

## NEWSLETTER

### LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION

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#### **China's logistics industry prosperity index was 51.1% in April**

Per the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing, April's logistics prosperity index stood at 51.1%, down 0.4 percentage points month-on-month. Overall logistics demand kept expanding with steady business operations. Key sub-indices remained in expansion territory. Eastern and central logistics growth cooled, while the western index rebounded sharply, showing obvious regional divergence. **(People's Daily Online)**

#### **China-Europe freight train service operated 5,460 trains in Q1**

In Q1, the routes carried 5,460 trains and 546,000 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) of cargo, with year-on-year rises of 29% and 22%. Covering 93 domestic lines, they link 235 cities across 26 European nations. Border clearance takes as short as 30 minutes. 22 scheduled trains run steadily, lifting transport efficiency and cargo value, alongside upgraded services and a new development index. **(China.com)**

#### **Zhangjiakou launches its first freight train service to Central Asia**

On April 22, 2026, Zhangjiakou, Hebei launched its first regular China-Central Asia freight train service, advancing the city's integration into the Belt and Road Initiative. Carrying 49 forty-foot containers of auto parts, industrial and consumer goods, the train departed from Xiahuayuan district and is expected to arrive in Almaty, Kazakhstan in about 13 days via the Alataw Pass in Xinjiang. **(China Daily)**

#### **New railway timetable implemented, upgrading freight trains and logistics system**

Starting April 10th, China implemented a new freight train schedule, arranging 8 express intercity freight trains at 160 km/h and 81 fast multimodal freight trains at 120 km/h, prioritizing the transport of key materials such as coal, grain, and fertilizer, and improving the railway logistics product system. **(China.com)**

#### **The Yangtze River Delta's sea-rail intermodal transport is showing impressive growth**

As of April 25, the Yangtze River Delta railway had completed 1.006 million TEUs of sea-rail intermodal transport this year (a year-on-year increase of 11.3%), surpassing one million TEUs 14 days earlier than last year. Shanghai Port and Ningbo-Zhoushan Port are handling nearly 8,800 TEUs daily, with the number of regular train services increasing to 119. **(China.com)**