
2021 2M Alliance Service Change Summary

Traditionally, each year's new service network takes effect in April. However, due to congested ports and other inconveniences caused by last year's pandemic, this year 2M's new service network has been "secretly" put into use as early as January.

In 2021, 2M Alliance operates 23 services in total, among which 6 services are for TPWC, 8 for TPEC, 6 for North Europe, and 3 for Mediterranean. As usual, MSK and MSC take the lead, cooperating with ZIM and SML in some of these services, mainly US East services with ZIM and US West services with SML. There is also cooperation in North Europe services with HPL.

Carrier Trade	MSK	MSC	ZIM	SML	HPL
TPWC	6	6	2	3	
TPEC	8	8	8		
N Europe	6	6			2
Mediterranean	3	3	2		
Total	23	23	12	3	2

Of course, 2M alliance had news that invited heated discussion. On March 8, MSK announced that their pendulum services no longer call TPWC. At first sight, it seems like the two pendulum services, AE6-TP2 / LION-JAGUAR and AE1-TP6 / SHOGUN-PEARL, only go to North Europe but not TPWC. Actually, the pendulum services are split. They still go to TPWC, but now they are just pure North Europe

services and pure TPWC services.

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In light of the ongoing schedule reliability considerations, Maersk is implementing measures to improve schedule reliability in its Asia-Europe network. This is being implemented to respond to the recent unprecedented market situation with severe port congestion and equipment limitations across global supply chains. This situation has been driven by a combination of rapidly increased demand and measures to fight the pandemic that led to slower supply chain operations across ports, inland depots, warehouses and inland transport modes.

As a consequence, Maersk has decided to change rotations on its 2 pendulum services, namely the AE6 and AE1. The changes involve disentangling the pendulums from the Transpacific Network, enabling leaner rotations and reduced exposure to port delays. Maersk considers these changes critical to deliver an improved Schedule Reliability, while limiting the impact to our customers.

First Effective Sailings

Week	Service	Vessel	Voyage	First Load Port / First port date	Last Load Port / Last port date
8	AE1	MSC Erica	108W	Shanghai / 02.March.2021	Colombo / 15.March.2021
8	AE6	Manila Maersk	108W	Ningbo / 26.Feb.2021	Tanjung Pelepas / 08.March.2021

The rotation changes are detailed below

AE1 Current: Yokohama - Shanghai - Xiamen - Tanjung Pelepas - Colombo - Felixstowe - Rotterdam - Bremerhaven - Port Tangiers - Salalah - Vung Tau - Hong Kong - Yantian - Xiamen - Los Angeles - Yokohama

AE1 New: Shanghai - Xiamen - Tanjung Pelepas - Colombo - Felixstowe - Rotterdam - Bremerhaven - Port Tangiers - Salalah - Hong Kong - Shanghai

AE6 Current: Busan - Ningbo - Yantian - Tanjung Pelepas - Sines - Antwerp - Le Havre - Felixstowe - Algeciras - Singapore - Laem Chabang - Nansha - Yantian - Long Beach - Oakland - Busan

AE6 New: Ningbo - Yantian - Tanjung Pelepas - Sines - Antwerp - Le Havre - Felixstowe - Algeciras - Singapore - Laem Chabang - Yantian - Ningbo

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to continuing working with you in the future. In case of any questions, please contact [your local customer service or sales representatives](#).

Back to the main topic, in this article EZ Ocean presents to you a detailed analysis and comparison of 2M Alliance's new and old service network.

The table below shows the number of changed services and its ratio to the total number of services. Nearly half of services have been adjusted. 2M's major changes this year include reducing calling ports in services and skipping ports to improve schedule stability.

Trade	Sub-Trade	2020 Service	2021 Service	Changed Service	Change Ratio
TPWC	PSW	4	4	2	50%
	PNW	2	2	0	0%
TPEC	EC	5	6	6	100%
	Gulf	2	2	0	0%
NEU	NEU	7	6	1	17%
MED	WMED	2	1	1	100%
	EMED	1	1	0	0%
	Adriatic Sea	1	1	0	0%
Total		24	23	10	43%

The following is the comparison and analysis of service changes sorted by destination

- **Asia – Trans Pacific West Coast**

Trade	VS	Carrier (Service Code) / Route
PSW		MSK(TP2)HSD(UPAS 2)MSC(JAGUAR)SML(PS2)
	Old	<i>SGSIN-THLCH-CNNSA-CNYTN-CNSHA-USLGB-USOAK</i>
	New	<i>CNNSA-CNYTN-USLGB-USOAK</i>
	None	MSK(TP6)HSD(UPAS 3)MSC(PEARL)
		<i>VNVUT-HKHKG-CNYTN-CNXMN-USLAX</i>
	None	MSK(TP8)HSD(UPAS 1)MSC(ORIENT)SML(PS1)
		<i>CNTAO-CNSHA-CNNGB-KRPUS-USLGB-USOAK</i>
		MSK(TP3)MSC(SEQUOIA)SML(PS6)HSD(UPAS6)
	Old	<i>CNYTN-CNNGB-USLGB</i>
	New	<i>CNNGB-CNSHA-USLAX</i>
PNW	None	MSK(TP9)HSD(UPAS 4)MSC(EAGLE)ZIM(ZP9)
		<i>TWKHH-CNXMN-CNYTN-CNNGB-CNSHA-KRPUS-CAVAN-USSEA</i>
	None	MSK(TP1)HSD(UPAS5)MSC(MAPLE)ZIM(ZP8)
		<i>CNNSA-CNYTN-CNSHA-KRPUS-JPYOK-CAPRR-CAVAN</i>

Two of the six services from Asia to TPWC have been adjusted and both are Pacific Southwest services. Overall, the aim was to solve the delay caused by congested ports. Services that used to cover Southeast Asia, South China, and East China have been adjusted to cover either just South China or just East China, shortening the route and accelerating ship rotations. There are no changes to Pacific Northwest services.

- ✧ MSK(TP2)HSD(UPAS 2)MSC(JAGUAR)SML(PS2) : The original pendulum service is split. It no longer calls Singapore, Laem Chabang, and Shanghai. It is now an express service connecting South China to US West Coast. Due to constant port congestion, Oakland is also often skipped.
- ✧ MSK(TP6)HSD(UPAS 3)MSC(PEARL) : This is also a split pendulum service. Aside from the changes in the pendulum, the port rotation in Asia – TPWC is the same as last year.
- ✧ MSK(TP3)MSC(SEQUOIA)SML(PS6)HSD(UPAS6) : Last year this was an express service from both South China and East China to Long Beach. This year it calls East China only. Starting from June, destination Long Beach will also be replaced by Los Angeles.

- **Asia – Trans Pacific East Coast**

Trade	VS	Carrier (Service Code) / Route
East Coast		MSK(TP10)HSD(ASUS1)MSC(AMBERJACK)ZIM(ZCP)
	Old	<i>CNTXG-CNTAO-CNNGB-CNSHA-KRPUS-JMKIN-USSAV-USNCS-USWTN-USJAO</i>
	New	<i>CNTAO-CNNGB-CNSHA-KRPUS-JMKIN-USSAV-USNCS-USWTN-USJAO</i>
		MSK(TP17)HSD(ASUS5)MSC(AMERICA)ZIM(Z7S)
	Old	<i>HKHKG-CNNSA-CNSHK-CNYTN-VNVUT-SGSIN-USNYK-USNCS-USSAV-USMIA-BSFPO</i>
	New	<i>HKHKG-CNNSA-CNYTN-VNVUT-SGSIN-SAKAC-USNYK-USNCS-USSAV-USMIA-BSFPO</i>
		MSK(TP12)HSD(ASUS2)MSC(EMPIRE)ZIM(ZBA)
	Old	<i>CNYTN-CNXMN-CNNGB-CNSHA-KRPUS-USNYK-USBAL-USNFK</i>
	New	<i>CNYTN-CNXMN-CNNGB-CNSHA-KRPUS-USNYK-USNFK-USBAL</i>
		MSK(TP16)HSD(ASUS3)MSC(EMERALD)ZIM(ZSA)
	Old	<i>TWKHH-CNXMN-CNYTN-CNSHA-KRPUS-USSAV-USNFK-USNCS-USNYK</i>
	New	<i>CNXMN-CNYTN-CNSHA-KRPUS-USSAV-USNFK-USNCS-USNYK</i>
		MSK(TP11/USEC6)MSC(ELEPHANT)
	Old	<i>THLCH-SGSIN-MYTPP-LKCMB-OMSL-LSNYK-USNFK-USSAV-BSFPO</i>
	New	<i>THLCH-SGSIN-MYTPP-LKCMB-OMSL-LSNYK-USNFK-USSAV</i>
	Brand New	MSK(TP23)MSC(Palmetto)ZIM(ZSE)
	<i>VNVUT-CNYTN-USNCS-USSAV-USNYK</i>	

- ✧ A new service – MSK(TP23)MSC(Palmetto)ZIM(ZSE) – has been launched from May, with direct calling from Vietnam.
- ✧ MSK(TP10)HSD(ASUS1)MSC(AMBERJACK)ZIM(ZCP) : It is no longer calling Tianjin Xingang.
- ✧ MSK(TP17)HSD(ASUS5)MSC(AMERICA)ZIM(Z7S) : It is no longer calling Shekou
- ✧ MSK(TP12)HSD(ASUS2)MSC(EMPIRE)ZIM(ZBA) : The order of destination Norfolk and Baltimore has been swapped.
- ✧ MSK(TP11/USEC6)MSC(ELEPHANT) : It is no longer calling Bahamas Freeport.
- ✧ Two US Gulf services have no changes.

● Asia – North Europe

Trade	VS	Carrier (Service Code) / Route
North Europe	None	MSK(AE1)HSD(NERA1)MSC(SHOGUN) <i>JPYOK-CNNGB-CNSHA-CNXMN-MYTPP-LKCMB-GBFEL-NLR TM-DEBHN</i>
		MSK(AE2)HSD(NERA2)MSC(SWAN)HPL(FE6)
	Old	<i>CNTAO-KRPUS-CNNGB-CNYTN-MYTPP-NLR TM-GBFEL-BEANT</i>
	New	Seasonal suspension
	None	MSK(AE5)HSD(NERA5)MSC(ALBATROS)HPL(FE7) <i>CNDAL-CNTXG-KRPUS-CNNGB-CNSHA-MYTPP-NLR TM-DEBHN-SEGOT-DKAAR-DEWIL</i>
	None	MSK(AE6)HSD(NERA3)MSC(LION) <i>KRPUS-CNNGB-CNSHA-CNYTN-MYTPP-PTSIE-BEANT-FRLEH-GBFEL</i>
	None	MSK(AE7)HSD(NERA4)MSC(CONDOR) <i>CNNGB-CNSHA-CNNSA-CNYTN-MYTPP-LKCMB-MAPTM-GBFEL-DEHAM-BEANT-GBLGP-FRLEH</i>
	None	MSK(AE10)HSD(NERA6)MSC(SILK)HPL(FE8) <i>CNTXG-CNTAO-KRKWA-CNNGB-CNSHA-CNYTN-MYTPP-DEBHN-PLGDN</i>
	None	MSK(AE55)MSC(GRIFFIN) <i>CNSHA-CNNGB-CNYTN-SGSIN-MYTPP-EGPSD-NLR TM-BEANT-GBFEL</i>

✧ From the start of last year's pandemic, MSK(AE2)HSD(NERA2)MSC(SWAN)HPL(FE6) was suspended. Though it is claimed as seasonal suspension; in fact operation was never resumed.

✧ The other six North Europe services seem to remain the same. But actually most of them are skipping ports.

MSK(AE1)HSD(NERA1)MSC(SHOGUN) : skips Yokohama and Ningbo

MSK(AE6)HSD(NERA3)MSC(LION) : skips Busan and Shanghai

MSK(AE10)HSD(NERA6)MSC(SILK)HPL(FE8) : skips Shanghai

MSK(AE55)MSC(GRIFFIN) : skips Singapore and Port Said

● Asia – Mediterranean

Trade	VS	Carrier (Service Code) / Route
Adriatic	None	MSK(AE12)HSD(SERA4)MSC(PHOENIX)ZIM(ZAS)
		<i>CNTXG-CNDAL-KRPUS-CNNGB-CNSHA-CNSHK-SGSIN-EGPSD-ILHFA-SIKOP-ITTRI-HRRJK</i>
EMED	None	MSK(AE15)HSD(SERA3)MSC(TIGER)ZIM(ZMS)
		<i>KRPUS-CNSHA-CNNGB-CNSHK-SGSIN-SAKAC-EGPSD-GRPIR-TRIZT-TRIST-TRTEK</i>
WMED		MSK(AE20)HSD(SERA1)MSC(DRAGON)
	Old	<i>CNSHA-CNNGB-CNXIA-CNYTN-SGSIN-LBBEY-ITSPE-IIGOA-FRFOS-ESVAL-ESBAR</i>
	New	Seasonal suspension
	None	MSK(AE11)HSD(SERA2)MSC(JADE)
		<i>CNTAO-KRPUS-CNNGB-CNSHA-CNXMN-CNNSA-CNYTN-SGSIN-EGPSD-ITGIT-ESBAR-ESVAL</i>

- ✧ MSK(AE20)HSD(SERA1)MSC(DRAGON) ; Same as North Europe services, one service from Asia to West Mediterranean has been suspended.
- ✧ Unlike North Europe, Mediterranean services do not always skip the same port. Instead, each service skips origin ports alternately or randomly.

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