

March 5, 2026

Middle East Operational Updates by Carrier

Updating **COSCO and HAPAG** – they have now suspended bookings.

Considering the rapidly evolving security situation in the Middle East, effective immediately *and *subject to change without notice**

MAERSK

Suspending all new bookings between the India Subcontinent (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka) and the Upper Gulf markets of UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia (Dammam and Jubail only).

Suspending reefer, dangerous / special cargo acceptance in and out of UAE, Oman, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia until further notice.

Emergency Freight Increase

An increase of \$1800/3000 (\$3800 for reefer, SPEC)

Effective date 3/2/26

Scope: UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia (Damam and Jubail), Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman (Sohar).

Bookings Already Placed/Cargo in Transit/New Bookings

As of 02 March 2026, this freight increase will be payable by the freight paying party for all ports except Oman–Sohar. For Oman–Sohar, the increase will apply as of 03 March 2026.

The revised ocean freight rates will apply to all shipments currently in the Carrier's possession or control.

The scope of application will be:

- All bookings that have not yet shipped
- Cargo already on the water but not yet discharged or loaded to/from UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia (Damam and Jubail), Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, and Iraq.
- Shipments not yet loaded to/from the above destinations
- Applicable for all future bookings from 02 March 2026 (exception for Oman, which is 03 March 2026)
- Not applicable to cargo that is only transshipping through these ports
- Export cargo will be exempt from the Emergency Freight Increase if the vessel's last departure from any of the impacted ports occurred before 27 February 2026. If the vessel called multiple impacted ports on its rotation; determining factor will be the final sailing date from the last impacted port. (*continued*)

- Not accepting dangerous cargo to and from Israel until further notice. All other acceptance to/from Israel remains open.

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Suspending all new bookings for cargo moving both to and from the Persian Gulf.

CMA

Emergency Conflict Surcharge (ECS)

An increase of \$2000/3000 DRY, \$4000 reefer or spec

Effective date 3/2/26

Bookings to Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait, Yemen, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt / Port of Ain Sokhna, Djibouti, Sudan, Eritrea.

This surcharge applies to any booking issued on or after 3/2/26, cargo not yet shipped, as well as cargo already afloat but not yet discharged or loaded to/from the countries mentioned.

Effective 3/3/26: Suspending all bookings to Bahrain, Iraq, Saudi Arabia (all ports except Jeddah, King Abdallah, Yanbu, NEOM), Kuwait, Qatar, UAW (except Khor & Fujairah)

For containers onboard or ready to load at the POL, CMA will communicate specifically on these shipments.

EVERGREEN

Suspending bookings for reefer and spec

General Rate Increase (GRI)

An increase of \$2000/3000, \$3000 45', \$3500 40' reefers

Effective date: 4/2/26

USA & Puerto Rico to Middle East

TURKON

Emergency War Risk Surcharge (EWRS)

An increase of \$2000/3000 (40', 45') and \$3500 reefer & spec

Effective date 3/3/26

All shipments to and from Red Sea (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia & Jordan) ports

MSC

Effective date 3/2/26

Suspending all bookings to the Middle East region until further notice.

Existing bookings with no activity: will be cancelled and customers will be notified accordingly.

Bookings with activity but container not returned yet: please return the empty container to MSC Depot or Port; Any Per Diem invoice can be considered nulled if empty is returned timely. Bookings with container already returned at POL / Rail: Cargo already in-gated on will sail on intended vessels and will be rerouted. Containers on water: the impossibility to transit the Strait of Hormuz would force us to use other Ports in the region to temporarily hold the units, while the best contingency plan is being arranged. As the vessels at this time are not calling Middle East ports they are to be discharged at a nearby port and updates will be sent as soon as available.

IPAK & RED SEA bookings are currently open.

HAPAG LLOYD

War Risk Surcharge

\$1500/2000, \$3500 reefer and spec

Effective 3/2/26

For cargo moving to and from the Upper Gulf, Middle East Gulf and Arabian Gulf.

Effective 3/4/26 Suspending all bookings to UAE, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Yemen

COSCO

Effective date 3/1/26

Vessels that have already entered the Gulf, after completing the operations where safe to do so, have been instructed to proceed to safe waters to hover or anchor. Vessels destined for the Gulf, have been notified to prioritize navigational safety, with measures including speed reduction, proceeding to safe waters, or awaiting further instructions at designated sheltered anchorages. COSCO is evaluating contingency plans for all cargo onboard the affected vessels, including potential alternative discharge ports, in full compliance with the relevant provisions of our Bill of Lading Terms and Conditions. Effective 3/4/26 Suspending all bookings on Middle East services and impacted areas/ports.

YANG MING

Suspending all bookings on Middle East services and impacted areas/ports.

For existing bookings, schedule updates and delays or re-routing will be provided as information becomes available.

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All Mid East area bookings are under review. At this moment, they do not have any updates to share regarding booking suspension or surcharges.