



# Asia Container Crisis

The events that led to this year's logistics delays.

## Coronavirus Outbreak

This year's problems started with the covid-19 pandemic.

### CHINA

Chinese New Year was extended, which led to initial delays in manufacturing and production.



## European Lockdowns

European nations followed suit as the pandemic spread.

### EUROPE

The initial lockdowns brought much uncertainty and a temporary stop to many orders from Asia.

## Limited Capacity

Carriers parked vessels as trade and economy threatened.

### ASIA

The slowdown and uncertainty led to carriers docking vessels and blanking sailings to reduce expected losses.



## Rising Rates

Rates spiralled out of control as carriers held back capacity.

### ASIA/EUROPE

Demand outstripped capacity, space became very tight and rates spiralled, but carriers did not return to full capacity.

## High Demand

Nobody expected the demand to be so high after lockdown.

### ASIA/EUROPE

Unexpected high volumes followed but capacity was still restricted, and peak season was initially condensed.



## Extended Peak Season

The high demand has continued into November & December.

### ASIA/EUROPE

Peak season usually starts to tail off during October, but the demand has continued to be high late in the year.



## Equipment Shortages

Containers returning slowly to Asia caused a shortage.

### ASIA

High volumes to Europe and the USA, along with slow port operations led to a critical shortage of boxes in Asia.



## UK Port Crisis

UK ports could not cope, and major delays followed.

### UK

Congestion and covid-19 operational measures slowed container ports down as the volume kept coming.

## Container Transport

Demand, port delays and driver shortages led to delivery delays.

### UK

Transport operators were majorly hindered by the port crisis - deliveries were delayed by up to 2 weeks.



## Vessel Cut & Runs

Ships 'cut and run' to Europe without unloading containers.

### UK/EUROPE

Ships queued at UK ports, some diverted to Europe leaving boxes stranded there.

These issues have led to carriers blanking the UK on some voyages, meaning less capacity and rates continuing to rise.