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Walmart Toughens Delivery Demands for Suppliers

Walmart Inc. is raising its delivery goal posts for suppliers, asking them to deliver more goods on time as it competes with Amazon.comInc. for shoppers online and in stores. The retailer wants suppliers that ship full trucks of products to deliver orders within a specified two-day window 87% of the time, up from an 85% rate it targeted previously. Suppliers that fill part of a truck with their goods must hit a 70% ontime threshold, a significant jump from the previous target of 50%.

Source: Wall Street Journal March 6 2019

Japan's 'K' Line Warns of Huge Loss, Cuts Chartered Fleet

Japanese shipping line Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd. said it will trim its chartered container fleet and slash its bulk-vessel count after warning it will lose an estimated 100 billion yen (\$895 million) this year, in a new sign of mounting financial woes in the maritime sector. The loss estimate is five times more than the company had earlier projected for the fiscal year ending March 31. Source: Wall Street Journal March 7 2019

View From the Box: CAI International's CEO on the Outlook for Global Shipping

On the front lines of global trade, container leasing company CAI International's Victor Garcia sees trading tensions doing little to slow the flow of goods around the world. With nearly a million shipping containers under its control, San Francisco-based CAI International Inc. is on the front lines of the global trading economy. Its marine boxes hold the consumer goods and industrial parts that move across oceans on massive container ships, and its tankers, hopper cars and other rail equipment carry the basic raw materials of the North American industrial economy.

Source: Wall Street Journal March 5 2019

A Storm Is Gathering Over Container Shipping

It used to be that you could measure confidence in the container-shipping industry by the everincreasing scale of the carriers' vessels and the size of their ship orders. These days, the hulking megaships that serve the world's biggest trade routes look more than ever like monuments to brash corporate planning and projections built out of hopes rather than reality. From slowing global trade to rising fuel prices to capacity increasingly out of step with demand, container-shipping operators are facing new challenges over the next two years, hurting prospects for a recovery after nearly a decade of moving in fits and starts toward stability.

Source: Wall Street Journal March 3 2019

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