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EDITORIAL

Supply chains continue to evolve under the combined influence of shifting trade policies, transportation constraints, and rising operating costs. At the same time, innovation in packaging materials is helping businesses improve efficiency while advancing sustainability goals.

This edition highlights key developments shaping global supply chains, alongside WPS's expanded portfolio of stretch, cling, and shrink film solutions designed to support changing customer requirements.





PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

Expanding Our Film Portfolio for a More Sustainable Supply Chain

Sustainability is shaping how our partners source materials and at WPS, we're leaning in. Here's a look at our full range of stretch, cling, and shrink film solutions, built to protect your products without compromising on performance.

Biodegradable Cling Film



Made from renewable materials, this film delivers the same strength, flexibility, and puncture resistance as conventional cling film with a fraction of the environmental impact. It's 100% biodegradable, BPA-free, microwave/freezer-safe, and compliant with ASTM D6954 standards. A simple swap for teams looking to cut their carbon footprint without changing how they wrap.

PVC Stretch Film & Cling Film



Highly resistant to tears, punctures, and moisture, our PVC stretch film stretches up to 300% of its original size while keeping loads secure and dust/water protected. Available in multiple colors, thicknesses, and widths, plus VCI, UV-protective, and antistatic variants for both manual and machine wrapping.



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PE Stretch Film



Manufactured from high-quality polyolefin, our PE stretch films offer excellent load stability, puncture resistance, and clarity across a wide range of applications from fragile goods to heavy pallets.

Options include:

- ◆ Hand Grade (manual wrapping, easy grip)
- ◆ Extended Core Hand Grade (no dispenser needed)
- ◆ Machine Grade (stretches 200–300%)
- ◆ Power Pre-Stretch (PPS) for automated wrapping
- ◆ VCI/Anti-Corrosive (protects metal products in transit)
- ◆ Colored Film (for color-coded inventory management)

PE Cling Film



A 100% recyclable, food-grade wrap that keeps food fresher for longer. High transparency, glossiness, and fog resistance make it ideal for hot or cold foods, and it's microwave and refrigerator safe. FDA-approved for food contact.

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PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

PE Shrink Film



Built for unitizing and protecting products of all shapes and sizes from bottled goods to pharmaceuticals. High puncture resistance, tamper-evident sealing, and a shrink rate of up to 20% (higher with certain grades) make it a cost-effective alternative to boxing, with custom printing available for branding.

Antistatic Stretch Film



Designed to protect static-sensitive products like electronics, chemicals, and flammable materials, this film's antistatic layer reduces dust attraction and static buildup while offering the same tear resistance and load stability as standard stretch film. Available in hand and machine grades.



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EXECUTIVE TAKEAWAYS

▣ Capacity Constraints Continue Across Key Trade Lanes

Strong export demand from Asia is sustaining pressure on vessel allocations, particularly on U.S. East Coast and Gulf Coast services. Tight capacity and equipment shortages continue to require earlier planning and stronger transportation coordination.

▣ Energy Costs Are Driving Broader Supply Chain Inflation

Higher fuel prices and ongoing disruption risks in key energy corridors are increasing transportation, warehousing, and distribution costs, creating additional pressure across global supply chains.

▣ Infrastructure and Network Investments Support Long-Term Resilience

Strategic investments in ports, logistics partnerships, and multimodal transportation networks are improving connectivity and strengthening supply chain reliability across major trade corridors.



Conflict-Induced Surge in Energy Prices

WHY IT MATTERS

Energy-driven inflation is increasing transportation and logistics costs across global supply chains. Prolonged disruption in critical energy corridors could extend cost pressures across manufacturing, retail, and distribution networks.

HIGHLIGHTS

▣ Energy and Supply Chain Impact

- ◆ Fuel oil prices surged **58.9%**.
- ◆ Gasoline prices increased **40.5%**
- ◆ Overall energy costs rose **23.5%**.
- ◆ Continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz could extend inflationary pressures into additional sectors during the summer.
- ◆ Higher transportation and logistics costs may increase expenses across manufacturing, retail, and supply chains.

▣ Market and Economic Outlook

Inflation remains elevated despite moderation in selected categories:

- ◆ Used cars and trucks: **-2.0%**
- ◆ Medical care commodities: **-1.8%**
- ◆ New vehicles: **+0.2%**



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HIGHLIGHTS

Additional inflation risks include:

- ◆ High U.S. tariffs
- ◆ Ongoing geopolitical tensions involving Iran
- ◆ Increased investment spending in artificial intelligence infrastructure

▣ Federal Reserve Expectations

- ◆ Markets assign a **67%** probability of at least one interest rate increase this year.
- ◆ This is up from **14.3%** a month earlier.
- ◆ The Federal Open Market Committee meets June **16–17** under Fed Chair Kevin Warsh.
- ◆ Traders currently expect a **98.3%** probability that rates will remain unchanged at **3.5%–3.75%**.
- ◆ Economists expect the Fed to maintain a cautious stance while monitoring energy-driven inflation.

▣ Supply Chain Insight

- ◆ Higher fuel and transportation costs are likely to increase freight, warehousing, and distribution expenses.
- ◆ Continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz could prolong cost inflation for energy-intensive industries and trade routes dependent on Middle East oil exports.
- ◆ Rising logistics costs may ultimately be passed through to consumers.

LESSONS & ACTIONABLES

Organizations should closely monitor fuel-related cost escalation and evaluate its impact on transportation budgets, inventory planning, and supply chain profitability.

LX Pantos Expands Strategic Partnership with the Port of Virginia

WHY IT MATTERS

Strategic collaboration between logistics providers, ports, and economic development organizations is strengthening infrastructure readiness, improving supply chain visibility, and supporting long-term trade growth.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ LX Pantos Americas entered into development Memorandums of Understanding with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and The Port of Virginia.
- ◆ The agreements establish a framework for collaboration focused on logistics infrastructure and supply chain development.

▣ Areas of Collaboration

- ◆ Operational coordination
- ◆ Infrastructure investment
- ◆ Data integration and visibility
- ◆ Talent development and workforce training
- ◆ Long-term logistics ecosystem growth



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▣ Strategic Importance

- ◆ The initiative supports LX Pantos Americas' broader strategy to expand its North American logistics network.
- ◆ The company ranked among the top 10 global freight forwarders in 2025.
- ◆ LX Pantos handled approximately 1.54–1.57 million TEUs in 2024.
- ◆ The company generated approximately US\$5.8 billion in revenue during 2024.

▣ Supply Chain Impact

- ◆ The partnership is expected to improve cargo movement efficiency.
- ◆ Connectivity between inland and maritime logistics networks is expected to strengthen.
- ◆ The initiative supports future trade growth through the Port of Virginia.
- ◆ The collaboration aligns with ongoing investments to expand port capacity and modernize facilities.



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Regional Growth Benefits

- ◆ The partnership positions Virginia to attract additional international trade activity.
- ◆ It supports supply chain resilience and strengthens competitiveness as an East Coast logistics hub.
- ◆ LX Pantos gains access to infrastructure, economic development initiatives, and integrated logistics capabilities.



LESSONS & ACTIONABLES

Infrastructure partnerships and coordinated investment strategies can improve logistics efficiency, strengthen regional competitiveness, and support long-term supply chain resilience.



Tariff Refund Eligibility Expands Amid Ongoing Legal Challenges

WHY IT MATTERS

Expanded refund eligibility could improve liquidity for importers affected by invalidated IEEPA tariffs. However, ongoing legal proceedings continue to create uncertainty regarding refund timing and eligibility across certain entry categories.

HIGHLIGHTS

Refund Scope

- ◆ Reconciliation entries represent approximately **\$28.7** billion in potential refunds.
- ◆ Finally liquidated entries account for approximately **\$11.4** billion.
- ◆ Finally liquidated entries represent approximately **6.9%** of total IEEPA tariff payments.
- ◆ Additional processing mechanisms will be required for:
 - Drawback claims
 - Protested entries
 - Improperly filed entries
 - Other special circumstances

Legal Uncertainty Remains

- ◆ The U.S. Department of Justice appealed a Court of International Trade ruling directing the government to issue tariff refunds broadly.
- ◆ The DOJ argues that refunds should apply only to importers that filed lawsuits challenging the tariffs.
- ◆ The appeal is currently under review by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- ◆ Refunds for finally liquidated entries may require additional court authorization before processing.

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HIGHLIGHTS

▣ Current Refund Progress

- ◆ As of June 5, CBP had accepted and begun processing approximately **\$94.94** billion in refund claims.
- ◆ Nearly **\$24** billion had been sent to the U.S. Treasury for payment.
- ◆ CBP expects an additional \$480 million to be sent for payment during the current week.
- ◆ Total refunds forwarded to Treasury are expected to exceed \$60 billion by the end of the month.

▣ Supply Chain Insight

- ◆ Expanded refund eligibility could improve cash flow for affected importers.
- ◆ Ongoing legal challenges may delay refunds for certain entry types.
- ◆ Refund eligibility and payment timing remain subject to judicial outcomes.

LESSONS & ACTIONABLES

Importers should continue monitoring court proceedings and CBP guidance while assessing potential refund opportunities and planning for possible delays in payment processing.





Maersk Launches FI2 Service to Strengthen China-India Trade Connectivity

WHY IT MATTERS

Additional vessel capacity and integrated multimodal connectivity are strengthening trade flows between China and India while improving logistics flexibility and inland distribution capabilities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ A.P. Moller – Maersk launched the FI2 service, a dedicated weekly shipping route connecting Far East Asia with the Indian Subcontinent.
- ◆ The inaugural westbound sailing is scheduled to depart from Shanghai on June 4, 2026.
- ◆ The service will operate with six vessels, each offering a nominal capacity of 4,500 TEU.

Port Rotation

- ◆ Shanghai
- ◆ Ningbo
- ◆ Nansha
- ◆ Tanjung Pelepas
- ◆ Nhava Sheva
- ◆ Pipavav
- ◆ Port Qasim

Dedicated Freight Corridor Connectivity

- ◆ The service includes a call at Pipavav.
- ◆ Pipavav provides direct access to India's Dedicated Freight Corridor rail network.
- ◆ The integrated model connects ocean freight and rail transportation.

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HIGHLIGHTS

◆ The service supports cargo movement to:

- Delhi
- Gurugram
- Noida
- Surrounding industrial clusters

▣ Industry Applications

◆ Particularly relevant for:

- Automotive components
- Chemicals
- Retail merchandise
- Technology products

◆ Customers gain additional vessel capacity, connectivity, consistency, and logistics visibility.



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HIGHLIGHTS

▣ Strategic Significance

- ◆ The service strengthens Maersk's position in the China-India trade corridor.
- ◆ FI2 complements the existing FI3 service.
- ◆ Together, the services provide:
 - Enhanced sailing frequency
 - Greater route flexibility
 - Improved resilience against supply chain disruptions

▣ Supply Chain Benefits

- ◆ Supports growing regional trade volumes.
- ◆ Helps improve inventory planning.
- ◆ Reduces transportation bottlenecks.
- ◆ Optimizes multimodal logistics operations across India's manufacturing ecosystem.

LESSONS & ACTIONABLES

Integrated ocean and rail connectivity can improve end-to-end logistics performance, reduce inland transportation complexity, and strengthen supply chain reliability for time-sensitive cargo flows.





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