

Chemical Carriers & Product Tankers

Demand/Supply & Profitability to 2015

Recent increases in chemical demand have funded expansion in both trade and shipping demand for the chemical carrier sector.

The product tanker sector has been enjoying rising freight rates for several years, while demand growth has mostly concentrated on Asia, particularly China, with limited growth in the USA, Europe and Japan.

The chemical carrier and product tanker sectors are each facing a transitional period. Employment demand is forecast to continue to rise. However, new strict regulations will mean great changes must occur within each fleet in the forward period. The product fleet has two new regulations, from the IMO (Regulation 13G and 13H). The chemical fleet will have a revised MARPOL Annex II from 2007.

The current large newbuilding orderbooks will have massive impacts on both fleets in the next 5 years through extensive structural and volume fleet changes.

This report analyses the revised regulations and their impact on the chemical and product fleets throughout the period to 2015, through detailed analysis of recent/current developments and extensive future forecasts.

Included in the Report are detailed analyses and forecasts in the areas of:

- Trade volumes and patterns;
- Fleet development, including newbuilding and scrapping prospects;
- Vessel demand and supply;
- Vessel freight rates;
- Vessel operating costs;
- Vessel operating profitability.

This Report provides invaluable independent analysis on the future development prospects for the chemical and product tanker sectors. It represents the most up-to-date and comprehensive examination of the chemical and product shipping industry, and is essential reading for all parties with an interest in these sectors.

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SECTION 3 WORLD CHEMICAL CARRIER FLEET & TRADE DEVELOPMENTS

Provides an analysis of the chemical carrier fleet development, IMO classifications, age profile and year of build. The orderbook is examined by scheduled year of delivery and top building yards and nations. Recent scrapping volumes are also investigated. Newbuilding and secondhand prices are analysed. Overall trade is investigated by major grouping under Organic, Inorganic and Vegetable Oils & Animals Fats.

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