

## CMA CGM newbuild is given environmental rating

The CMA CGM Leo is the sister ship of the Christophe Colomb

The **CMA CGM Group** has taken delivery of another containership, one of the first in the Group to be rated under the new **Bureau Veritas (BV)** environmental index.

The 11,400 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) capacity *CMA CGM Leo* is the fifth of a series of 12 similar-sized vessels ordered by the CMA CGM Group for delivery in 2010 and 2011.

A Group statement said the ship had been rated by the BV clean ship index. It said the rating confirmed "the environmental performance of the vessel", which it said was equipped with "innovative environment-friendly features".

They include an electronically controlled engine that will reduce bunker and lube oil consumption and enable the vessel to be operated at "eco-speed", a "**pioneering Fast Oil Recovery System**", and hydrodynamic improvements to hull and rubber design for further cuts in bunker consumption and emissions.

The features are similar to those on the 13,830 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) [\*CMA CGM Amerigo Vespucci\*](#), which was also delivered to the French container line this month.

The *CMA CGM Leo* will join the *CMA CGM Christophe Colomb* and *CMA CGM Amerigo Vespucci* on the FAL 5 (French Asia Line) service operated between Asia and Europe.

CMA CGM will take delivery of the *CMA CGM Pegasus*, sister ship of *CMA CGM Leo*, at the beginning of August.

That vessel too will be deployed on the FAL 5 service.

"CMA CGM [has] invested in a modern and competitive fleet, being both efficient and environmental-friendly," Nicolas Sartini, Senior Vice President Asia / Europe Lines, CMA CGM Group.

"The delivery of *CMA CGM Leo* and *Pegasus* will allow CMA CGM Group to meet the steady customer demand and strengthens its leading position on the Asia-Europe market while taking into account environmental stakes according to the Group's commitments and values."

BV announced in June that it had introduced an [environmental rating system for ships](#).

It said its Green Rating Composite Index would provide charterers and regulators with a tool to compare the environmental performance of ships and would help owners assess their investment in environmental measures.

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