

Ocean Rate Bulletin



Soybean:

Total TEU/FEU:

The numerator represents the total number of 20-foot equivalent unit (TEU) shipped, by all carriers, during October 2003. The denominator represents the total number of TEU shipped, by carriers, throughout the 2003 calendar year. Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS), Journal of Commerce, October 2003.

Market Share-October:

Each carrier's current market share is based on the number of containers shipped during October 2003. Source: PIERS, October 2003.

Market Share-CY 2003:

Each carrier's market share is based on the total number of containers shipped throughout the 2003 calendar year. Source: PIERS, 2003.

Transit Time:

Each carrier's transit time is calculated on departure from Oakland, CA unless otherwise noted. Source: "The Pacific Shipper On-Line", "The Shipping Guide on the Web", and individual shipping line websites.

Ocean Rates:

Ocean rates are applicable for December 30, 2003. Rates are per 20-foot container. Rates are quoted in U.S. dollars and represent container-yard to container-yard shipments. Source: Identified through the Descartes on-line rate tariff, PLUS Tariff retrieval systems, eztariff rate retrieval system, and individual shipping line websites.

Container Rate:

Container rates for Soybean are quoted on full 20-foot dry containers unless otherwise noted.

Container movements of soybean are defined by the Harmonized Tariff System as "soybeans, whether or not broken ."

Definitions:

- AI = All Inclusive
- ARB = Arbitrary Charge
- BAF(FAF) = Bunker Adjustment Factor is also known as fuel adjustment factor.
- CAF = Currency Adjustment Charge
- CFS = Container Freight Station - used to consolidate shipments.
- Chassis = Chassis Surcharge
- KT = 1,000 Kilograms (Metric Ton).
- PC = Per Container
- THC = Terminal Handling Charge, also known as Container Yard Charge (CY).
- TEU = 20-foot Equivalent Unit (20-foot container).

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L.A./L.B./Oakland Ports To Tokyo, Japan

Soybean

Monthly Market Share For: October 2003

Month\Year: 177.0 \ 3,395.6

Carrier	Market Share	Market Share CY	Transit Time in Days	Ocean Rate	Surcharges:						Size	Container Rate	
					BAF	CHASSIS	CAF	THC	CFS Rec	ARB			Cotton R.
Westwood	49%	20%		\$1,150									\$1,150
Hatsu Marine Ltd.	24%	16%	20										
COSCO	16%	4%	13	\$825 ²⁴									\$825
Maersk-SeaLand	5%	28%	12										
Hyundai	3%	5%											
Lloyd Trestino	2%	5%	12										
Evergreen	1%	15%	20	\$1,520	\$184	\$40				\$400			\$2,144
Average Container Rate												\$1,089	

²⁴ Rate is based on a 40 foot container, not a 20 foot container.