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Shanghai Ocean Terminals Continue to Experience Cargo Congestion

Ports in Shanghai, including Yangshan, Qingdao, and Ningbo continue to face cargo congestion, impacting container availability for global ocean liners. [According to sources](#), the congestion is attributed to several factors, from erratic weather to new liner alliances and others—spot rate hikes, overbookings, maintenance of a major waterway, and port system upgrades are said to have contributed to the cargo backup and turnovers in the Yangtze waterways.

From as early as late-April, industry news sources wrote on the incident and [reported that the congestion had spread to other nearby ports](#). A statement released by Maersk line regards “large phase-in/out exercises from the reshuffling of alliance networks starting in March” as the main culprit for terminal delays. Lloyd’s Loading List also attributed the congestion to steady growth in container volumes, with a 6% year-over-year increase in the first quarter of 2017.

A spokesperson for Shanghai International Port Group Co., Ltd. (SIPG) said the group could not guarantee that the congestion problem would be resolved in this month.



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