

**VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



**DIEGO APONTE,  
VINCENT CLERC AND  
RODOLPHE SAADE**

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**CARRIERS**

**MOL COMFORT:**

What could have caused a modern 8,110 teu containership break in two as it headed from Asia to Europe?

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**DATA HUB**

**SHIPPER SENTIMENT SURVEY**

Service levels have not declined despite the weak economic climate, with most shippers pleased with carrier's performance.

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**TRADE STATISTICS**

MDS Transmodal does not foresee any growth in the global container trades between now and early 2014

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**DATA HUB**

**FREIGHT FORECASTER**

Carriers successfully implemented a July 1 general rate increase in the Asia-Europe trades, causing prices to jump to more than \$1,400 per teu - the highest level since mid-March. But will the rates hold?

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**FREIGHT RATE INDICATORS**

Freight rates in the main east-west trades continued to soften in the January-June period, but lower fuel prices brought some relief.

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**WORLD FLEET UPDATE**

Smaller tonnage is being axed in favour of post-panamax boxships.

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TRADE ROUTE INTELLIGENCE

## EUROPE-NORTH AMERICA

First quarter data provides some comfort for the transatlantic routes.

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## THE TRIO RESHAPING CONTAINER SHIPPING

Vincent Clerc, Diego Aponte and Rodolphe Saadé discuss the proposed P3 Network.

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## SHIPPER AND FORWARDER REACTION

Customers welcome the prospect of service stability but ask whether the P3 Network will limit choice.

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## THE OVERVIEW

Plans for the world's three biggest container lines to team up bring together some unlikely bedfellows.

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## IMPACT ON PORTS

The proposed P3 Network poses new challenges for terminal operators.

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## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Competition lawyer *Philippe Ruttley* says P3 lines face the risk of antitrust probes but urges the European Commission not to stifle innovation.

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The View from the Bridge interview with Maerks Line's head of environment and corporate social responsibility Jacob Sterling will be published in the August issue

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## WHAT THE ANALYSTS SAY

MDS Transmodal considers the wider implications of the P3 Network.

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BOX WORLD BRIEFING

## NEWS ROUND-UP

- London Gateway lands M&S
- First Triple-E ships will not be fully-loaded
- Container fire revives misdeclaration concerns

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## THE IRRATIONALITY OF FREIGHT RATES

European Shippers' Council's Marco R.F.Wiesehahn-Vrijman struggles to make sense of GRIs.

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