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Dear Garvan,

Welcome to the June edition of Irish Freight & Logistics Monthly.

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• Port Congestion a Serious Issue



A conference in Dublin has called for an EU strategy to deal with port congestion. Congestion in European ports is presenting a serious problem for the future of Irish exports, the conference was told.

The conference, attended by 140 of the leading figures in European transport and shipping, called for an EU strategy to deal with port congestion.

The Director of the Maritime Development Office, Glenn Murphy, told the conference that Ireland's heavy dependency on major European ports for access to EU markets and deep sea trans-shipment must be protected.

Mr Murphy said that Ireland is particularly at risk. Over 90% of all Irish traded goods move in and out of the

**Airlines Congress
Congress**

17-20 September 2007,
Great Britain, London

**4th Thai Ports and
Shipping 2007**

27 September 2007 - 28
September 2007,
Thailand

**Transpotec-Logitec
2007 Exhibition and
Conference**

October 4-7, Milan, Italy

**4th Uzbekistan
International
exhibition**

12 October 2007 - 14
October 2007,
Uzbekistan

**2nd Southern Asia
Ports, Logistics and
Shipping 2007 India
Exhibition and
Conference**

18 October 2007 - 19
October 2007, India

**Dalian International
Freight Forwarders &
Logistics Cooperation
Forum**

25 October 2007 - 27
October 2007, China

Logistics Ireland

October, Croke Park,
Dublin

**3rd Trans Middle East
2007 Egypt Exhibition
and Conference**

28 November 2007 - 29
November 2007, Egypt

**6th ASEAN Ports and
Shipping 2008
Vietnam Exhibition
and Conference**

05 June 2008 - 06 June
2008, Vietnam

90% of all Irish traded goods move in and out of the country by sea. Last year €130bn worth of goods were moved.

But Irish exports depend on access to European markets through ports that are already crowded and must use these ports also to trans-ship goods for an increasingly congested Europe.

'For Irish business to flourish, it is vital that we keep the arteries of our sea lanes open and congestion around the major European centres supplying those arteries is becoming serious,' Mr Murphy said.

'Over 64% of our trade last year was intra-European-based and European ports are major trans-shipment points for Irish trades to the wider global economy,' he warned.

The conference adopted the 'Dublin Declaration', calling for an EU strategy to deal with port congestion.

• **Ireland faces airfreight 'mini-boom'**



IRELAND's largest GSSA IAM says the high value and urgency of many Irish airfreight exports is driving a 'mini-boom' in express and time-definite airfreight services.

IAM experiences a steady growth in demand for premium-rated services. Services like American Airlines' (AA) Expeditefs product, promise priority loading and reduced transit times or a full money-back guarantee. AA alone uplifted 29,000 kilos on the service from Ireland in March. Other IAM carriers are also seeing more business for their premium-rated priority services.

Total premium-rated traffic is now topping a worthwhile five per cent of all IAM business, and still climbing, says IAM, managing director, Ian McCool: "Much of the export traffic from Ireland is now of such high value, and transit times and reliability so critical, that shippers and agents are willing to pay a little extra for total assurance."

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• **DSV acquires Campbell Freight Agencies**



DSV Air & Sea Holding has signed agreements with Lileagh Properties and Grouper Freight Services, which are the holding companies for Campbell Freight Agencies Ltd and Campbell Freight Agencies (Ireland) Ltd respectively.

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Agencies Ltd and Campbell Freight Agencies (Ireland) Ltd respectively.

Annual revenues for Northern Ireland-based Campbell Freight Agencies Ltd is forecast to be £18 million, and €9 million for Republic of Ireland-based Campbell Freight Agencies (Ireland) Ltd.

Both acquisitions have been executed and DSV will consolidate the companies as of today. The acquisitions are not subject to approval from any authorities or any other approvals.

DSV Air & Sea has acquired the two enterprises to strengthen its global air and sea activities in general, and in particular to create a stronger platform in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The intention is to integrate both companies in the DSV Air & Sea Division. The parties have agreed not to publish the acquisition price.

• Drogheda - Rotterdam Container Service



Johnson Stevens (Ireland) have announced new twice weekly departures on their Drogheda - Rotterdam container service.

Europe Lines has deployed a second vessel, the M.V. "Europe Aquarius", on the route. The M.V. "Europe Aquarius" will not only double the Line's capacity on the trade but with its late Friday departure from Drogheda will also be specifically geared towards the requirements of the Irish Export market.

In addition to serving the traditional short sea markets of The Netherlands, Belgium and the German hinterland the Europe Lines service offers competitive onward connections for both imports and exports to and from Southern Germany, Italy, Poland, Austria and Switzerland for 40' and 45' containers.

Europe Lines' equipment stock includes 20' 40' and 45' pallet-wide and High Cube containers. Our specialised equipment includes 45' Curtainsiders, 40' Flat Racks and 45' Reefers.

Europe Lines is a recently formed Company and part of the 3A Marine Group which has been investing heavily in a variety of projects. Europe Lines itself has been established to concentrate on the increasing intra-European market and will initially concentrate on serving niche routes, tailored to meet customers' needs in the

door/door market, shipper's own units and deep sea Lines' transshipments. The Group's other services include Balticon Line and Contaz Line.

• Etihad appoints GSA and GHA in Ireland



Etihad Crystal Cargo has appointed Heavyweight Air Express LLC as its general cargo sales agent in Ireland. The Ground handling has been awarded to Aer Lingus.

The airline will launch a four-times-a-week service between Abu Dhabi and Dublin on 2 July 2007.

Des Vertannes, executive vice president cargo, Etihad Airways, said: "Etihad Crystal Cargo projects a high demand for the new route as both Ireland and the UAE develop closer ties and open up gateways to supply customers with better distribution channels."

Annual trade figures between the two countries for 2006 stood at more than US\$ 343 million (AED 1.25 billion), an increase of nearly 40 per cent from the previous year. The predictions are that this figure could double further for 2007.

Vipul Bhalla, manager cargo sales world-wide, Etihad Airways, said: "Among the many commodities imported by the UAE from Ireland are pharmaceuticals, computers and telecommunications equipment. Last year the pharmaceutical imports saw an increase exceeding 200 per cent."

The route will be operated with an Airbus A330-200, offering cargo capacity of 14 tonnes in each direction.

There will be cargo reception points at Dublin, Cork, Shannon and Belfast with trucking links operating between all these airports connecting with the new Etihad service.

The service starts on 2 July, with flight EY045 departing from Abu Dhabi at 2.05am on Mondays and Fridays, arriving in Dublin at 7.35am, and flight EY041 departing from Abu Dhabi at 1.55pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays, arriving in Dublin at 7.25pm the same day.

The return flight, EY042 departs Dublin at 10.15am on Mondays and Fridays, arriving in Abu Dhabi at 8.35pm the same day, and EY048 departing Dublin at 9.10pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays, arriving in Abu Dhabi at 7.30am (+1).



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