UAE and Vietnam.

For more information on the services offered, kindly contact the local Globelink offices.

NEWS ON GLOBELINK OFFICES – Accolades

China

Globelink Ranks Among Top 100 Freight Forwarders in China



Globelink China ranked in the Top 100 Freight Forwarders has been accorded with a 31st position among seafreight forwarders in 2010 by the China International Freight Forwarders Association.

This achievement is evidence of the dedication and hard work that the Globelink China Team has put in and without which, would not have been possible.

In China, Globelink has 12 own offices including Beijing, Dalian, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Ningbo, Qingdao, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Shi Ji Zhuang, Xiamen, Xi'an and Tianjin with another 30 other inland points represented.

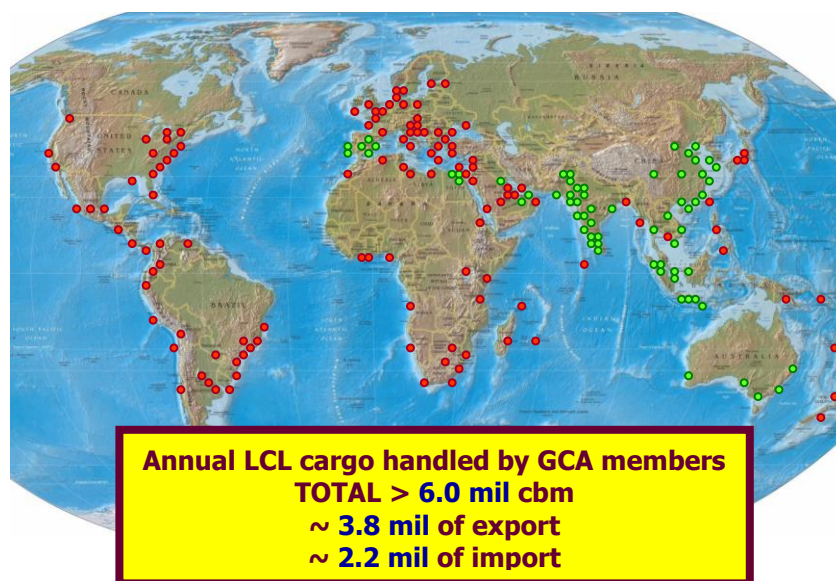
NOTICES – GCA and notices by its member



The Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA)

In order to provide better service coverage for the international freight forwarding community, Globelink and its key agents in the network formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) in 2009. The GCA provides centrally coordinated communication platforms through its secretariat in Singapore, and is further complemented by several regional and local contact points.

The GCA and Globelink agency network handles more than 6.0 mil cbm of LCL cargo annually, with a comprehensive network coverage of over 1,500 direct trade lanes, linking close to 100 ports of origin to 200 ports of destination. Through comprehensive pre-carriage and on-carriage capabilities, another 1,500 global origins and destinations and more are seamlessly and efficiently connected by the GCA-Globelink network.



For more details about GCA, please contact gcasecretariat@gca-online.net

Mercury Freight: Surety Bond for Transshipment Cargoes

Globelink's GCA network partner, Mercury Freight in Philippines would like to alert all shippers on the new requirements for transshipment cargoes via Manila to the Southern Philippines/Peza Zones. Consignees have to apply and submit a Surety Bond to the Bureau of Customs before cargoes can be onforwarded to the final destination like Davao, Iloilo, Cagayan de Oro, General Santos, etc.

We welcome GCA and our network members to make use of our newsletter to introduce any new services you may have. Please contact newsletter@cwt-globelink.com

NOTICES – Globelink Offices

Penalty for Overweight Containers to New Delhi

The Government of Uttar Pradesh, Transport Department has implemented the provisions of section 133 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988 w.e.f. 8 August 2011 with regard to the movement of overweight vehicles on the roads.

As per the regulations, besides levying fines and penalties, the Transport Authorities also has a provision for imprisonment. Excess cargoes will be sized from any vehicle/container that is found to be overweight.

Hence forth, the transportation of overweight containers will not be allowed on the roads to ICD Patparganj, New Delhi. The CFS at ICD Patparganj has informed all concerned not to bring in any containers with a gross weight of 28 MT including the tare weight of the container.

It is therefore requested that all parties follow the provisions strictly and not stuff cargo weighing more than 24 MT in a 20' or 40' container to New Delhi to avoid any serious consequences.

Removal Notice: Globelink WW Kolkatta

Please note the new address Globelink WW, Kolkatta w.e.f 2nd September 2011:-

Globelink WW India Pvt Ltd

Vasundhara Building
8-B, Next to Central Plaza
2/7, Sarat Bose Road
Kolkata – 7200020

NOTICES – Globelink Network Partners

New Direct LCL Service from Istanbul to Odessa

Globelink's network partner, Unimar in Turkey has announced a new direct LCL service ex Ambarli (Istanbul) to Odessa, Ukraine w.e.f 5th August 2011.

Due to local conditions, all shipments to Odessa should be checked for acceptance before loading. Strictly no personal effects cargoes is allowed. Hazardous cargoes has to be checked for acceptance on a case to case basis.

For more information, please contact guray.karaca@unimar.com.tc

INDUSTRY NEWS

Durban Meltdown

Durban, which is South Africa's largest box port, once again appears to be in crisis mode with trucks facing lengthening waiting times to gain entry to the terminal and about 20 ships anchored offshore waiting for a berth at the Durban Container Terminal (DCT) facility.

It is unclear as to what lies behind the port's latest difficulties problems, although it appears to be a combination of factors, including poor weather (high winds) which has affected cargo-handling activities, the Navis SPARCS N4 terminal operating system being increasingly offline and a lack of 'serviceable straddle carriers' at pier 2.

While pier 1 of DCT is based on a more reliable RTG system, Transnet Port Terminals, which operates the facility, has no plans to change the operandus modi at pier 2. With many of the straddle carriers first generation units, they are old and unreliable.

The net result has been queuing trucks with lines stretching more than 4km and it taking drivers 15 hours or so to reach the terminal gate.

This is impacting transit time and impacting our clients,' said an executive at a leading freight forwarder. 'We will continue to monitor the situation and will advise customers of any further deterioration in service levels.'

Some relief appears to be at hand with at least 10 newer models of straddle carrier being transferred from Cape Town Container Terminal to DCT yesterday and 28 newly built machines scheduled to be delivered to the operation in Durban in September.

- *Source: ci-online*

OTHERS

World Holidays in September 2011



Costa Rica

15th Independence Day

Egypt

12th Coptic New Year

Guatemala

15th Independence Day

Hong Kong

13th The day following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

India

28th Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami)

Korea

13th - 15th Chuseok (Harvest Moon Festival)

Slovenia

15th Restoration Day

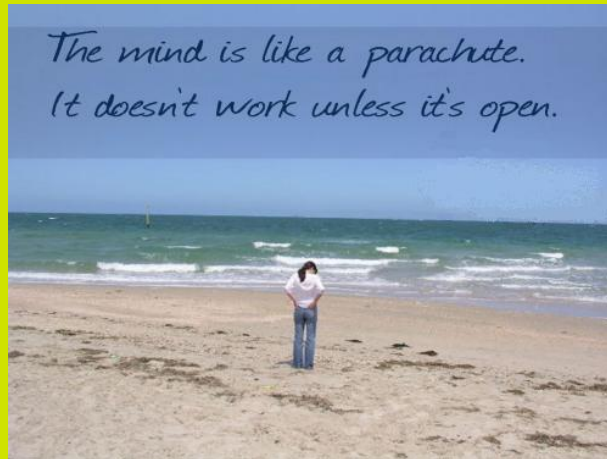
Sri Lanka

12th Binara Full Moon Poya Day

Vietnam

02nd National Day

INSPIRING QUOTE



CWT Globelink started in 1988 in Singapore. It has now expanded to over 92 offices in 22 countries, providing comprehensive and high quality consolidation services to our valued customers.

CWT Globelink's presence includes Australia, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UAE and Vietnam.

Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

For more information about the CWT Globelink Group, please refer to our website: www.cwt-globelink.com or contact: newsletter@cwt-globelink.com



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