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# Message from VIM GROUP, UKRAINE



Dear Partners,

During these unstable times that we are facing in the region, we would like to inform you that in spite of many different struggles, **VIM Ukraine** is in a position to offer service in Ukraine for HCL Network agents. This is possible via European ports and airports.

Our employees are motivated to survive not only physically but also professionally and look forward to handling humanitarian cargo and contract shipments which are allowed to move under secured corridors.

Reach out to us for any assistance required;

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# Message from VIM GROUP, UKRAINE



#### A brief update on the situation in Ukraine - an outlook for the brighter future

While the situation in Ukraine is still far away from normal, people have still not lost their hope for peace and try to do everything possible to help each other in this turbulent and sorrowful time.

While war causes destruction of people's lifestyles, Ukrainians who are known to be hard-working and strong, are demonstrating high spirits and exceptional will and to work for the good of their motherland.

People of all professional areas are uniting their efforts to help those in need and to help themselves survive through the difficult times. Logistics is one of those professional areas that is always needed, and while standard operations has until recently been nearly paralysed, the focus has been on humanitarian cargo and medical shipments.

Logistics professionals all over Ukraine and in the neighbouring countries such as Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Moldova and many other countries in the Eastern European region work closely together to ensure regular supply of shipments for local population and those who were forced to flee the country, as well as local and international organisations involved in dealing with devastating consequences of military actions. This also involves Russian formations of thousands of people who are naturally against this war.

Freight forwarders in Western Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas are united into a worldwide alliance to demonstrate the magnitude of joint effort directed towards enhancing supply networks on a global level. This is not only business but also a demonstration of values of humanity through working together. We have a firm understanding that each and every HCL member is a part of this alliance.

In detail, **inland freight forwarding** is completed mainly via Germany, Poland and Romania: airports in the neighbouring countries enable take-off of export shipments, and extensively operating trucking system enables for Ukraine inbound shipments to reach Ukrainian destinations via **secured traffic corridors**. Outbound **ocean freight** shipments are now being rerouted from Ukrainian ports to ports in Poland and Romania and inbounds are now being **delivered in Ukraine locally** thus **clearing the initial backlog** in Ukrainian ports. Most of ocean freight carriers waive all detention and demurrage fees for Ukrainian shipments.

While it is mainly **medical and humanitarian cargo** that is currently being transported, there are forecasts and occasional present shipment movements of **pharmaceuticals** that imply a hope that **transportation will be restored to a fuller extent in the near future**. Therefore, even more requests to and from Ukraine are expected to be handled soon.

In the meantime, should there be any humanitarian or medical shipment requests coming from your local customers concerning Ukraine, it will be a pleasure of HCL Ukraine as well as HCL Poland and other neighbouring countries to support these enquiries.

We all see the world is uniting in the face of military actions to support innocent people. This tragedy has made many people look wider than normal and see more than meets the eye. We as logistics professionals all stand by peace and free trade in every corner of the world, from East to West, and from North to South. We believe we can all join together in a stand for peace and leverage our valued via logistics services worldwide.

Best regards,

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These are some photos taken in the last couple of days by volunteers participating in initiatives to support local population in Kiev and surrounding areas. They demonstrate compassion and passion for making things work. Warm food made with care and

delivered fresh to those in need.















#### Service Update—RIF GROUP



#### RIF Launches new service!

Need to move stock to or from Europe? Let's get it on the road now. Our **European Road Freight Solutions** have been designed to deliver not just your cargo, but peace of mind.

In a hurry? Our dedicated door-to-door solution is for you. Simply give us the details of pick up and destination, the nature of the cargo and quantity, and our team will arrange fast, reliable transportation.

Looking for the perfect balance between speed and value? Our part load service is your solution. You'll be sharing the vehicle with another company, but your cargo will reach its destination within days for a good price.

Is cost-effectiveness your priority? No problem. Our consolidated freight service is for you. We have scheduled trips to and from Netherlands, Europe. We are growing our services all the time and investing in extending our already regular schedule in the future.

Head over here for more information:

https://www.rifgroup.co.uk/european-road-freight-solutions-2/

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### Service Update—RIF GROUP



#### RIF Logistics are proud to announce we have successfully passed our BRCGS Audit!

This audit covers different aspects of our warehousing service from the storage of consumer products including nursery equipment (step stools and changing mats), electrical items (including audio equipment), and also the storage of ambient food products including food supplements and confectionery.

RIF Group offers multiple award-winning Air & Ocean Freight and Logistics services designed to simplify international trade for our clients.

This certification allows us to continue to offer a wide range of services for your warehousing and logistics needs.

To find out more about how we can help you, contact us now at: info@riflogistics.co.uk

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### **Customer Advisory -ELWA GHANA LTD**



#### **ELWA GHANA LTD CUSTOMER ADVISORY PERSONAL EFFECTS TO GHANA**

Ghana accepts personal effects subject to the following conditions being met:

- 1. Freight + DHC prepaid;
- 2.
- 2. Information passed to shippers mandatorily that there are no exemptions for charitable / donation cargoes on customs duties in Ghana;
- 3. Personal effects for new residents must have a 'unaccompanied baggage' certificate issued by customs at the international airport in Ghana to accord duty exemptions on used personal effects only.

For any further clarification, please contact;

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# Celebrations —Oshfir Import & Export, Israel

Few days back, Israel celebrated the most joyful holiday - Purim.

Purim, is a Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jews who, in the 5th century BCE, were marked for death by their Persian rulers.

We celebrate by reading the Book of Esther (The queen), exchanging food and drink and partaking in a celebratory meal.

Further more It is also customary for children (and adults, if they desire) to dress up in costumes. The custom of wearing costumes on Purim is an allusion to the nature of the Purim miracle, where the details of the story are really miracles

hidden within natural events.

Here you can find some pictures of Oshfir Israel celebrating.

Some of you may be able to recognize the one in a big beard and wig!





#### Market Update—Premiere Logistics Ltd, China

# **PRIMIETE.** logistics

**PERIETE**. logistics

#### Strong demand for Asia-Europe air cargo – Revenue increases by 27%

John Menzies saw its revenue jump 27% to \$1.35bn in 2021 compared to \$1.1bn in 2020 and it expects cargo to fuel further improvements.

The aviation services group said its underlying operating profit was \$76m, up \$100m since 2020 when it was hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and recorded a \$24m loss. The group also saw that the growth of 39% year on year to \$574m.

This was driven by "commercial success and new cargo locations", particularly in the US where the firm won a contract with Avianca at Miami.

The company also said air cargo robustness, returning flight volumes, continued management actions to control costs and reshape the business, and governmental support schemes have encouraged the "substantial profit turnaround".

As a result, the volume of cargo handled reached 1.7m tonnes in 2021 compared with 1.2m tonnes a year earlier.

The company's Air Menzies International forwarding revenues were 33% higher than the prior year, due to stronger yields, the extension of reach and higher volumes.

"We have benefited from restricted cargo capacity reflecting the reduced passenger flights and seaport congestion in some markets. We also expanded our network of air cargo warehouses from 49 to 58 and the number of freight forwarding depots from 21 to 24." The company said.

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Nevertheless, there are many variables facing air cargo's Asia-Europe trade lane in 2022, especially Turbulence, which is underestimated.

The Covid-19 variants may shut down factories as well as airlines and airports, while purchasing power of consumer may be weakened by inflation and there is also the long-term prospect of high freight rates.



#### Market Update—Premiere Logistics Ltd, China

# **PREMIETE**. logistics

**PEMIETE**. logistics

### Partnership enhances Supply Chain Management

#### Cainiao and Qatar Airways Cargo

Cainiao, which is the logistics arm of ecommerce giant Alibaba, is working in close collaboration with Qatar Airways Cargo on a new B777 freighter service between Hong Kong and South America for two years.

Guillaume Halleux, who is a chief officer cargo at Qatar Airways, stated that the partnership had been under discussion for years and we hoped that we could boost our business through growing trend of online shopping demand. "It is one of the fastest growing verticals within the industry, this sector is also witnessing burgeoning growth in the Latin American market with São Paulo being the largest import destination where there is a scheduled charter demand, "he said.

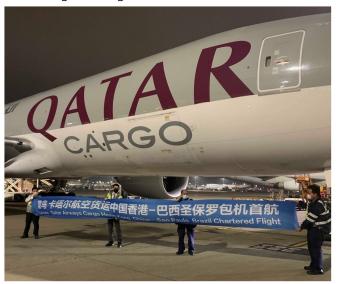
The two-year deal includes the provision of 100 tonnes of dedicated weekly capacity from Hong Kong to São Paulo/Guarulhos International with a tech stop in Doha – to capitalise on growing e-commerce demand.

The first flight started on March 5 carrying a cargo of online retail products such as beauty and fashion goods, jewellery, watches, appliances, toys, and sports equipment.

Dandy Zhang, commercial director of global line haul, believed that Cainiao's cross-border business could help improve supply chain integrity due to diversified carrier partners on the trade lane.

Zang also thought that deepening partnerships with different airline and logistics partners not only catered the needs of rise in cross-border trade and parcel volume between China and Latin America, but also dealt with an issue of air cargo scarcity. These ensures the cross-border logistics services for our customers and merchants.

At Qatar Airways Cargo, product-mix and ecommerce is one of the focus areas. With its extensive fleet of 33 freighters and over 200 passenger (belly-hold) flights, it can support Cainiao by providing stable and structured capacity with long-term flight schedule.



**Ethiopian Airlines and IDIPO** 

Few days ago, Ethiopian Airlines is also partnering with International Djibouti Industrial Park Operation (IDIPO) and Air Djibouti on development of sea-air operations between China and Africa.

According to a strategic agreement signed from the parties, cargo will be delivered from China to Djibouti Free Zone by sea and will then be transported to Djibouti International Airport by air. Sea-air operation is perceived to be cheaper than a pure air cargo operation but faster than a pure sea transport.

As China is the world's production base and Africa possesses huge population of 1.3 billion people, the markets of China and Africa are highly complementary. The new multimodal logistics solution can facilitate supply chain management system with best combination of speed, cost and quality services.



# Market Update—Premiere Logistics Ltd, China

# **PRIMIETE**, logistics

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Source: China's National Health Commission Note: Data as of March 15

#### China's covid lockdowns and the supply chain challenges

On March 20, China reported more than 4400 new COVID-19 cases. Despite China's zero-tolerance COVID-19 policy, it is in the middle of its biggest COVID-19 outbreak since the virus began its calamitous course in Wuhan, China, two years ago.

The outspread of COVID-19 is taking place in more than 30 cities, Shenzhen. one of the main hubs is also on the list. According to Lars Jensen from Vespucci Maritim, the influence might be carried on from three to even six months. And after the new restrictions were announced, more than 70 Taiwanese companies operating in the city and dozens of local Chinese manufacturers said they had suspended production. That means lots of closed factories—and disrupted supply chains.

The Yangtze River Delta Economic Zone is also struggling under the outbreak. Tens of thousands of factories are closed; highways are closed; cargo ships are omitted or delayed.



With factories cannot ship, freight forwarders warehouses are mostly shut down and difficulties arranging trucks, bringing us in to the most crucial situation handling logistics. Inflation and the supply chain challenges are to be seen clearly in the near future.

Luckily, with Premiere's widely positioned offices across China, we are still capable of providing the most accurate and up-to-date logistics solutions to help. Simply contact us to figure out the best routing and service from point A to any destinations you desire. A well prepared plan ahead is always better than having to accept whatever the current market has to offer.



**Business Update— WINDLOG, BRAZIL** 





## Intermodal 2022 brought together giants of the logistics sector

After two years, the main logistics event in South America returns to its activities after the pandemic pause. The 26th edition of Intermodal South America marked the gathering of the major players at the São Paulo Expo during March 15, 16 and 17, 2022. For the first time in history, Intermodal was held in hybrid form, that is, in both face-to-face and digital formats.



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"Intermodal is traditionally an annual milestone for the integration, unification and dissemination of all global services applied to integrated logistics. The event is attended by shipowners, airlines, Freight Forwarders, logistics and port terminals, carriers, customs brokers, technical and differentiated services, among other segments of the supply chain sector. With wide national and international exposure, Intermodal is a must for companies seeking to grow and update their services, providing "on time" integration in the B2B and B2C sectors," says Mauricio Welsh Carboni, director of Windlog, a company specialized in logistics solutions.



Mauricio Welsh Carboni

During the three days, several exclusive attractions were made available. Among them is the National Logistics Conference (CNL), held in partnership with the Brazilian Logistics Association (ABRALOG). Another highlight at Intermodal 2022 was the TI Innovations space, an exclusive environment that brings the latest information technology solutions, which have been revolutionizing distribution chains.

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"The global logistics sector has undergone severe behavioral changes, forcing us to update our marketing strategy to meet the growing demand for services and new customers. Within this context, we encountered countless adversities such as abusive freight increases, lack of space, lack of containers, difficulty in face-to-face meetings, among others. For this reason, we believe that Intermodal 2022 will bring new horizons and favorable expectations for the recovery of the economic sector in an optimistic and planned way," explains Carboni.

Among the factors that can ensure the full realization of logistics operations are experience and compliance with the parameters of foreign trade. "Since the beginning of Pandemic, Windlog, which is present on five continents acting in air, sea and road modals, invested in hiring new technical professionals, opened new branches in Brazil, renewed its management system and track tracing, among other exclusive services that were presented during the Intermodal. It is worth mentioning that within so many changes, the company continues in full growth, and it is one of the few freight forwarders AEO qualified and ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified, concludes Mauricio.

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### **Netting Update**



### **March Netting Calendar**

2022	AIR NETTING CALENDAR							
	CNC SEND OUT	CNC SEND OUT	CNC SEND OUT	LAST DAY	FINAL DAY I	PAYMENTS FROM	SETTLE- MENT	
MONTH	FIRST PRE REPORT	2ND PRE REPORT	3RD PRE REPORT	PRE RE- PORTS	FINAL RE- PORTS WILL BE	PARTICI- PANTS HAVE	PAY OUT DAY	
				CAN BE SENT TO CNC	SENT BY CNC	TO BE WITH CNC	BY CNC	
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
APRIL	19	20	21	22	25	26	04-May	

#### **NEW PARTICIPANTS IN THE NETTING**

- 1. INTERNATIONAL MOVING CARGO, ARGENTINA
- 2. ECU WORLDWIDE (BAHRAIN) CO. W.L.L
- 3. 3SIXTY GLOBAL LOGISTICS LIMITED, NEW ZEALAND



### **HOLIDAYS** around THE WORLD

Cyprus	1 Apr	Cyprus National Day
Mauritius	2 Apr	Ugadi (Gudi Padwa)
Maldives	2 Apr – 3 Apr	First day of Ramadan
Taiwan	2 Apr – 5 Apr	Tomb sweeping day
Malaysia	3-4 Apr	Awal Ramadan
China	3-5 Apr	Tomb-sweeping Day
Hong Kong	5 Apr	Ching Ming festival
Philippines	9 Apr	Araw ng Kagitingan
Tunisia	9 Apr	Martyrs' day
Vietnam	10 Apr	Hung Kings Commemoration Day
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Israel	11 Apr	Aliyah Day
El Salvador	13-15 Apr	Holy week
Spain/Philippines	14 Apr	Holy/Maundy Thursday
Canada, Hong Kong, Spain, New Zealand, Australia, Philippines, South Africa, Kenya, Germany, Chile, Singapore, Latvia, Jamaica, India,Uganda,Estonia,Israel, Malaysia, Portugal,Lebanon,UK	15 Apr	Good Friday
Israel	15 Apr	Passover eve.
Chile	16 Apr	Holy Saturday
	15-18 Apr	Easter holiday
Hungary	16 Apr	The day following Good Friday
Hong Kong	<u> </u>	
Srilanka Lebanon, Poland, Germany, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Portugal, Netherlands	16 Apr 17 Apr	Bak Full Moon Poya Day  Easter Sunday
Israel	17-21 Apr	Passover

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### **HOLIDAYS** around THE WORLD

UK,Latvia,germany,Lithuania,Uganda,Belgium,		
Kenya,Lebanon,Ireland,Jamaica,Poland,Hong Kong,Spain,New Zealand,Australia,Italy	18 Apr	Easter Monday
South Africa	18 Apr	Family day
Australia	19 Apr	Easter Tuesday
Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania	22 Apr	Orthodox Good Friday
Bulgaria	23 Apr	Orthodox Easter Saturday
Turkey	23 Apr	National Sovereignty andChildren's day
Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania	24 Apr	Orthodox Easter Sunday
Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania	25 Apr	Orthodox Easter Monday
Italy	25 Apr	Liberation day
Portugal	25 Apr	Liberty Day
New Zealand, Australia	25 Apr	Anzac day
Egypt	25 Apr	Sham el-Nessim
Australia	25 Apr	Anzac Day
Cyprus	26 Apr	Easter Tuesday(Greek Orthodox)
South Africa	27 Apr	Freedom day
Netherlands	27 Apr	Kings Day
Israel	28 Apr	Yom HaShoah
Egypt	28 Apr	Sinai liberation day
China/Taiwan	30 Apr – 4 May	Labour day holiday
Vietnam/Russia	30 Apr	Reunification Day



