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Worrying impact of mega-vessels/mega-alliances

The impact of mega-vessels and mega-alliances remains a big worry for shippers and logistics service providers (LSPs).

They are concerned about lengthening supply chains from production plant to port-of-departure to port-of-arrival to final destination.

“The consequences of ultra-large vessels on supply chain performance are longer transit times to unload, longer transit times to reach the hinterland, fewer (direct) port calls and more transshipment,” said Phil de Groote, transportation director EMEA, Stanley Black & Decker.

“We need to improve drastically door-to-door transit times. At the moment, we are losing too much time at origin between booking/handover of empty equipment and vessel departure. It is the same at destination, there is too much time between vessel arriving and final delivery.”

At the TOC Europe Conference and Exhibition, which takes place in Rotterdam on June 9-11, leading supply chain specialists, including De Groote, will discuss what they see as the major impacts of mega vessels and alliances on supply chain management.

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