



# Providing International Maritime Transport Services under the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

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# Shipping is essential to global trade

## Shipping bottlenecks set to prolong supply chain turmoil

Tenfold jump in costs since start of pandemic squeezes importers and exporters



Turbulent waters

A perfect storm for container shipping

*The World Is Still Short of Everything. Get Used to It.*

**Chinese port difficulties amid a Covid outbreak further snarl global trade.**

# International maritime transport in the EUSFTA

- EU and Singapore both have a strong interest in shipping services
- The agreement includes ambitious provisions on international maritime transport services:
  - Benefits wide range of shipping companies (« Greek clause »);
  - Features a dedicated chapter on international maritime transport services;
  - Complemented by reciprocal commitments.

# International maritime transport in the EUSFTA

- EUSFTA chapter on international maritime transport services:
  - Aims to allow EU and SGP shipping companies to provide full range of door-to-door, multimodal services;
  - Provides fair and non-discriminatory access to port infrastructure and services;
  - Guarantees open access to international cargoes.
- Both EU and SGP take commitments in international maritime transport services and auxiliary services.

# Thank you

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