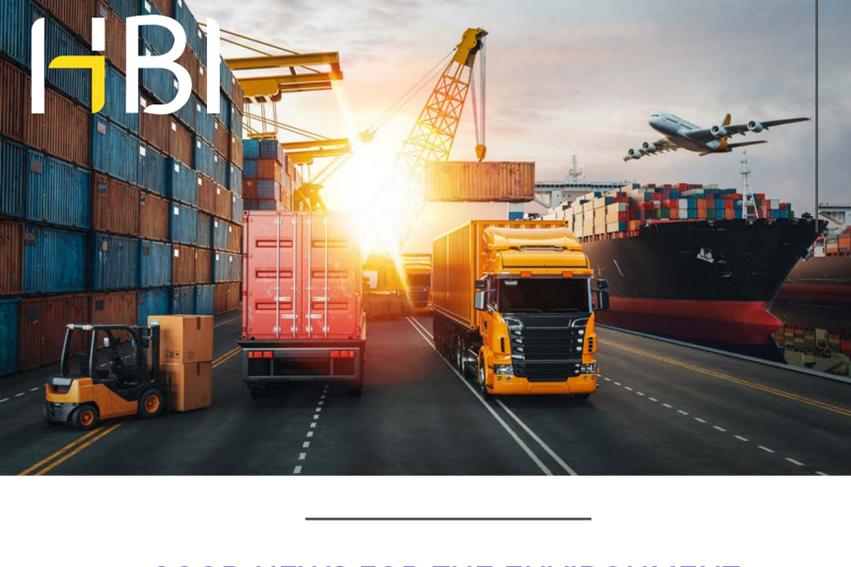


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GOOD NEWS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: THE MEDITERRANEAN WILL BECOME AN EMISSION CONTROL AREA BY 2025



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The countries around the Mediterranean Sea adopted last week measures to continue their efforts to protect the environment at the Barcelona Convention (UN Barcelona Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean).

After the USA, Northern Europe, it is now the Mediterranean that will pass from 2025 into the ECA zone (Emission Control Area) by lowering the current global standard from 0.5% sulfur to 0.1%

AFTER A SLIGHT DECREASE, FREIGHT RATES ARE RISING AGAIN



While the global indices Drewry or FBX had fallen slightly in November, freight rates have started to rise again at the end of the year.

This upward trajectory is expected to continue until the Chinese New Year, as consumer demand is still very strong.

The FBX index (including surcharges) climbs to \$ 13.424 on the China/Mediterranean trade or 1% increase, while in the other trade, Mediterranean/China, the index increases by 3% to \$ 1,541.

PIRACY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

Dryad Global, a maritime security specialist, reports an attack on a container ship, while it was en route between Cameroon and Benin. According to information from FleetMon, pirates have boarded and kidnapped six crew members.



FROM JANUARY 1ST, 2022, REVERSE CHARGE OF IMPORT VAT BECOMES MANDATORY AND AUTOMATIC



As of January 1st, 2022, the management and collection of VAT applicable to imports and exits from suspensive, taxed and non-taxed regimes, are transferred from the Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI) to the Directorate General of Public Finance (DGFIP) for any taxpayer identified for VAT in France.

For more information click on the link: [the Official Customs Bulletin No. 7440 of 23 November 2021 \(text 21-051\)](#) on the modalities of implementation of import VAT from 1st January 2022.

YANTIAN: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TERMINAL BEGINS

The port of Yantian in China, commissioned in 1994, is one of the largest container ports in the world. It offers more than 100 weekly services to destinations around the world.

After accounting for 200,000 million TEUs last February, the port of Yantian is expanding with a new terminal to increase its capacity by an additional 3 million TEUs per year, as well as additional rail connections to develop interland.

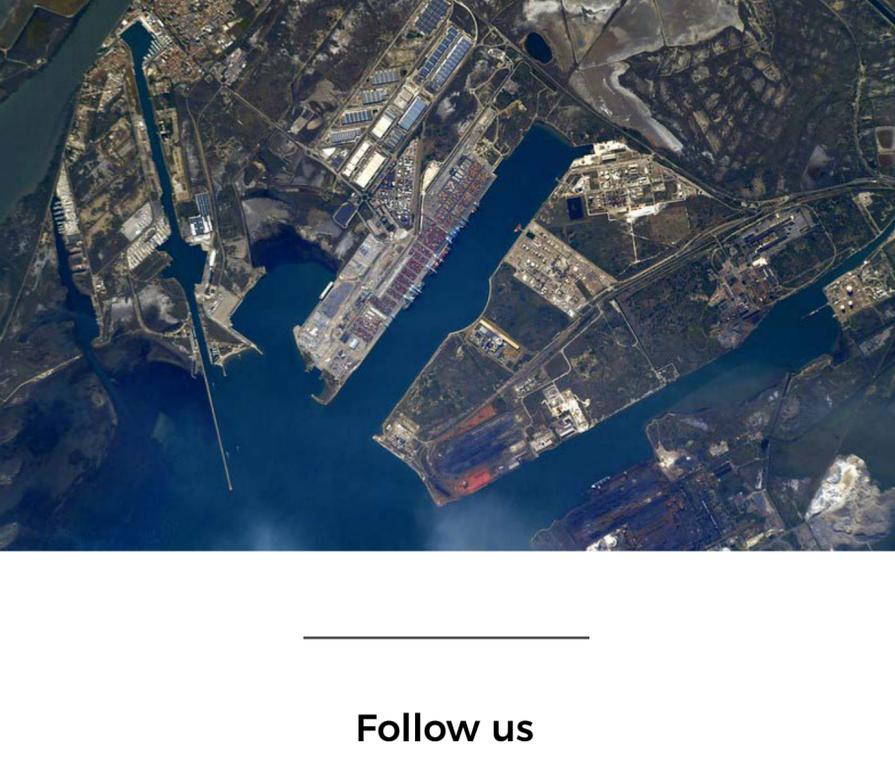
Digital projects will also be launched to integrate port operations with 5G communications, BeiDou satellite systems, blockchain, big data, artificial intelligence. The area of operation aims to become a smart & green port of global reference.



THOMAS PESQUET'S WINK AT THE PORT OF MARSEILLE-FOS!

Thomas PESQUET makes us enjoy the many shots captured from the ISS. This week, he honors us with a small focus on the maritime world by sharing this beautiful photo of the port facilities of Fos-sur-Mer and Port-Saint-Louis-Du-Rhône. As Thomas says "zooming in a little, you can see the shadows of the cranes that load the containers on vessels "...

The picture in very high resolution here : www.flickr.com



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