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CMA CGM will erect a multi-temperature warehouse facility in London

The French shipping group CMA CGM will build a multi-temperature warehouse facility at DP World London Gateway Logistics Park. The 107 155 square feet cold storage is expected to be operational by the middle of next year.

Its chilled and frozen chambers will target temperature-controlled products and in addition, several value-added services will be available such as product quality controls, packing, sorting, labelling, paletisation and bagging. CMA CGM is increasingly using DP World London Gateway Port for most of its temperature-controlled cargo destined for the United Kingdom and coming from countries in the Southern Hemisphere.

Two new 20 600 TEUs vessels will join CMA CGM fleet this year

CMA CGM will take delivery of two 20 600 TEUs containerships in June and September of this year. These vessels will be deployed on the Asia to Europe trade routes and will enable to reduce fuel consumption by 25%.

Expansion to cater for new activities at the port of Marseille Fos

In addition to its existing 55 hectares dedicated to goods logistics, 101 hectares are being pre-developed this year at the port of Marseille Fos to cater for new activities in the logistic and industrial fields.



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INDIA

AirAsia India will launch international flights next year

AirAsia India, a joint venture between Tata Sons Limited and AirAsia, plans to start flights to overseas destinations by January 2019.

“Our strategy is that once we get to 20 planes operating in domestic operations, we will start flying international. Mostly, it will be to South East Asian countries,” stated to the press its CEO, Amar Abrol.

Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Nepal are the countries that will be targeted. AirAsia India covers 17 domestic destinations and operates from the hubs of Bengaluru, New Delhi and Kolkata.

Expected increase in trade between India and Vietnam

Following the recent visit in India of the Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang, India and Vietnam hope to achieve a bilateral trade target of USD 15 billion by 2020.

The cooperation between the two countries will heighten in the fields of oil and gas exploration, thermal and hydroelectric power, renewable energy and energy conservation.

The suggestions of the group chairman of DP World

The group chairman of the port operator, DP World, Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem stated that India needs now more cargo than port facilities. He invited India to set up more production facilities, more logistic and infrastructure facilities.

MADAGASCAR

Emergency measures taken at the Port of Toamasina

Due to the problems encountered especially by importers whose containers remain blocked during several weeks at the port of Toamasina, the Customs services have taken urgent corrective measures to smoothen and speed up the handling of files.

A shift system has been introduced to ensure continuity of customs operations during the week-end. In case a request is formulated 12 hours in advance, the customs services can carry out the verifications on a Saturday.

More than 26 tons of honey exported last year

Last year, Madagascar exported more than 26 tons of honey mainly to France, Reunion Island, Mauritius, Japan, countries of the European Union as well as to the United States.

The total production amounted to 134 tons in 2017. The growth in the export of honey is due to new warehousing facilities built by the Ministry of Agriculture last year.

The negative impact of congestion problems at the port of Toamasina

13 associations regrouping operators importing and exporting through the port of Toamasina complained that their factories no longer receive their raw materials regularly and their production machines becoming idle due to congestion problems at the port. They want corrective actions to smoothen the loading, unloading and customs clearance operations.

MAURITIUS

Visit of a delegation of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry

A delegation of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry visited Mauritius last month.

Its members were made aware of the favourable environment for business as well as the incentives for investment and trade. The Japanese businessmen expressed their interest in several sectors such as ICT, financial, high tech manufacturing, energy, port infrastructure, water distribution, agro-industry and logistics.

The possibility of creating in Mauritius, an industrial park for high-tech Japanese manufacturing companies was also discussed

Air Mauritius will modify its flight schedules

The link between Mauritius and Guangzhou, China will be suspended as it is not profitable. On the other hand, the frequency of flights to Mumbai will be increased from 4 to 5 or maybe 6 flights per week. The flights to Singapore and Shanghai may also be reviewed upwardly.

Cooperation between Air Mauritius and Kenya Airways

The cooperation with Kenya Airways will be reinforced especially as this carrier will land in New York on a daily basis as from October. Air Mauritius plans in June to implement 3 flights per week on the route between Mauritius and Kenya which will also be serviced by Kenya Airways at a frequency of 4 flights per week.

MOZAMBIQUE

Increasing bilateral trade between Mozambique and Turkey

From September 2017 to February 2018, direct investment from Turkey to Mozambique reached US \$ 270 million.

"There is still great potential to increase and diversify Turkish investment, including in infrastructure, agriculture, tourism and energy, areas of priority for the socio-economic development of Mozambique," said the Turkish ambassador to Mozambique, Zeynep Kiziltaney.

Furthermore, negotiations are underway to avoid double taxation between the two countries and thus, to stimulate bilateral trade expected to amount to US \$ 500 million by the end of 2018.

Concession contract for the management of the port of Beira extended

The concession contract for the management of the port of Beira by the company Cornelder Mozambique will end in 2023 after a period of 25 years. The government of Mozambique has decided to extend it by another ten years. The container terminals will be modernised and their handling capacity will be expanded.

Ban on the import of chickens and their derivatives from 2 South African companies

Due to the outbreak of listeriosis in South Africa, the Mozambican authorities have banned the import of chickens and their derivatives produced by South African companies 'Enterprise' and 'Rainbow Chicken'.



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REUNION ISLAND

Corsair to stop its flights between Reunion Island and Madagascar?

The civil aviation authorities of Madagascar have informed the air carrier Corsair that it no longer allow its planes to land in Antananarivo as from the 31st March 2018.

Corsair single flight per week between Reunion Island and Madagascar will therefore have to be ended.

However, the discussions between the civil aviation authorities of Madagascar and their counterparts from France as Reunion Island is a French department, are still underway.

Several projects initiated by Air Austral

The aviation company of Reunion Island, Air Austral will try to develop synergies with its subsidiary, Ewa, an airline which uses Dzaoudzi in the island of Mayotte as its hub as well as with Air Madagascar.

Ewa operates two ATR 72 planes.

A business centre in the town of 'Le Port'

The 'Halle des manifestations du Port', the covered market of 35 000 m² hosting events in the main harbour city, will be converted into a business centre with a restaurant and a hotel.

OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Road freight tariffs soar

According to Transport Market Monitor (TMM), in the final quarter of last year, road freight tariffs increased to reach the highest point for more than a decade.

The tariffs rose by 14% compared to the same period the year before (Q4 of 2016) although there was a 6% growth in capacity.

One of the contributory factors was the shortage of truck drivers. Among the European countries, the United Kingdom is the most affected.

Services of ONE will be launched on the 1st April

The Ocean Network Express (ONE) which regroups 3 Japanese carriers namely NYK, MOL and K Line, will start its activities as from the 1st April.

It has already obtained the clearance from the competition authorities of the different countries where its vessels will call. ONE will operate 11 loops serving the South American trades, 17 intra-Asia services and eight in both the Oceania and Africa regions.

Trucking shortages will worsen in the United States

In the United States, as from the 1st April, when the new regulation on the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) will be enforced, this will drive down truck capacity. A shortfall of drivers is also expected. The ELD will synchronize with a vehicle engine to automatically record driving time, giving a more accurate recording of the hours of service of drivers of trucks.