

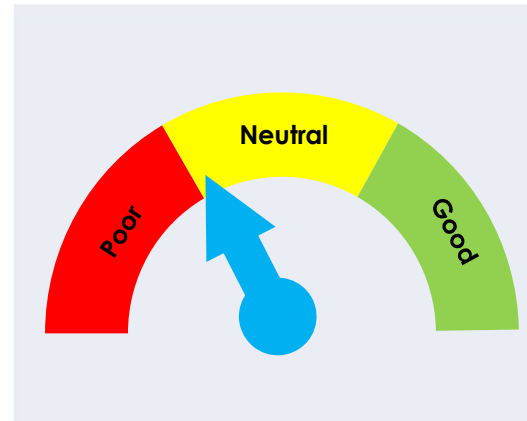
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The extension of the US import tariff pause to 1 August has not helped transpacific freight rates that retained their downward trajectory with cargo demand still slipping from the June peak. Carriers are retaining most of their transpacific capacity through the end of August despite the collapse in freight rates. The rate weakness is spreading to the East Coast with the widening gap to the West Coast rapidly eroding.

In contrast, European routes have been surprisingly resilient, with EC futures trading up on the back of spot rate hikes with capacity remaining tight following the recent bout of severe congestion at North European main ports. The US threat of secondary tariffs on countries doing business with Russia is unlikely to alter container trade flows, with the Russian market already weakening since the first quarter of this year that have resulted in the withdrawal of several Russian operators.

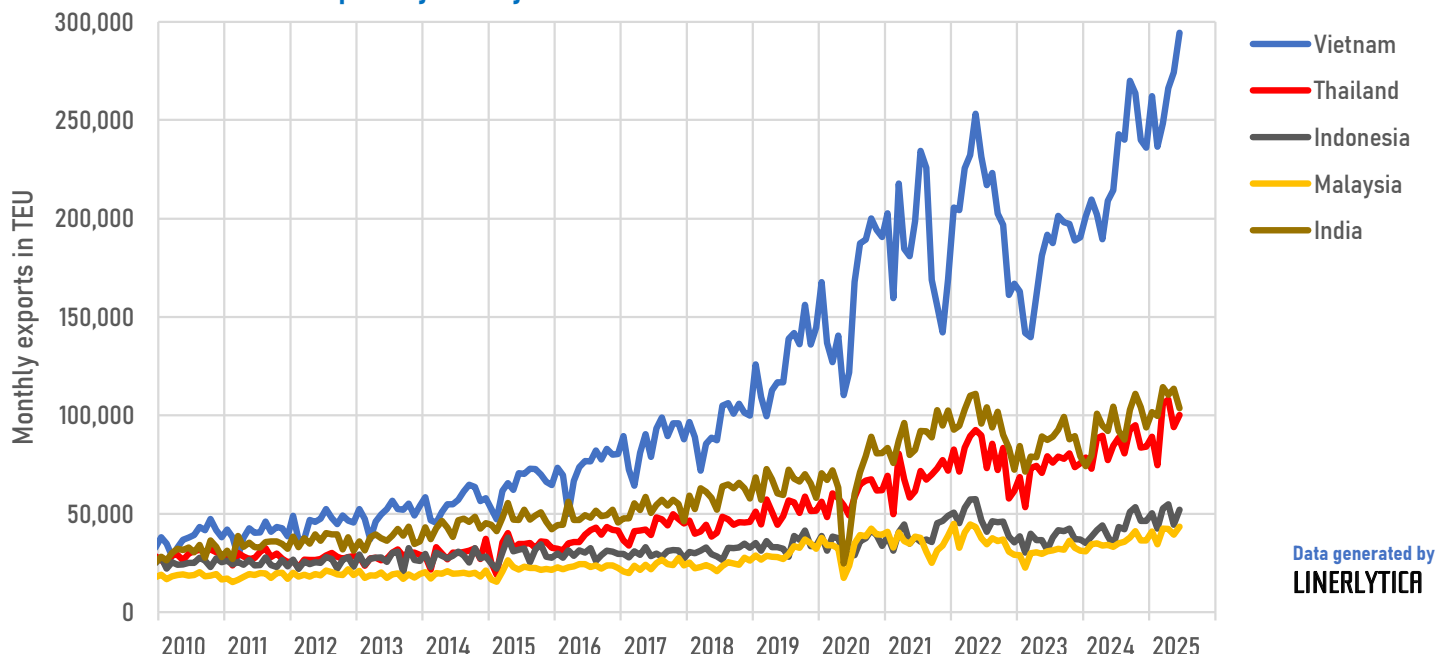
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Vietnam and India set to be key beneficiaries of Trump tariffs

The new US import tariffs that are set to be imposed from 1 August will not have any detrimental impact on volumes from Vietnam and India who are both set to be the main beneficiaries of the Trump tariffs as Transpacific container cargo volumes continues to switch away from China to alternative origins. Containerised exports from Vietnam to the US have risen by 29% in the first 6 months of 2025, with volumes reaching a record high in the last 2 months. Chinese exports to the US dropped by 0.8% during the same period. The 20% tariff on Vietnamese exports that will be applied from August will not materially dampen demand as the tariff remains the lowest amongst its main rivals in the Asian region.

US container imports by country : 2010 to 2025



EC prices rally on spot rate resilience

EC futures advanced across the board over the past week, buoyed by the strength in the spot rates to North Europe. The SCFIS recorded a 7.3% gain on 14 July for its 7th consecutive weekly gain. Average daily trading volumes and open interest declined week on week, but market activity picked up on 14 July as the resilience in the spot market drew back buying interest.

Despite the recent gains, August contracts are trading at a 16% discount to the SCFIS, as questions remain if carriers can maintain rates at current levels. Capacity utilization remains high, allowing carriers to keep lifting their rate quotations through the end of July.

	Closing Price			Vs SCFIS	Avg Daily Volume (contracts)			Avg Daily Turnover (\$M)			Open Interest (contracts)		
Contracts	14-Jul	7-Jul	WoW	2,422	Week 27	Week 26	WoW	Week 27	Week 26	WoW	14-Jul	7-Jul	WoW
EC2508	2,027	1,889	7%	-16%	32,530	42,079	-23%	455	551	-17%	27,891	34,521	-19%
EC2510	1,441	1,350	7%	-41%	17,550	14,072	25%	172	134	28%	32,944	30,278	9%
EC2512	1,581	1,524	4%	-35%	2,474	2,232	11%	27	24	13%	6,378	5,849	9%
EC2602	1,386	1,324	5%	-43%	496	521	-5%	5	5	-2%	3,899	3,800	3%
EC2604	1,219	1,160	5%	-50%	962	942	2%	8	8	4%	5,747	5,860	-2%
EC2606	1,382	1,313	5%	-43%	139	171	-19%	1	2	-16%	567	418	36%
Total					54,150	60,018	-10%	668	723	-7%	77,426	80,726	-4%

Shanghai Export Containerized Freight Index based on Settled Rates (SCFIS) vs Futures

