

## NEWSLETTER

### LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION

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#### **Logistics and travel during the May Day holiday (April 27 - May 5)**

Total inter-regional travel reached 1.517 billion person-times (year-on-year +4%), with 106 million person-times by rail (+4.6% YoY), 1.392 billion person-times by road (+3.51% YoY), and 10.54 million person-times by air (-5.74% YoY). Rail freight volume reached 80.801 million tons (+1.63% YoY), and port throughput reached 278 million tons (month-on-month +7.64%). **(Toutiao)**

#### **Bulk commodity logistics hubs to secure nation's mineral supply**

On April 27, China's customs authority plans to build bulk commodity logistics hubs in comprehensive bonded zones to secure strategic mineral supply, in line with the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030). There are now 168 such zones, whose 2025 import and export volume hit 7.2 trillion yuan (\$1.054 trillion), taking up 16% of China's total foreign trade. **(China Daily)**

#### **Hubei to boost role in central region growth**

On April 25, Hubei Province unveiled a plan to build an efficient inland transport system by 2030 via integrated multi-modal (waterways, railways, highways, aviation, and pipelines) transport. Hubei has 2,585 kilometers of high-speed rail and 117 cargo routes at Ezhou Airport and will develop shipping and China-Europe freight hubs to boost logistics and global cooperation. **(China Daily)**

#### **World's largest car carrier delivered in Guangzhou**

On April 28, 2026, the world's largest pure car and truck carrier *Glovis Leader* was delivered in Guangzhou. It can carry up to 10,800 cars, uses LNG and conventional dual fuel, and measures 230 meters long, 40 meters wide, and 48 meters high. Designed by SDARI and built by Guangzhou Shipyard International for South Korea's HMM, it features high efficiency and advanced technology. **(China Daily)**

#### **Chinese ports start more direct routes to Africa as trade ties deepen**

In April, Chinese ports including Qingdao, Yantai and Tianjin added new direct routes to Africa. In the first quarter, Qingdao's exports to Africa hit 43.56 billion yuan (\$6.36 billion), up 26.3%. Yantai's cargo volume exceeded 2 million tons, up 31.9%. Starting May 1st, China implemented zero tariffs on goods from 53 African countries with which it has diplomatic relations. **(Global Times)**