

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

The US-China Trade War: Impact on Trades and Carrier Responses

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With the US-China trade war having been escalating for a year and half, this session will explore how the different tariff lists imposed by the US Trade Representative have impacted trade flows from China to the US, as well as from all other alternative sourcing countries to the US, as each set of commodity groups have been subject to tariffs, and how this might provide some insight on the potential impact of the last tariff list 4b, which will come into effect on December 15th, 2019. The session will also explore how container carriers have responded to the needs for alternative sourcing locations, and how they have responded by adjusting their Transpacific to have a greater focus on South East Asian ports, and how this has impacted the number of Transpacific services calling ports in South East Asia, the number of weekly port calls made in South East Asia, the length of weekly South East Asia port stays broken down by carrier alliances, and the impact on transit times from South East Asia to North America. Finally, the presentation will touch upon recent developments in high level container liner service levels, on schedule reliability, blank sailings, transit times, direct services, and service frequency.