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Parcel Wall quarterly freight report

What a box costs, which way the ships go, which ports are busy and which products are moving from parcels into containers. Built from open data, with a date on every panel.

$3,504

Shanghai to Rotterdam per 40ft

Drewry WCI headline, week of 12 Nov 2026

54.0%

of Suez plus Cape container transits use Suez

IMF PortWatch, 7 day average to 8 Nov 2026

EUR 4,070

modelled 40ft box, Yantian to Hamburg to Copenhagen

our model, run 15 Nov 2026

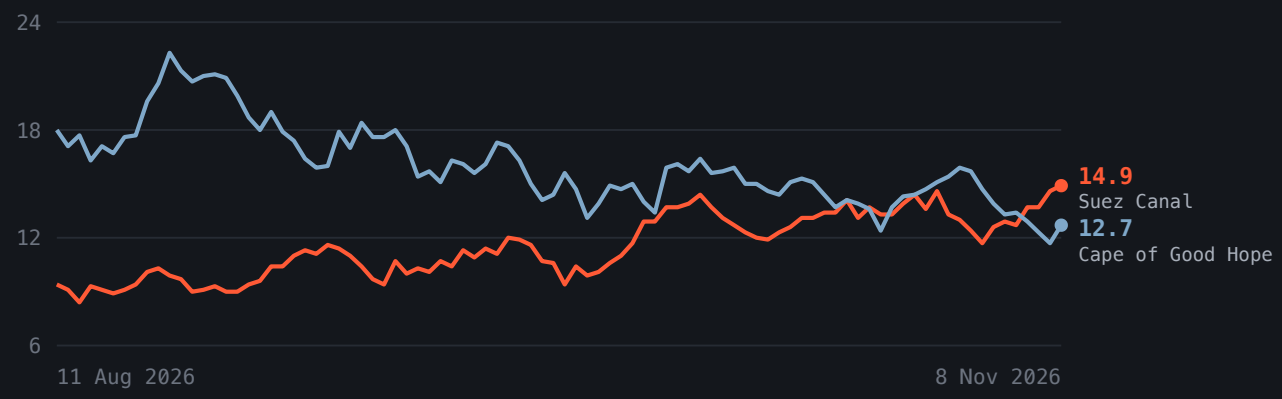
EUR 2.52

saved per 3 product order, container against parcel

our model, run 15 Nov 2026

CONTAINER SHIPS A DAY, 7 DAY AVERAGE

IMF PortWatch · data to 8 Nov 2026 · last good copy



01 · THE QUARTER IN FIVE NUMBERS

Rates are high across the Pacific, and Suez is filling back up.

Each number below is computed from a public source or from our stated model, and each carries the date of its data. Nothing here is a quote.

$7,416

A 40ft box from Shanghai to Los Angeles, 3.2 times the $2,328 of a year earlier. Shanghai to New York: $9,020, 2.8 times.

Drewry WCI headlines, weeks of 12 Nov 2026 and 13 Nov 2025

14.9 a day

Container ships through the Suez Canal, 57% above the one year average of 9.5. The Cape of Good Hope is at 12.7, 34% below its own average of 19.1.

IMF PortWatch, 7 day average to 8 Nov 2026

54.0%

Share of Suez plus Cape container transits now using the canal. Suez was above the Cape on 6 of the last 90 days, first on 22 Oct 2026.

IMF PortWatch, to 8 Nov 2026. All trades, not only Asia to Europe

+25.9%

Danish imports of toys, games and sports gear from China, year on year, in the first three months of the EUR 3 parcel duty. Footwear: -26.4%. 9 of 21 product chapters rose.

Eurostat Comext, HS 95 and HS 64, three months to Sep 2026

EUR 2.52

Saved per order when a 3 product order at EUR 12 an item moves from direct parcels (EUR 15.50) to a container on today's best lane (EUR 12.98). Containers win from 2 product lines.

Our landed cost model v1, run 15 Nov 2026. Assumptions on page 7

How fresh each layer is

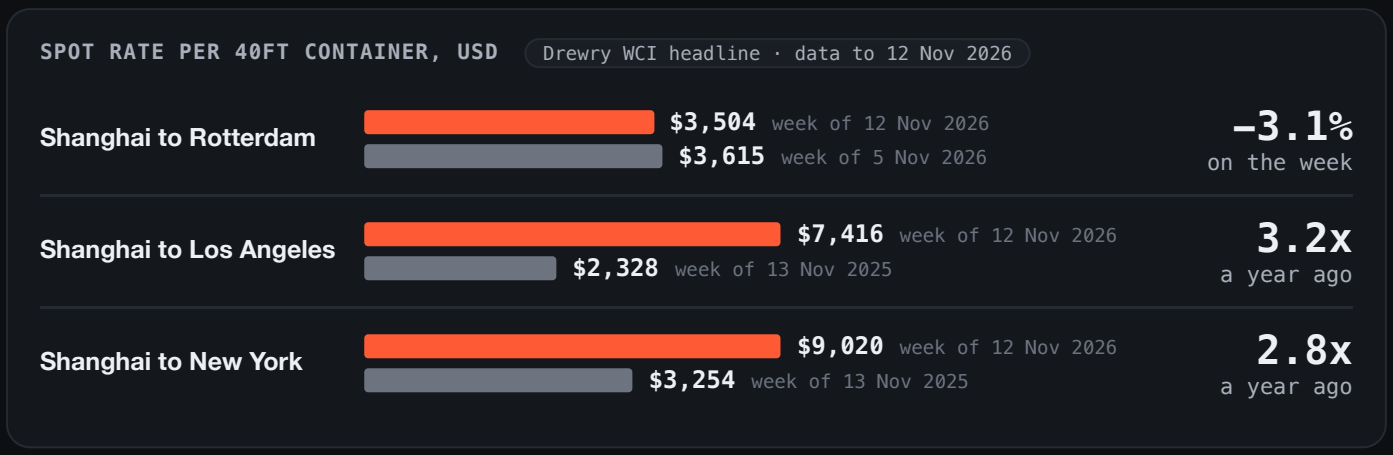
LAYER	SOURCE	REFRESH	LATEST DATA
Chokepoint transits	IMF PortWatch	Daily, about 5 days behind	8 Nov 2026 *
Port calls	IMF PortWatch	Daily	6 Nov 2026 *
Exchange rates	ECB reference rates	Daily, ECB working days	13 Nov 2026
Rate headlines	Drewry WCI, published weekly headline	Weekly, entered by hand with a link	12 Nov 2026
Trade by product chapter	Eurostat Comext	Monthly	Sep 2026
Lane and port scores	Our model v1	Daily	15 Nov 2026

* On the 15 Nov 2026 run the PortWatch pull hit a rate limit, so the last good copy is shown. The site marks this in amber as well.

02 · RATES

Shanghai to Los Angeles costs $7,416 a box, 3.2 times a year ago.

Published weekly headline figures for a 40ft container. The index series is proprietary, so only the headline is quoted, with its week and a link.



LANE	RATE	WEEK BEFORE	CHANGE	YEAR AGO	MULTIPLE
Shanghai to Rotterdam week of 12 Nov 2026	$3,504	$3,615	−3.1%	not entered	
Shanghai to Los Angeles week of 12 Nov 2026	$7,416	$7,539	−1.6%	$2,328	3.2x
Shanghai to New York week of 12 Nov 2026	$9,020	$9,303	−3.0%	$3,254	2.8x

Read across

All three lanes fell on the week: Rotterdam -3.1%, Los Angeles -1.6%, New York -3.0%. A box to Los Angeles costs 2.1 times a box to Rotterdam, and a box to New York 2.6 times.

In euros

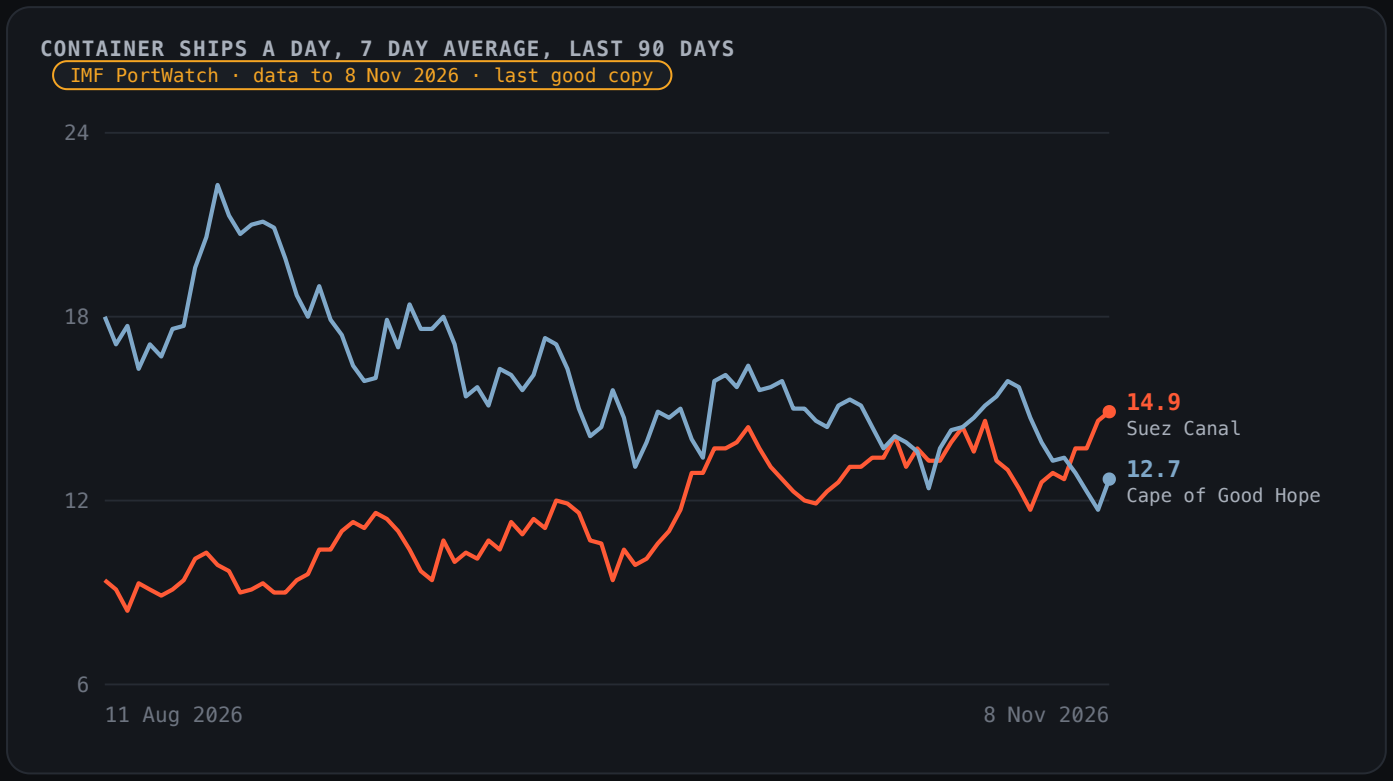
At the ECB reference rate of USD 1.1052 per EUR (13 Nov 2026), Shanghai to Rotterdam is EUR 3,170 a box. The lane model on page 5 starts from this figure.

Sources: Drewry World Container Index weekly headlines. Shanghai to Rotterdam, 12 Nov 2026: shippingtelegraph.com/freight-news/drewry-the-world-container-index-decreased-2-this-week-46-2026/ · Shanghai to Los Angeles, 12 Nov 2026: www.thedcn.com.au/news/world-container-index-12-november-2026 · Shanghai to New York, 12 Nov 2026: www.thedcn.com.au/news/world-container-index-12-november-2026 · Year ago, 13 Nov 2025: cyprusshippingnews.com/2025/11/19/drewrys-world-container-index-decreased-5-to-1859-per-40ft-container-last-week/. A year ago figure for Shanghai to Rotterdam has not been entered, so no multiple is shown for it.

03 · CHOKEPOINTS

Suez: 14.9 container ships a day, 57% above its one year average.

The Cape of Good Hope route is 34% below its own average. 54.0% of Suez plus Cape container transits now use the canal.



CHOKEPOINT	7 DAY AVERAGE	WEEK BEFORE	ONE YEAR AVERAGE	AGAINST ONE YEAR
Suez Canal	14.9	11.7	9.5	+57%
Dover Strait	38.9	36.7	35.2	+11%
Gibraltar Strait	32.7	31.6	31.2	+5%
Malacca Strait	62.3	56.3	60.3	+3%
Taiwan Strait	88.6	93.0	87.8	+1%
Bab el-Mandeb Strait	5.6	5.1	5.6	0%
Oresund Strait	5.1	4.1	5.1	0%
Cape of Good Hope	12.7	14.7	19.1	−34%

Source: IMF PortWatch daily chokepoint transits, container ships, 7 day averages to 8 Nov 2026. PortWatch counts ships, not boxes, and covers all trades through each chokepoint, not only Asia to Europe. Capacity based measures give a different share.

04 · LANE BOARD

Best lane: Yantian to Hamburg, EUR 4,070 a box, 41 days.

21 lanes from 3 Chinese ports through 7 EU gateways to a Copenhagen warehouse. Costs are modelled from the weekly rate headline plus stated inland assumptions. They are not quotes.

#	LANE	MODELLED 40FT BOX, EUR	DAYS, PORT TO WAREHOUSE	CALL REGULARITY	LANE SCORE
1	**Yantian to Hamburg** Germany	4,070	40.6	100	**80**
2	**Yantian to Bremerhaven** Germany	4,170	40.1	100	**76**
3	**Ningbo to Hamburg** Germany	4,070	43.1	100	**72**
4	**Yantian to Aarhus** Denmark	4,051	45.1	87	**70**
5	**Ningbo to Bremerhaven** Germany	4,170	42.6	100	**70**
6	**Shanghai to Hamburg** Germany	4,070	43.6	100	**69**
7	**Ningbo to Aarhus** Denmark	4,051	47.6	87	**67**
8	**Shanghai to Aarhus** Denmark	4,051	48.1	87	**65**
9	**Shanghai to Bremerhaven** Germany	4,170	43.1	100	**65**
10	**Yantian to Rotterdam** Netherlands	4,670	40.1	98	**57**
11	**Yantian to Antwerp** Belgium	4,670	40.1	95	**57**
12	**Yantian to Gdansk** Poland	4,629	44.6	100	**53**
13	**Ningbo to Rotterdam** Netherlands	4,670	42.6	98	**52**
14	**Ningbo to Antwerp** Belgium	4,670	42.6	95	**51**
15	**Ningbo to Gdansk** Poland	4,629	47.1	100	**50**
16	**Yantian to Piraeus** Greece	6,117	36.4	81	**49**
17	**Shanghai to Gdansk** Poland	4,629	47.6	100	**48**
18	**Ningbo to Piraeus** Greece	6,117	38.9	81	**48**
19	**Shanghai to Rotterdam** Netherlands	4,670	43.1	98	**47**
20	**Shanghai to Antwerp** Belgium	4,670	43.1	95	**46**
21	**Shanghai to Piraeus** Greece	6,117	39.4	81	**46**

Model v1 · data to 15 Nov 2026 Lane Score = 50% box cost percentile + 30% days percentile + 20% gateway call regularity. Rate week 12 Nov 2026, port calls to 6 Nov 2026, Suez share to 8 Nov 2026. Full container only. Every origin uses the same Shanghai headline rate.

05 · PORTS

Hamburg leads the port ranking with 68 container calls in 7 days.

Container ship calls at 11 ports on the lanes, with momentum against each port's own 13 week average.

PORT	CALLS, LAST 7 DAYS	13 WEEK WEEKLY AVERAGE	CALL MOMENTUM	IMPORT MOMENTUM	REGULARITY	13 WEEKS	SCORE
Hamburg Germany	68	61.8	+10%	−6%	100		76
Shanghai China	211	192.3	+10%	−6%	89		59
Bremerhaven Germany	49	49.0	0%	+34%	100		58
Gdansk Poland	16	16.3	−2%	+67%	100		57
Antwerp Belgium	88	84.5	+4%	+3%	95		53
Felixstowe United Kingdom	11	13.5	−19%	+4%	100		48
Rotterdam The Netherlands	128	121.8	+5%	−39%	98		45
Yantian China	59	58.3	+1%	−9%	100		45
Ningbo China	195	189.1	+3%	−8%	90		38
Aarhus Denmark	10	9.3	+7%	−44%	87		36
Piraeus Greece	48	45.7	+5%	−24%	81		34

Calls against the 13 week average

Up most: Hamburg +10%, Shanghai +10%. Down most: Felixstowe -19%, Gdansk -2%. 9 of 11 ports are at or above their own average.

Import volume against the 13 week average

Up most: Gdansk +67%, Bremerhaven +34%. Down most: Aarhus -44%, Rotterdam -39%. One week against 13 is noisy for small ports, so read it with the sparkline.

IMF PortWatch · data to 6 Nov 2026 · last good copy Port Score = 40% call momentum + 30% import momentum + 30% call regularity, as percentiles. Momentum is the last 7 days against the 90 day daily average. Call regularity measures how steady daily calls are beyond what chance gives a port of that size. It is not schedule reliability.

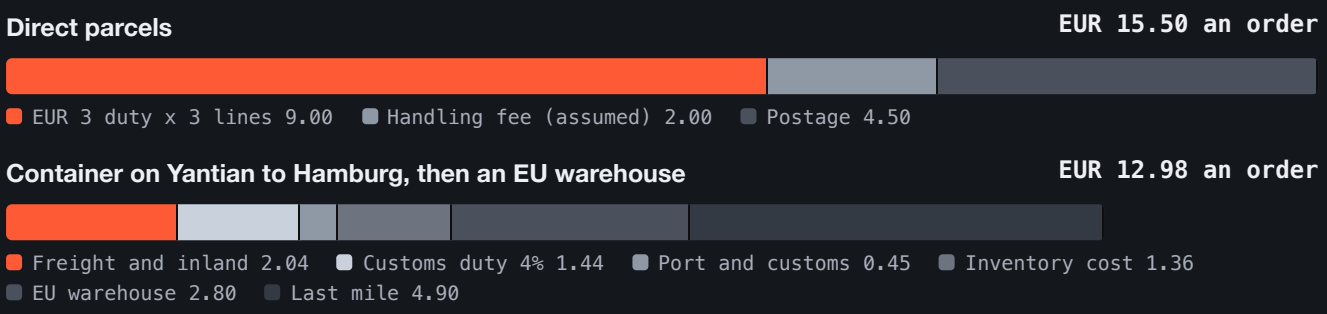
06 · LANDED COST

On a 3 product order, a container beats a parcel by EUR 2.52.

Since 1 Jul 2026 the EU charges EUR 3 per tariff line on parcels worth up to EUR 150. The model compares a direct parcel with a container to an EU warehouse on today's best lane.

COST PER ORDER, EUR, 3 PRODUCT LINES AT EUR 12 AN ITEM

Model v1 · data to 15 Nov 2026



COST PER ORDER BY PRODUCT LINES IN THE ORDER, EUR



Containers win by more than EUR 0.50 from 2 product lines.

Assumptions, all adjustable on the site

- 6,000 items per 40ft, customs value EUR 12 an item
- 4% normal duty on the customs value
- EUR 0.15 an item port and customs, EUR 2.80 warehouse pick and pack, EUR 4.90 last mile
- Inventory carried at 20% a year over 41 days plus four weeks of stock
- Parcel side: EUR 3 per tariff line, EUR 2 handling fee (assumed, amount and start date may change), EUR 4.50 postage

GATEWAY	SEA DAYS VIA SUEZ	EXTRA VIA CAPE	INLAND TO COPENHAGEN, EUR	INLAND DAYS	RATE MULTIPLIER
Rotterdam Netherlands	30	11	1,500	3	1
Antwerp Belgium	30	11	1,500	3	1
Hamburg Germany	32	11	900	1.5	1
Bremerhaven Germany	31	11	1,000	2	1
Gdansk Poland	35	11	1,300	2.5	1.05
Aarhus Denmark	37	11	500	1	1.12
Piraeus Greece	22	16	3,200	5	0.92

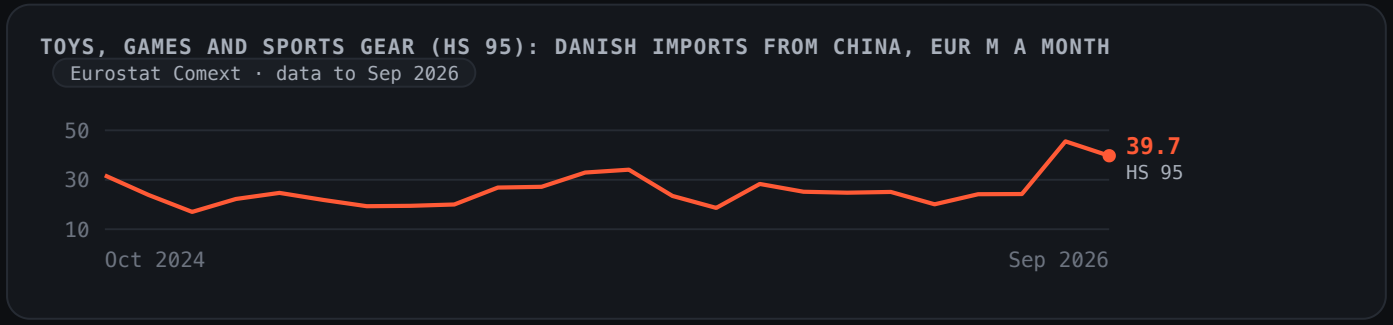
Sea days from Yantian. Shanghai adds 3 days and Ningbo 2.5. Terminal handling, brokerage, import VAT, storage and returns are not itemised. Duty rule: European Commission, Access2Markets. Modelled, not a quote.

07 · SWITCH INDEX

Toys from China +25.9%, footwear -26.4%, in the first quarter of the EUR 3 duty.

Danish imports from China by product chapter. The Switch Score ranks where container volume is most likely to grow: import momentum since the duty, low value per kilo, and China's share of non EU supply.

HS	CHAPTER	12 MONTHS, EUR M	CHINA SHARE	EUR PER KG	THREE MONTHS, YEAR ON YEAR	SCORE
95	Toys, games, sports gear	333	78.3%	7.60	+25.9%	80
73	Iron and steel articles	539	49.5%	3.15	+8.7%	73
94	Furniture and lighting	721	70.8%	3.73	+2.4%	73
83	Metal hardware	102	66.7%	6.75	+9.2%	70
44	Wood articles	79	15.5%	1.77	+3.5%	59
63	Home textiles	120	39.5%	6.23	−1.7%	57
69	Ceramics	53	48.0%	2.42	−14.7%	56
85	Electrical and electronics	1,545	44.9%	11.58	+10.1%	55
76	Aluminium articles	75	6.4%	6.42	+15.1%	54
39	Plastics and articles	309	35.1%	3.21	−7.2%	53
84	Machinery and appliances	1,209	34.9%	8.36	+14.8%	50
96	Miscellaneous articles	82	79.0%	8.20	−22.7%	50
70	Glassware	69	38.2%	2.27	−22.7%	48
82	Tools and cutlery	70	58.1%	8.29	−12.5%	47
87	Vehicles and parts (e-bikes)	189	17.7%	5.15	−5.6%	45
42	Bags, leather goods	108	51.6%	11.62	−9.2%	44
91	Clocks and watches	20	21.7%	31.08	+15.0%	37
61	Apparel, knitted	531	39.2%	20.06	−12.1%	30
64	Footwear	132	55.4%	16.15	−26.4%	30
62	Apparel, woven	572	38.3%	23.89	−11.6%	29
90	Optical and medical instruments	281	27.0%	25.44	−24.3%	11



Source: Eurostat Comext (DS-045409), Danish imports from China and from all non EU countries, monthly, to Sep 2026. Year on year compares the three months to Sep 2026 with the same months a year earlier. Switch Score = 35% import momentum since July 2026 + 35% low EUR per kg + 30% China share, as percentiles. The score also picks up goods that already moved by container, so read it as where volume is moving, not as proof of switching.

08 · METHOD AND SOURCES

Every number comes from a public source or a stated assumption.

Sources

- **IMF PortWatch**: daily chokepoint transits and port calls from ship tracking, about 5 days behind. To 8 Nov 2026 and 6 Nov 2026.
- **ECB**: euro reference rates. To 13 Nov 2026.
- **Drewry World Container Index**: the published weekly headline per lane, entered by hand with a link. The series is not republished. Week of 12 Nov 2026.
- **Eurostat Comext**: Danish imports by HS chapter, monthly. To Sep 2026.
- **European Commission, Access2Markets**: the EUR 3 rule per tariff line, from 1 Jul 2026.

Limits

- Lane costs are modelled, full container only. They are not quotes and have not been checked against forwarder quotes yet.
- PortWatch counts ships, not boxes, and all trades through a chokepoint.
- Days blend the Suez and Cape routes by the current share. A real ship takes one or the other.
- Trade data is for Denmark, not the whole EU.
- Rows are lanes, ports, countries, chokepoints and product chapters only. No company is named.

Scores

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- **Suez share** = Suez container transits divided by Suez plus Cape container transits, 7 day averages.

Who reads which page

- **Importers and e-commerce operations leads**: rates (page 3), the lane board (page 5) and landed cost (page 7), to decide ship now or wait, which lane, parcel or container.
- **Forwarder and 3PL sales leads**: rates, chokepoints (page 4) and ports (page 6), as a dated market update to send customers.
- **Marketplace sellers under the EUR 3 duty**: landed cost and the Switch Index (page 8), by product chapter.
- **Analysts and journalists**: every chart names its source and date, and the tables are free as CSV.

About this sample, and the full edition

This sample is built from the same data files as the live site, on the run of 15 Nov 2026. It is free to read and to forward. The full quarterly edition is planned with the data tables as CSV and the lanes a reader asks for. Its price, USD 99 to 199 an edition, is an assumption and it is not on sale yet. No customer names, quotes or counts appear here, because there are none to show.

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