



# MSC WITHDRAW GREAT SEA SERVICE FROM OPERATION

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Today, MSC announce the withdrawal of their 'Great Sea' service that operates between Asia and the Black Sea. The service will cease operation on Asia export sailings from the first week of November. The string currently operates nine vessels with a nominal capacity of 5,500 TEU. "The decision to withdraw this service is due to unexpectedly low demand out of Asia. We have to adapt our capacity to the demand in these difficult times," commented Caroline Becquart, Senior Vice President of MSC.

MSC will continue to offer a service between Asia and the Black Sea with cargo transshipped in Asyaport, which is located in Barbaros, Tekirdağ, Turkey. The company expects to offer good transit times to its customers via the new transshipment service though the schedule is still under construction. Caroline concludes; "While current demand is not sufficient to meet the costs of running a dedicated service, we are committed to provide solutions for our customers. The transshipment service will maintain our customers' supply chain and our commitment to the area."

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## **About MSC**

MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A. is a privately owned global shipping company founded in 1970 by Gianluigi Aponte. As one of the world's leading container shipping lines, MSC operates 480 offices across 150 countries worldwide with over 24,000 employees. With access to an integrated network of road, rail and sea transport resources which stretches across the globe, the company prides itself on delivering global service with local knowledge. MSC's shipping line sails on more than 200 trade routes, calling at over 315 ports.

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