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Several lines have doubled their congestion surcharges on shipments to the Kuwaiti port of Shuwaikh as long-running delays worsen.

Hapag-Lloyd, UASC and APL are among the lines which have increased their congestion surcharges from US\$100/teu to US\$200/teu.

In July 2015, the port began to implement new customs procedures to increase security, which have had the side-effect of causing high yard inventory as vehicles are forced to wait for customs clearance.

In the summer of 2015, this congestion was exacerbated by the breakdown of two cranes due to damaged cable reels and a severe sand storm hitting the region.

In September 2015, Hapag-Lloyd reacted by implementing a US\$200/teu congestion surcharge, which was reduced to US\$100/teu in March 2016, before returning to US\$200/teu from July 1, 2016.

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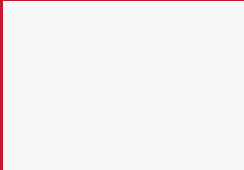


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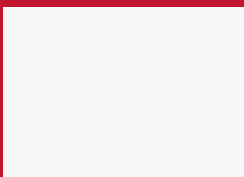
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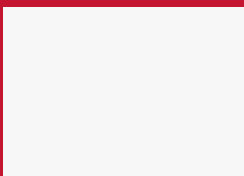
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