



### **CMA CGM takes delivery of new ship**

French shipping line CMA CGM this week took delivery of its latest newbuilding, the 8,500-TEU container ship FIGARO. The new ship is registered in France and will sail under the French flag.

According to CMA CGM, in compliance with CMA CGM's environmental policy, and like all new vessels of this type ordered by the Group, the CMA CGM FIGARO is equipped with a combination of innovative environmental features, including the pioneering Fast Oil Recovery System, which enables bunkers to be rapidly recovered at any time, hence significantly limiting the environmental consequences should there be an incident at sea.

Other refinements include an electronically controlled engine, reducing oil and fuel consumption by respectively 25% and 3%. Thanks to this new engine, the vessel can – if necessary – be operated at super eco-speed (14 to 15 knots). The ship also boasts a multi-chamber waste compactor to recycle garbage on board, and pre-equipment to connect to a port's electricity supply during operations.

CMA CGM Figaro will operate on the Asia / Middle East Gulf trade during the period when volumes and freight rates are recovering, says the French company, adding that Figaro is a strategic asset for CMA CGM and provides evidence of the group's ability to move forward in the current economic market.

CMA CGM Figaro is currently en route for Tianjin for phasing onto the CIMEX service on the following rotation: Tianjin, Busan, Shanghai, Ningbo, Shekou, Port Kelang, Khor Fakkan, Jebel Ali, Bandar Abbas, Port Kelang, Nansha, Tianjin.

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