

Transport volume per trade

TTEU	1.1.–31.12.2020	1.1.–31.12.2019
Atlantic	1,817	1,960
Transpacific	1,851	1,945
Far East	2,286	2,327
Middle East	1,476	1,391
Intra-Asia	831	900
Latin America	2,889	2,837
EMA (Europe – Mediterranean – Africa)	689	676
Total	11,838	12,037

The transport volume in the 2020 financial year decreased by 199 TTEU to 11,838 TTEU compared with the prior year period (prior year period: 12,037 TTEU). This equates to a fall of 1.6%. The decline was primarily attributable to the second quarter, when the global effects of the political measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic were reflected in transport volumes on all trades. The transport volume then continuously improved as 2020 progressed and, at 3.8% in the fourth quarter, was up slightly on the prior year period, as was the case in the first quarter of 2020.

The Far East, Latin America and Middle East trades in particular contributed to the rise in transport volumes in the fourth quarter of 2020. This was due to increased demand for sea freight and container transport, primarily driven by a recovery effect from the previous drop in volumes related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By contrast, transport volumes on the Intra-Asia trade were significantly down on the previous year's level due to cancelled voyages and network optimisations in the fourth quarter.

The decline in transport volumes on the Atlantic and Transpacific trade were also attributable to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, although there were signs of a slow recovery on these trades too in the fourth quarter of 2020. On the EMA (Europe – Mediterranean – Africa) trade, there were no significant changes compared with the previous year.

Freight rates per trade

USD/TEU	1.1.–31.12.2020	1.1.–31.12.2019
Atlantic	1,383	1,389
Transpacific	1,467	1,318
Far East	979	910
Middle East	837	744
Intra-Asia	605	541
Latin America	1,131	1,153
EMA (Europe – Mediterranean – Africa)	1,051	1,046
Total (weighted average)	1,115	1,072