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China-Europe rail network boosts cargo reliability amid global uncertainties

In early 2026, China-Europe freight trains had a strong start, with over 900 trips from Xi'an and stable services across hubs like Yiwu, Hefei. In 2025, 34,000 trains carried 3.17 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) to 26 European and 11 Asian nations, boosting global supply chain stability, offering faster, more reliable transport amid geopolitical and logistical challenges. **(Global Times)**

China's first logistics digitalization national standard released, effective March 2026

On 26 September 2025, China's first national standard for logistics enterprise digitalization was released at a logistics digitalization conference, to take effect on 1 March 2026. The standard fills a gap in the domestic logistics digitalization field. The China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing states will advance logistics and supply chain standard internationalization, supporting Chinese solutions globally. **(Guandian.cn)**

Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz is beneficial to oil shipping

Affected by geopolitical factors (the escalating conflict between the US and Iran, with Iran announcing the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz) and fluctuations in international oil prices, the crude oil shipping index (BDTI) surged 91.5% year-on-year in the week of February 21-27, while the refined oil shipping index (BCTI) increased by 12% year-on-year. **(9fzt.com)**

Express Delivery Volume Expected to Reach 214 Billion Pieces in 2026

According to the 2026 National Postal Work Conference, the express delivery volume of China's postal industry is expected to reach 214 billion pieces in 2026, a year-on-year increase of approximately 8%. The industry has shifted from "rapid expansion" to "low-speed quality improvement," with leading companies focusing on service quality and operational efficiency. **(China Economic Net)**

National Railway Freight Volume Shows Steady Growth

Data from the National Railway Administration shows that in January, the national railway system completed 438 million tons of freight transport, a year-on-year increase of 3.6%; completed 307.269 billion ton-kilometers of freight turnover, a year-on-year increase of 6.5%. The railway sector ensured the transportation of key materials such as coal and grain by optimizing capacity scheduling and increasing freight trains. **(National Railway Administration)**