

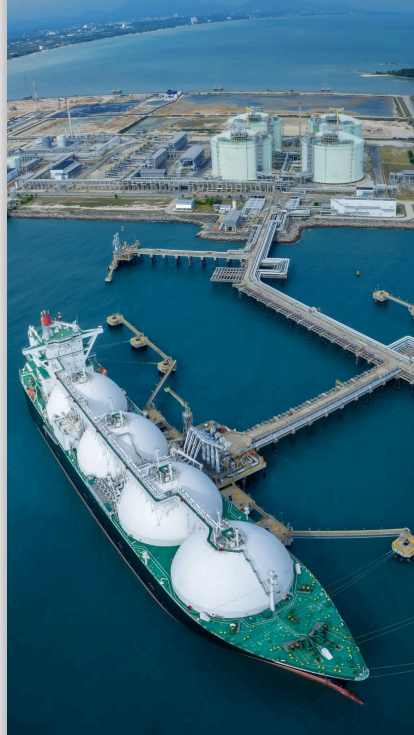
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Wasaline doubles down on LBM with Gasum

Finnish shipping company Wasaline will run one of its vessels on liquefied biomethane (LBM) supplied by Gasum through 2027.

The extension follows an agreement signed last August to run the ferry Aurora Botnia on LBM for FuelEU Maritime compliance on Baltic Sea voyages.

The surplus compliance generated by using LBM on the vessel will be added to Gasum's FuelEU pool and used to offset compliance shortfalls across Stena Line's fleet. Stena Line runs 40 vessels across 20 routes in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

The LBM-powered ships in Gasum's pool include its two bunker vessels, Coralius and Kairos, one vessel operated by Tallink, two ferries operated by Viking Line, two vessels operated by Wallenius SOL and two of Anthony Veder's LNG carriers.

Vitol completes record bunker delivery in Karachi

Vitol Bunkers' vessel Marine Ista has completed the largest bunker operation ever recorded in Pakistan's Karachi port, according to Karachi Port Trust (KPT). The 6,800-mt-capacity bunker vessel delivered 4,900 mt of fuel to the MSC Apollo during a bunker-only call. This showed the port's "capability to handle large vessels for bunkering and emerging as [a] bunkering hub," KPT noted. Vitol did not disclose additional details, such as which fuel grade was delivered.

In February, Vitol expanded its fuel range in Pakistan by adding HSFO supply to its existing VLSFO and LSMGO operations across Karachi Anchorage, Karachi Port and Port Qasim.

MB Energy to build ammonia import terminal in Hamburg

German energy firm MB Energy has secured a government permit to build and operate a new ammonia import terminal in the Port of Hamburg. The company plans to import and redistribute ammonia via the terminal, and the ammonia could go to bunkering in the future, the company said. MB Energy will build a new storage tank for imported ammonia and upgrade the existing berth for inland barges and seagoing vessels.

It also plans to build an ammonia cracker plant linked to the terminal, where ammonia can be converted into hydrogen and potentially connected to a wider hydrogen grid. The proposed facility is set to handle around 600,000mt/year of ammonia. "The planned terminal is expected to be Germany's first large-scale ammonia import hub," MB Energy said.

Clean Shipping Coalition opposes scrapping GHG fines

Proposals that call for removing GHG penalties and weakening technical elements should be rejected by IMO member states, as these are central to shipping's path to net-zero, Clean Shipping Coalition president Delaine McCullough told ENGINE. A draft version of the IMO's Net-Zero Framework was approved by its Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) last April, but was not adopted last October. Adoption was deferred following objections over proposed GHG penalties and strict fuel intensity reduction targets for 2035. Several countries, including Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and the UAE, are now pushing to remove GHG penalties. McCullough said her coalition will not support any framework without a flat emissions penalty, warning that a "technical measure-only policy" would undermine investment in zero-emission fuels and raise shipping decarbonisation costs.



Maritime EU ETS emissions dropped by 3% last year

Maritime emissions covered by the European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) fell by 3% in 2025 from 2024 levels, marking an initial shift after shipping was brought into the system, the European Commission said. Overall EU ETS emissions across all sectors declined by 1.3%. From 2026, vessels on intra-EU voyages must pay for 100% of their emissions, up from 70% in 2025, while EU-non-EU voyages must cover 50%, up from 35%.



Elbdeich Reederei takes delivery of methanol dual-fuel vessel

German shipping company Elbdeich Reederei has taken delivery of the first of four **methanol dual-fuel** container ships being built at China's Guangzhou Wenchong Shipyard. The 1,250 TEU-capacity DP World London is equipped with a methanol dual-fuel main engine. The remaining three vessels are due for delivery in the coming months. All four ships will be chartered by Unifeeder and deployed across Northern Europe.

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Singapore's bio-bunker sales edged up in March

Singapore's **bio-blended bunker sales** rose by 1% in March to 92,000 mt, according to preliminary data from the port authority. Of this total, about 78,000 mt comprised **VLSFO blended** with a bio component - typically around 24% in Singapore - while roughly 14,000 mt was **HSFO blended** with biofuel. **Bio-blended LSMGO** sales were recorded for the first time this year, with just 400 mt sold.

For the January-March period, total biofuel bunker sales reached 244,000 mt, down from 361,000 mt recorded during the same period last year.

Meanwhile, **LNG sales** declined by 17% in March. Despite this, total LNG sales for the first three months of the year reached nearly 151,000 mt, up from 102,000 mt a year earlier.

There were no sales of **B100** (100% biofuel) or **methanol** reported in March, while **ammonia** sales have yet to be recorded this year.

Weekly Brent developments

Front-month ICE Brent is heading for a **3% rise** on the week amid fears of a further escalation in the Middle East war after Iran threatened to disrupt shipping routes beyond the Strait of Hormuz, including the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and Red Sea.

Upward pressure:

Iran's military commander Ali Abdollahi warned that Tehran will "not tolerate any US-led maritime blockade" targeting Iranian commercial oil tankers, state-owned news agency Tasnim reported. This follows a statement by US Central Command (CENTCOM) that a blockade of Iranian ports has been in place since 13 April. "Vessel transits via the Strait of Hormuz could come to a complete halt, as Iran may strive itself to block any other transits," tanker tracking firm Vortexa's senior market analyst Xavier Tang said.

Commercial US crude oil stocks fell by 900,000 bbls to 464 million bbls in the week ending 10 April, according to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA).

Downward pressure:

Brent's price felt some downward pressure amid hopes of de-escalation in the Middle East conflict. US President Donald Trump said in an interview with Fox News said that the war is "very close to over," suggesting that a fresh round of negotiations may be held this week.

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