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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 26-24

SUBJECT: Maersk Line, Limited Adjusts Trans-Atlantic Winter Schedule

This notice is to ensure all trade players are aware of upcoming winter schedule adjustments by Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd (Gemini Alliance) for their US Flag Trans-Atlantic TA1 service. These changes are being implemented to maintain service reliability during the severe winter weather season in the North Atlantic.

Key adjustments are as follows:

- **Slower Service Speed:** Beginning with the MAERSK TENNESSEE departure from Norfolk on December 16, 2025, the service will operate at a reduced speed. This will increase transit times but is intended to ensure predictable, consistent performance.
- **Temporary Service Gaps:** To accommodate longer transit times, there will be temporary gaps in US Flag sailings from Houston and Norfolk on several dates in January and March 2026. There will also be gaps in departures from Northern Europe during the second week of January 2026 and the first week of March 2026.

**Call for Industry Support:**

Given these extended transit times, we urge all industry players to plan their supply chains accordingly. Proactive planning and communication will be critical to mitigate potential impacts and ensure that cargo, particularly time-sensitive and dated products, reaches its destination in optimal condition. Your awareness and support are essential to our collective ability to navigate these seasonal challenges and continue providing the best possible service.

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