

CMA CGM containership: Innovative environmental features



CMA CGM expands its fleet

CMA CGM Group has taken delivery of what is now the world's largest French-flagged containership.

The 13,830 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) *CMA CGM Amerigo Vespucci* was built by **Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME)** and is the second in a series of eight vessels named after the great explorers.

The *CMA CGM Amerigo Vespucci* has been equipped with a combination of what are being described as innovative environmental features.

Those features include an electronically-controlled engine, that reduces oil and fuel consumption and enables the vessel to be operated at 'eco-speed', and double-hull protected bunker tanks, in compliance with the MARPOL 12A regulation that will come into effect in August 2010.

The vessel also features the Fast Oil Recovery System, which enables bunkers to be rapidly recovered at any time, thereby significantly limiting the environmental consequences should there be an incident at sea.

The measures are said to be "in compliance with CMA CGM's environmental policy."

The vessel's superstructure is also located in the front to maximise space utilisation and guarantee better visibility from the bridge.

The vessel will be operated on the FAL 5 service (French Asia Line) linking Asia to North Europe. Today, CMA CGM offers 14 services between Asia and Europe, the third largest market in the world, thus strengthening its position as the market's leading operator.

"The Asia-Europe market registered a growth of 22% since the beginning of the year. The same trend is observed on all markets, confirmed by the 19% growth announced by the main maritime ports over the same period," CMA CGM commented.

The vessel will start its rotation in Ningbo on July 31 and then onto Shanghai, Yantian, Tanjung Pelepas, Port Klang, Le Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Zeebrugge, Port Klang, Singapore and Ningbo.

"Thanks to its size and equipment, this modern and competitive vessel, which completes the Group's fleet, enables CMA CGM to meet the steady customer demand on this key market," commented Nicolas Sartini, senior vice president Asia / Europe Lines, CMA CGM Group.

The vessel is the sister ship of the CMA CGM Christophe Colomb that was christened at a ceremony in the port of Le Havre earlier this month.

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