

Global Trends in Maritime Logistics: Implications for Seaports



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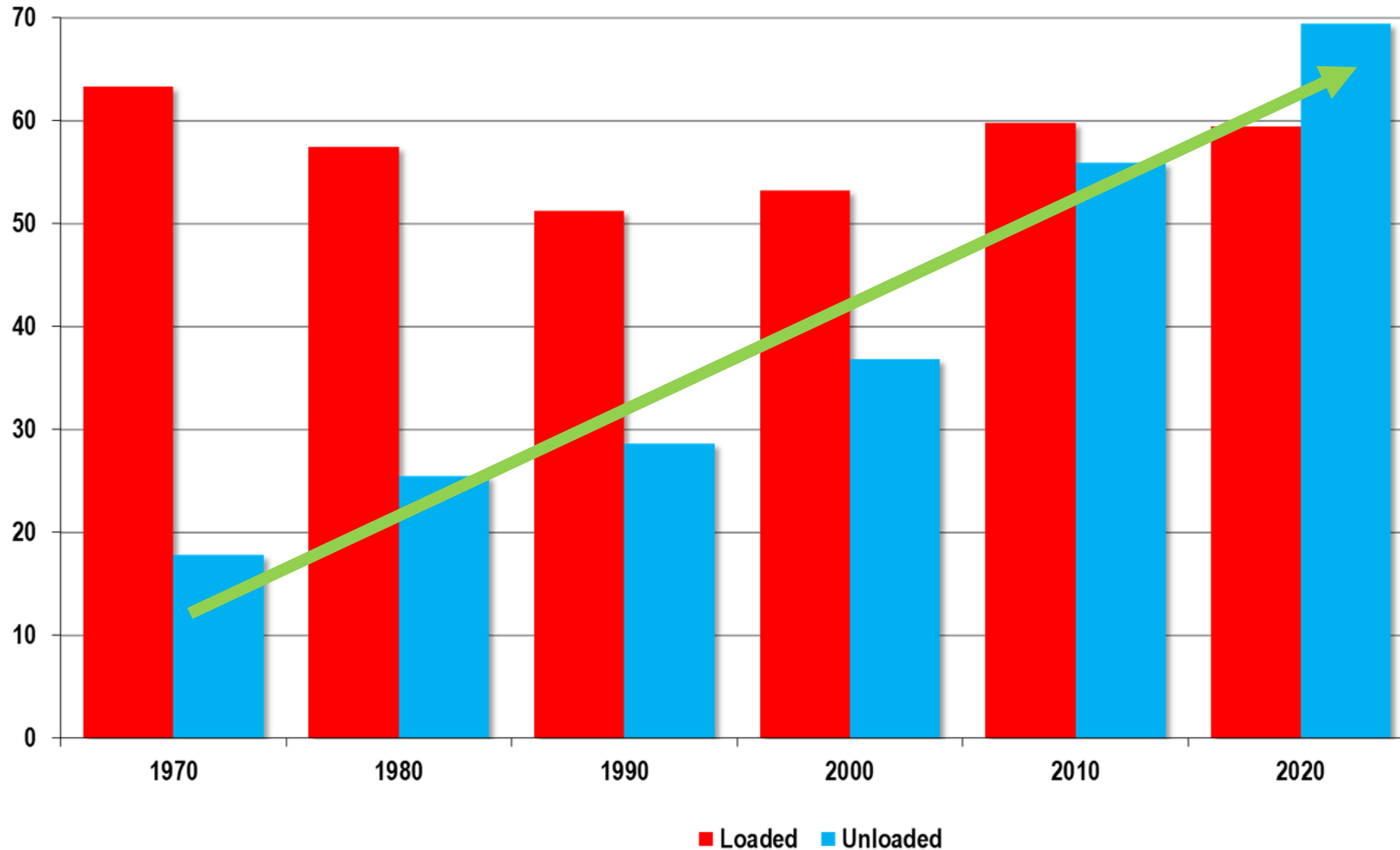


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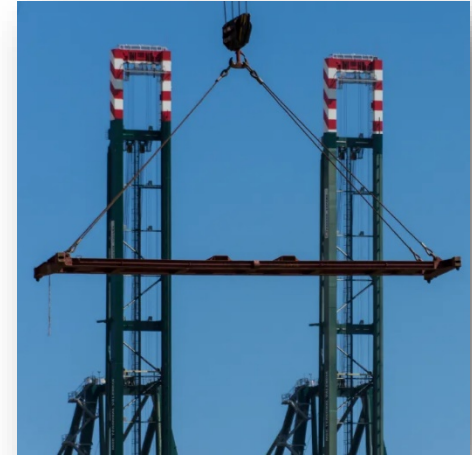
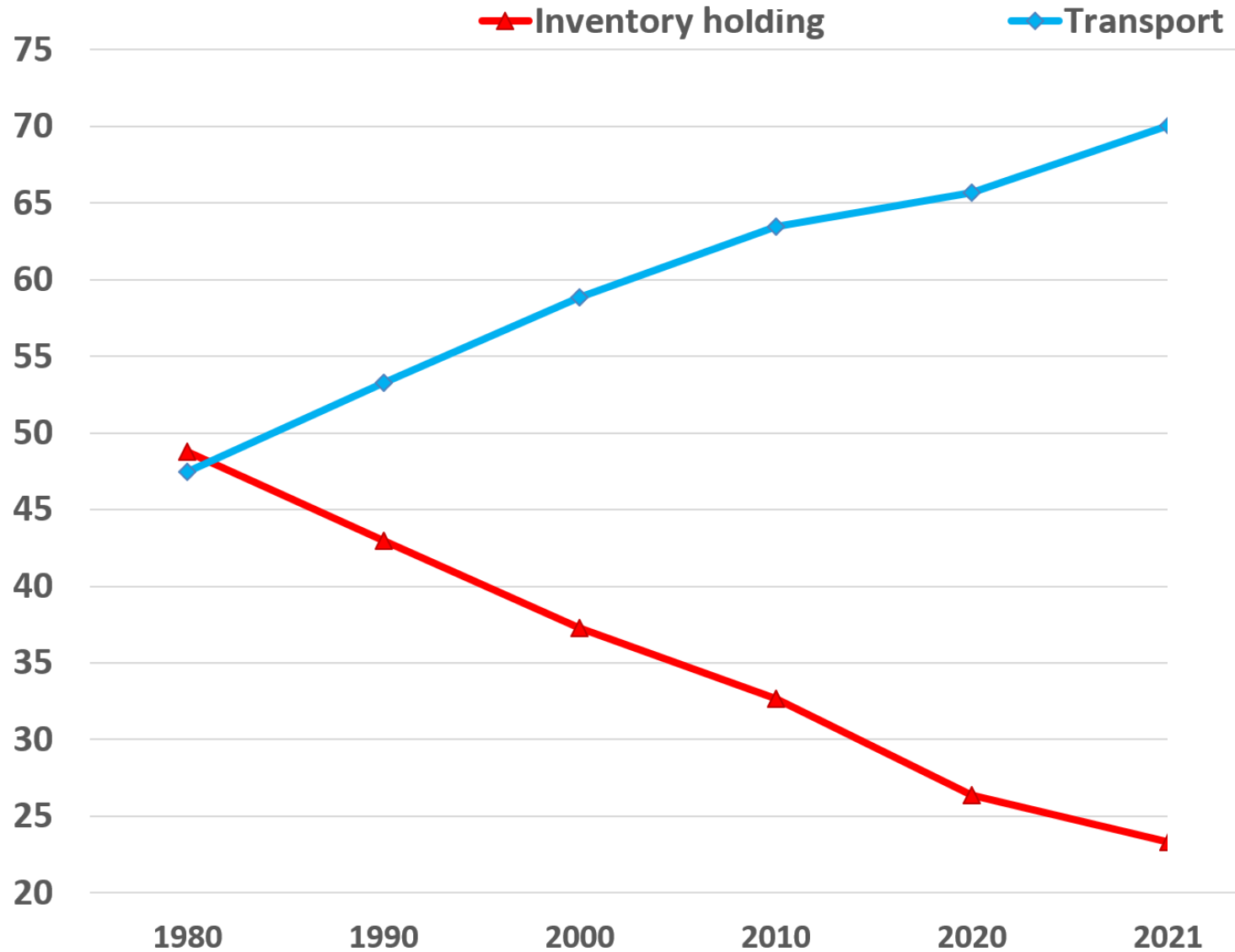
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Seaborne trade: share of developing countries Tonnes

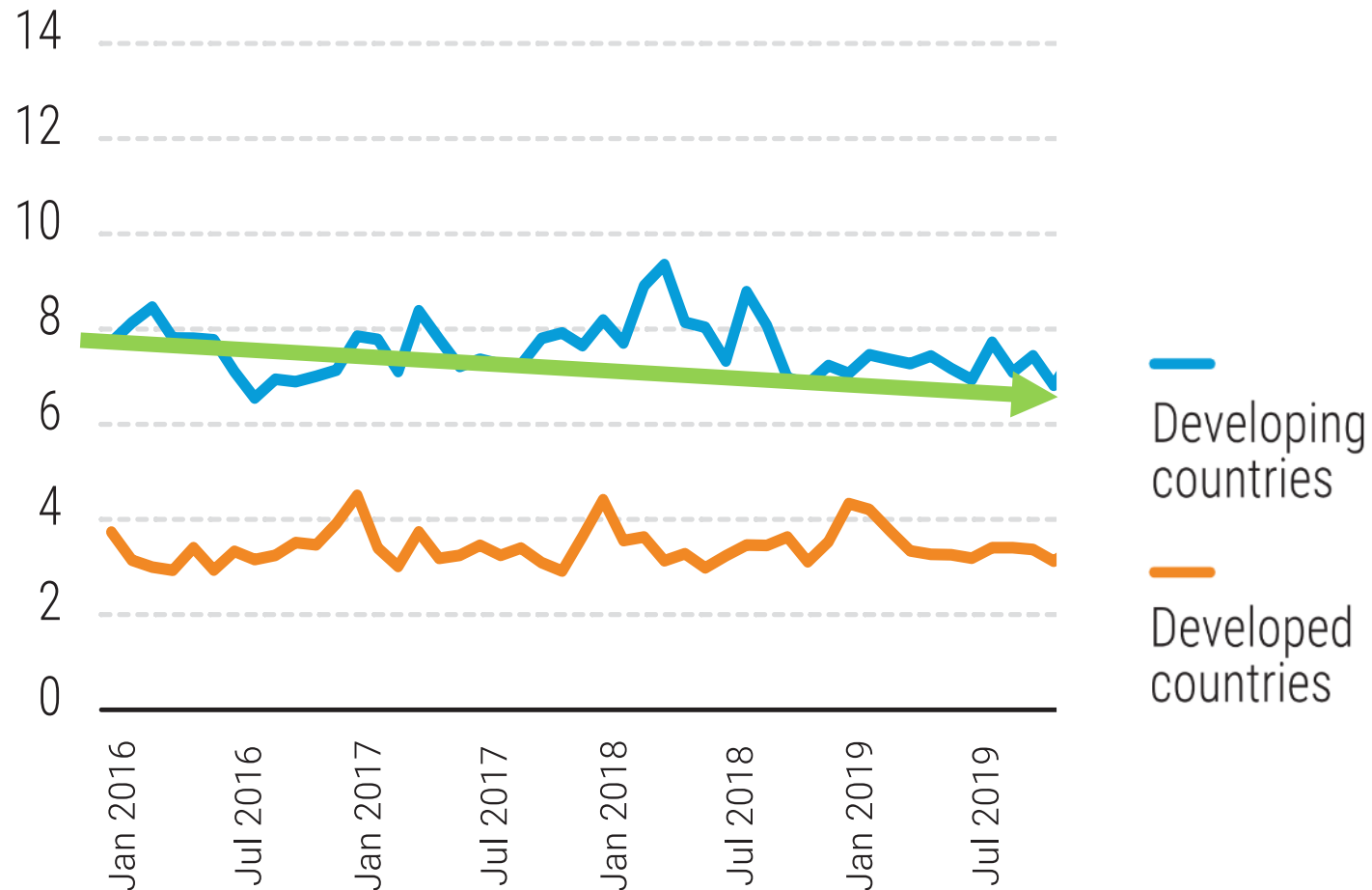


% share of tonnes. Source: *Review of Maritime Transport*

Share of transport and inventory holding expenditures within total logistics expenditures in the United States



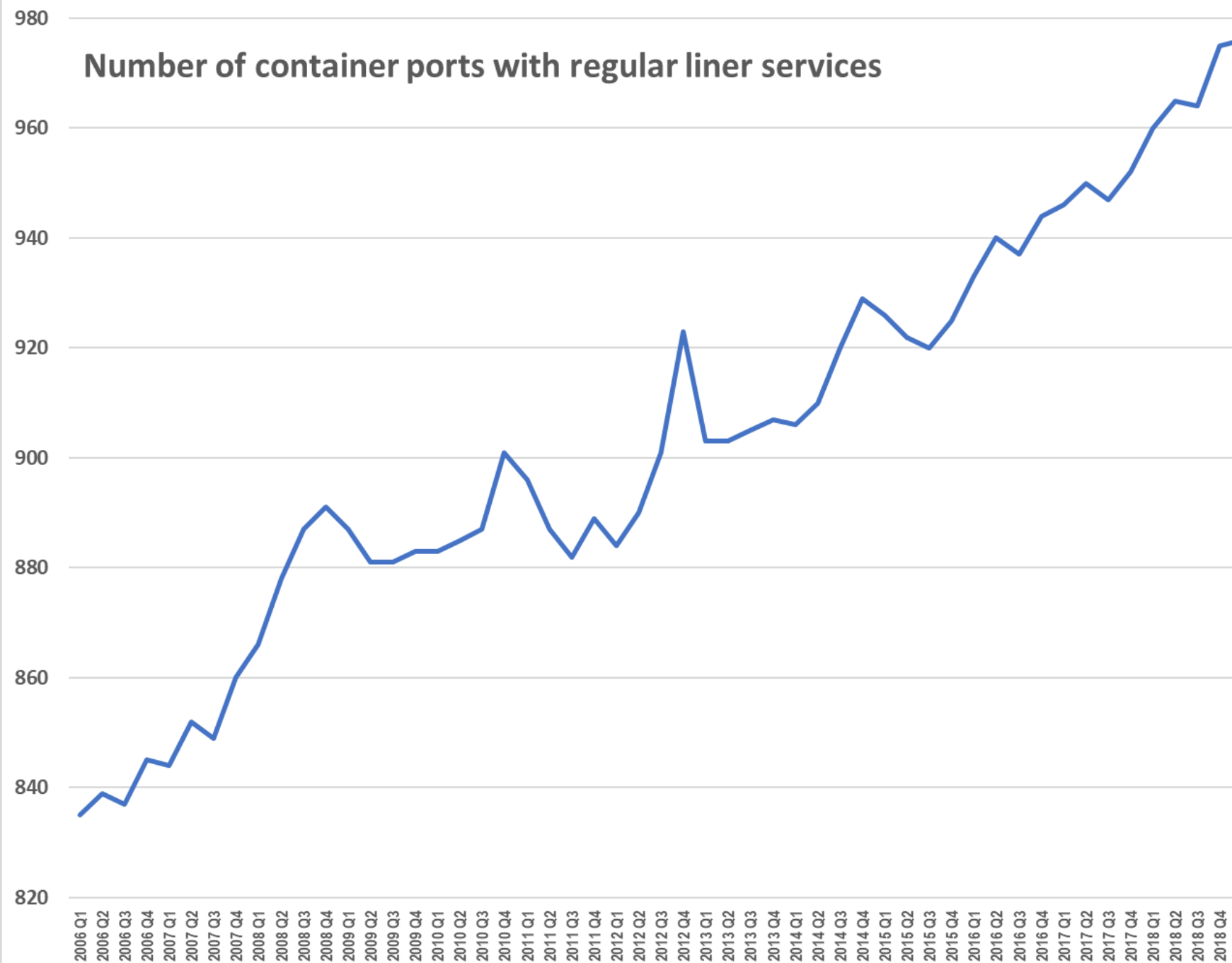
Average waiting times of container ships at port in hours, monthly



Source: UNCTAD, based on data provided by Clarksons Research.

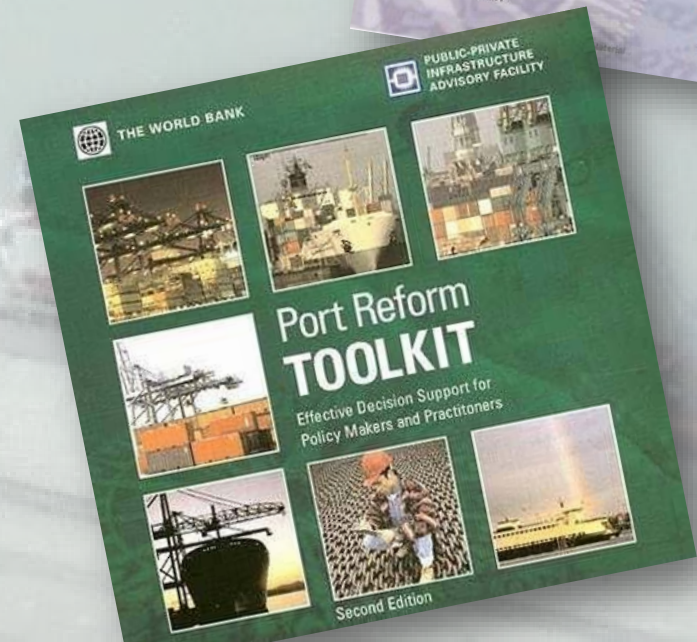
Notes: Waiting time estimated based on the time between vessel first entering an anchorage associated with a port group (or port where vessel has not been seen in an anchorage shape), and first entering a berth within a port.

Number of container ports with regular liner services

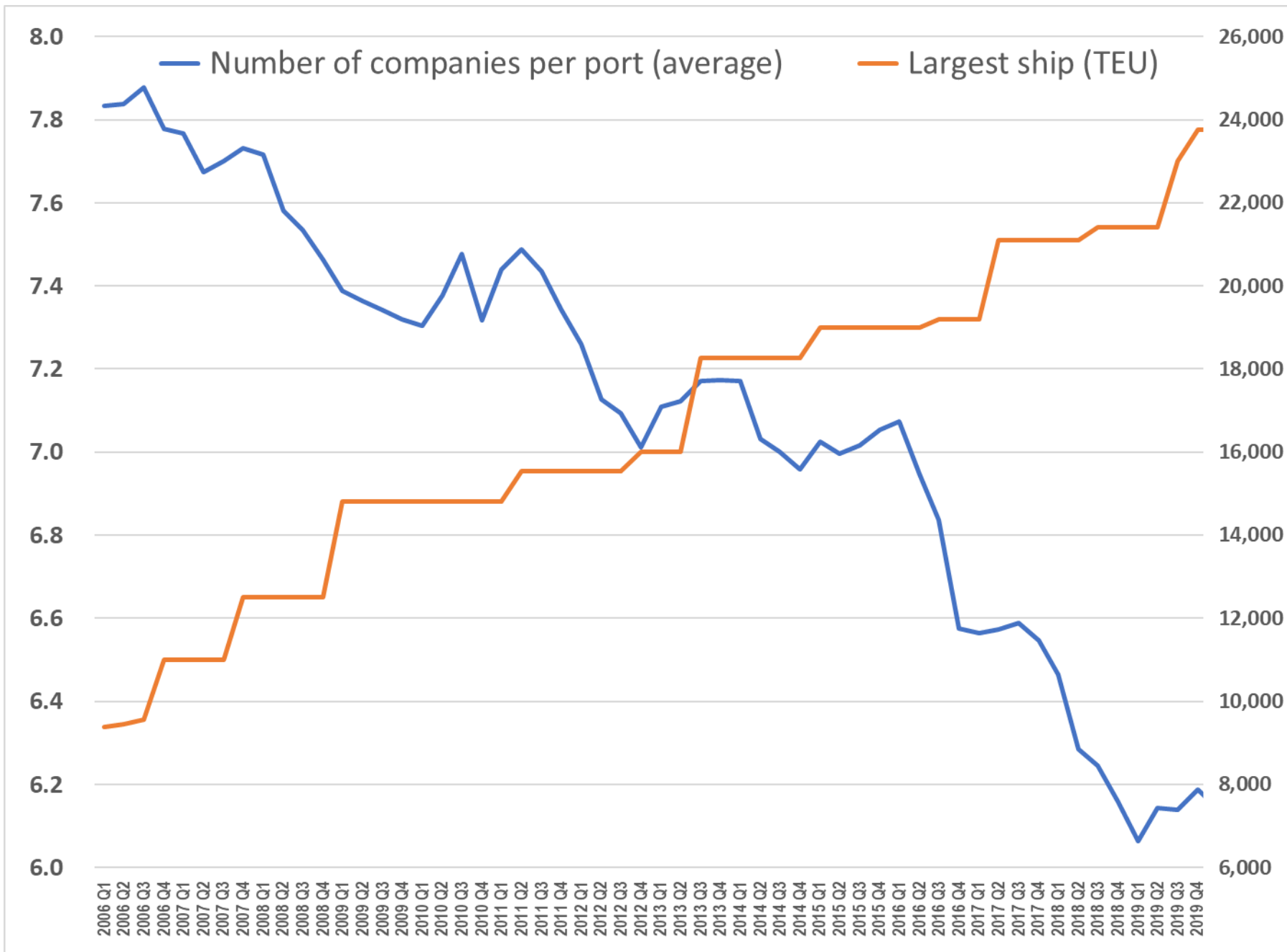


Overall positive long-term trends

- Trade Facilitation indicators of WTO and OECD
- UNCTAD TrainForTrade port network KPI
- UN survey on cross-border trade
- ASYCUDA case studies
- Time in port AIS data
- CIF/FOB ratios
- LPI time series
- Port handling KPIs
- Port modernization and private sector investments

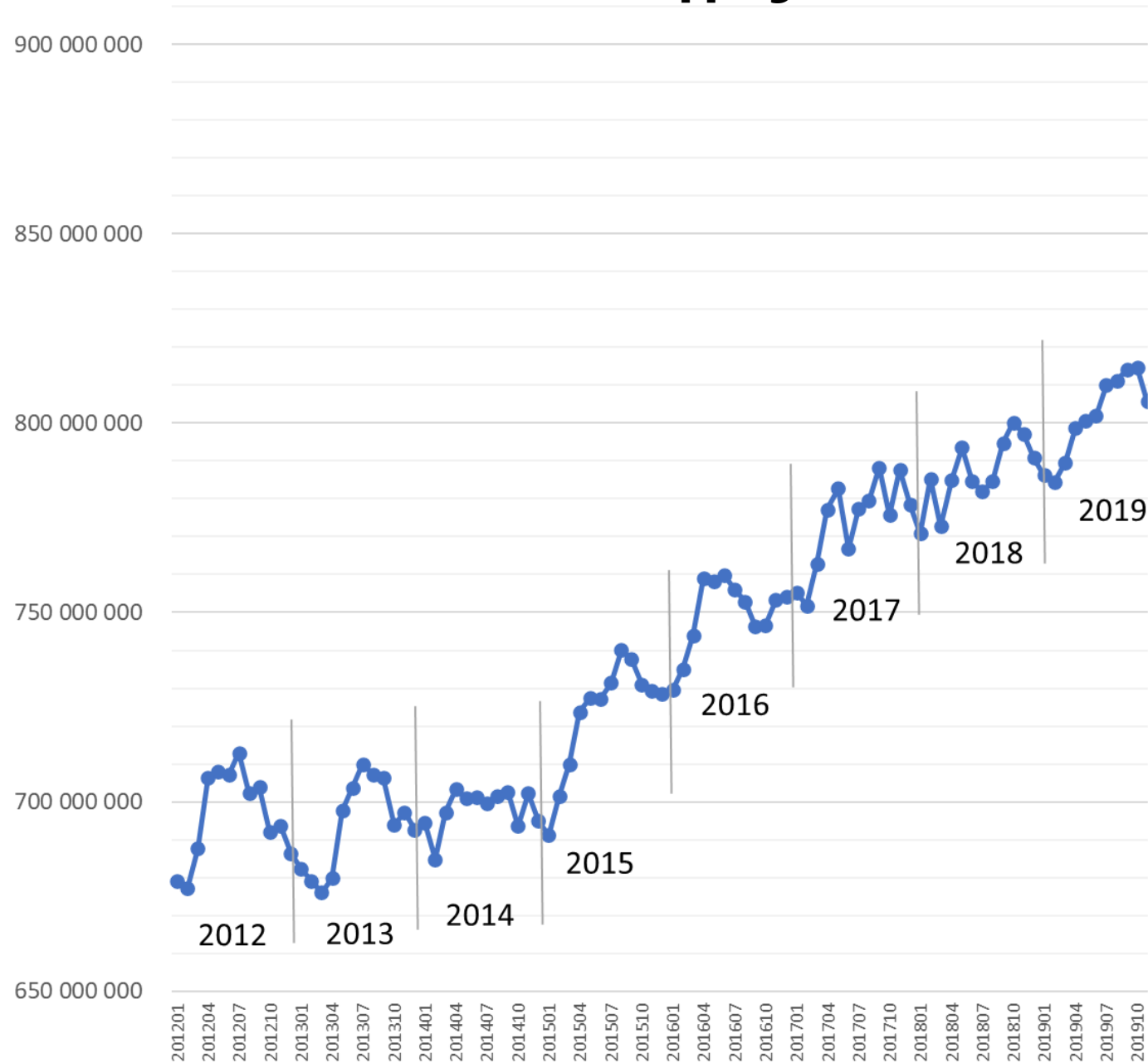


Overall **negative** long-term trends?



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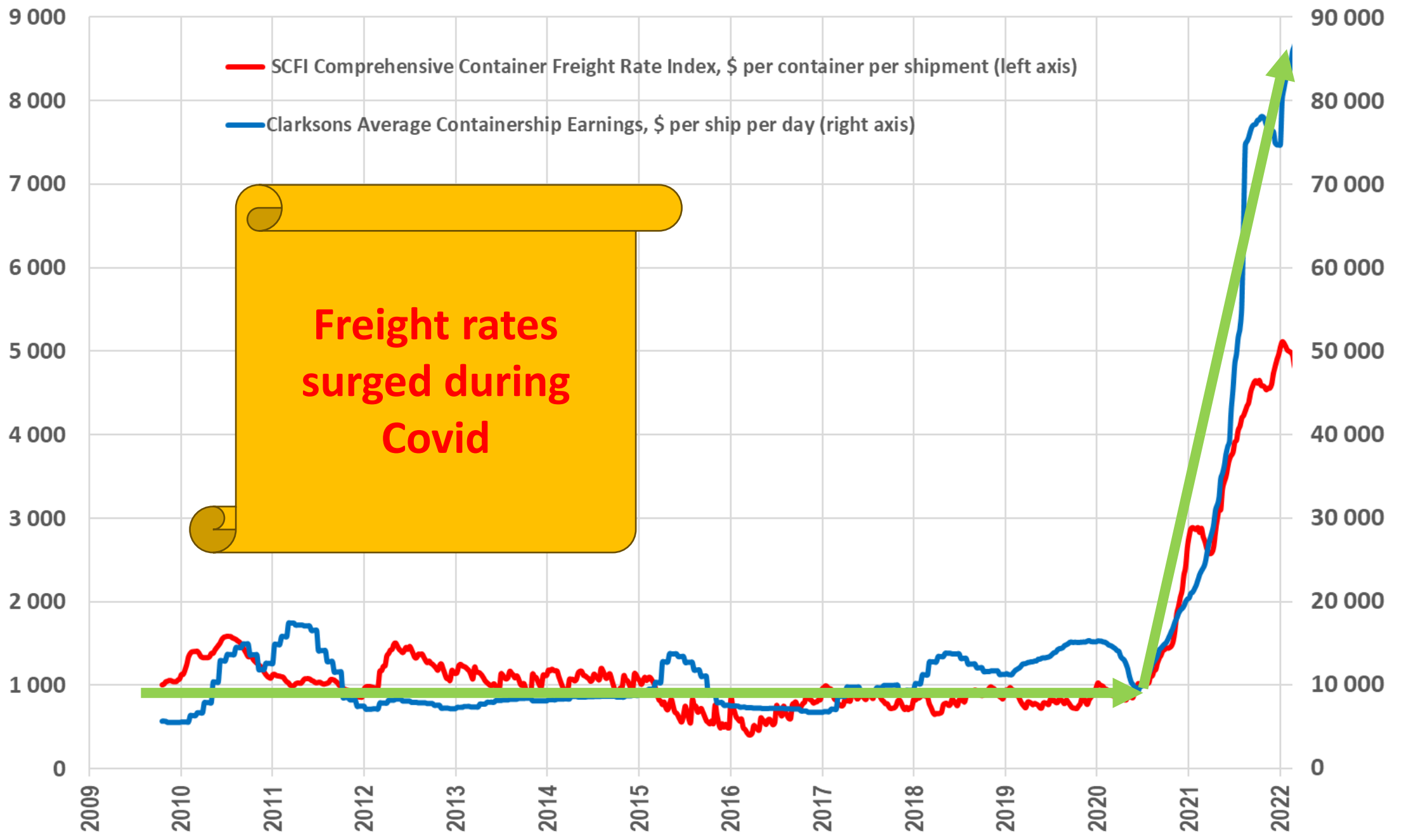


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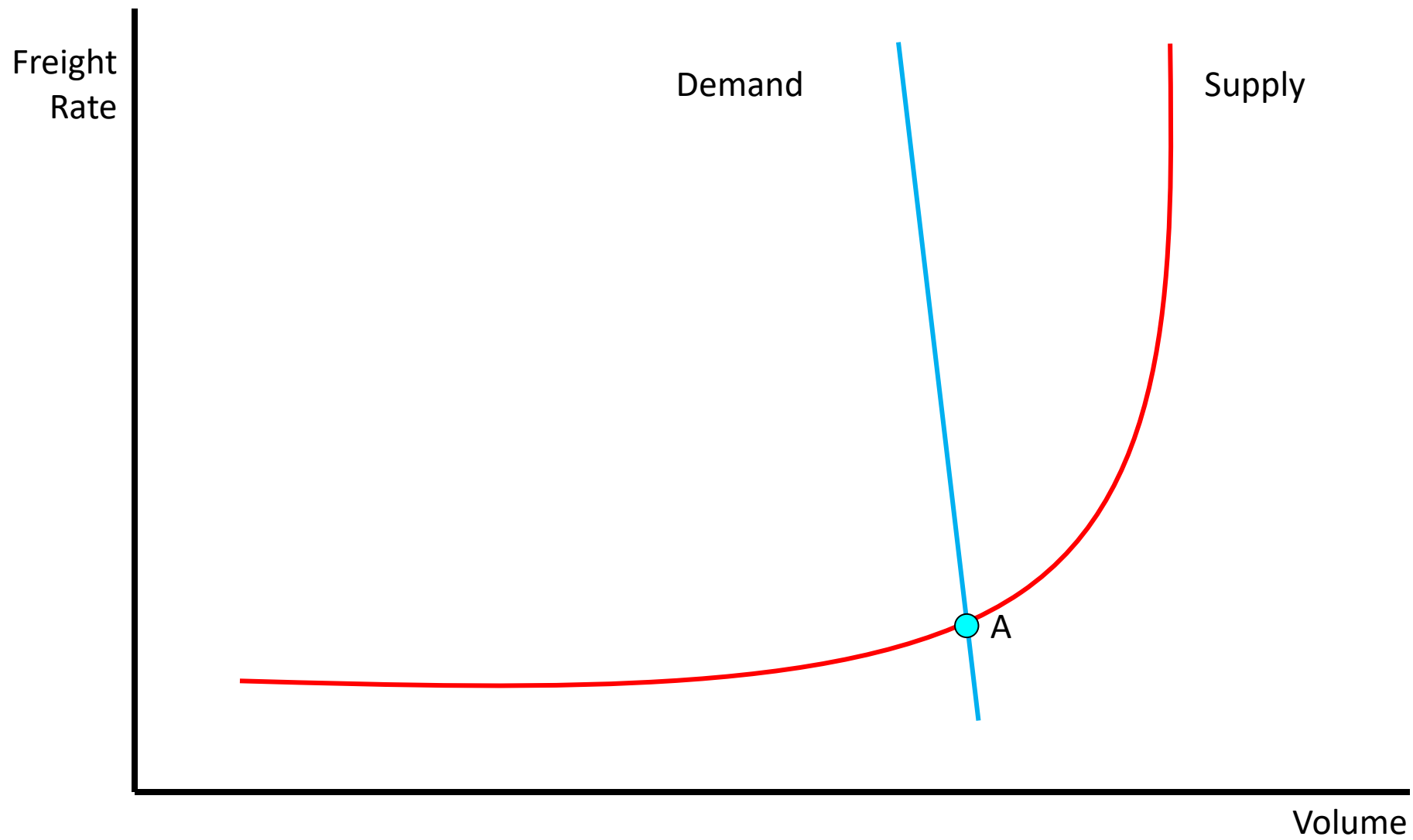


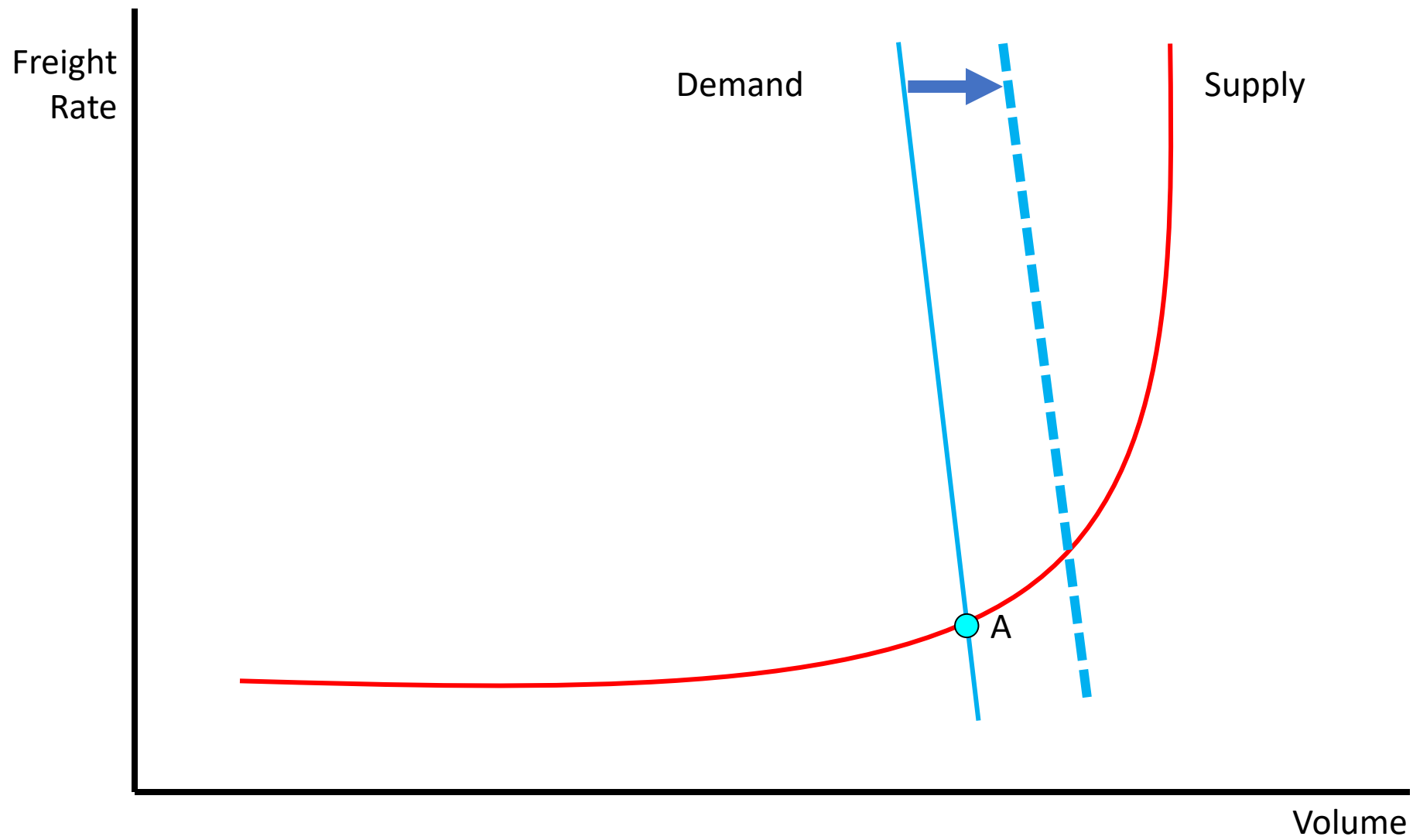
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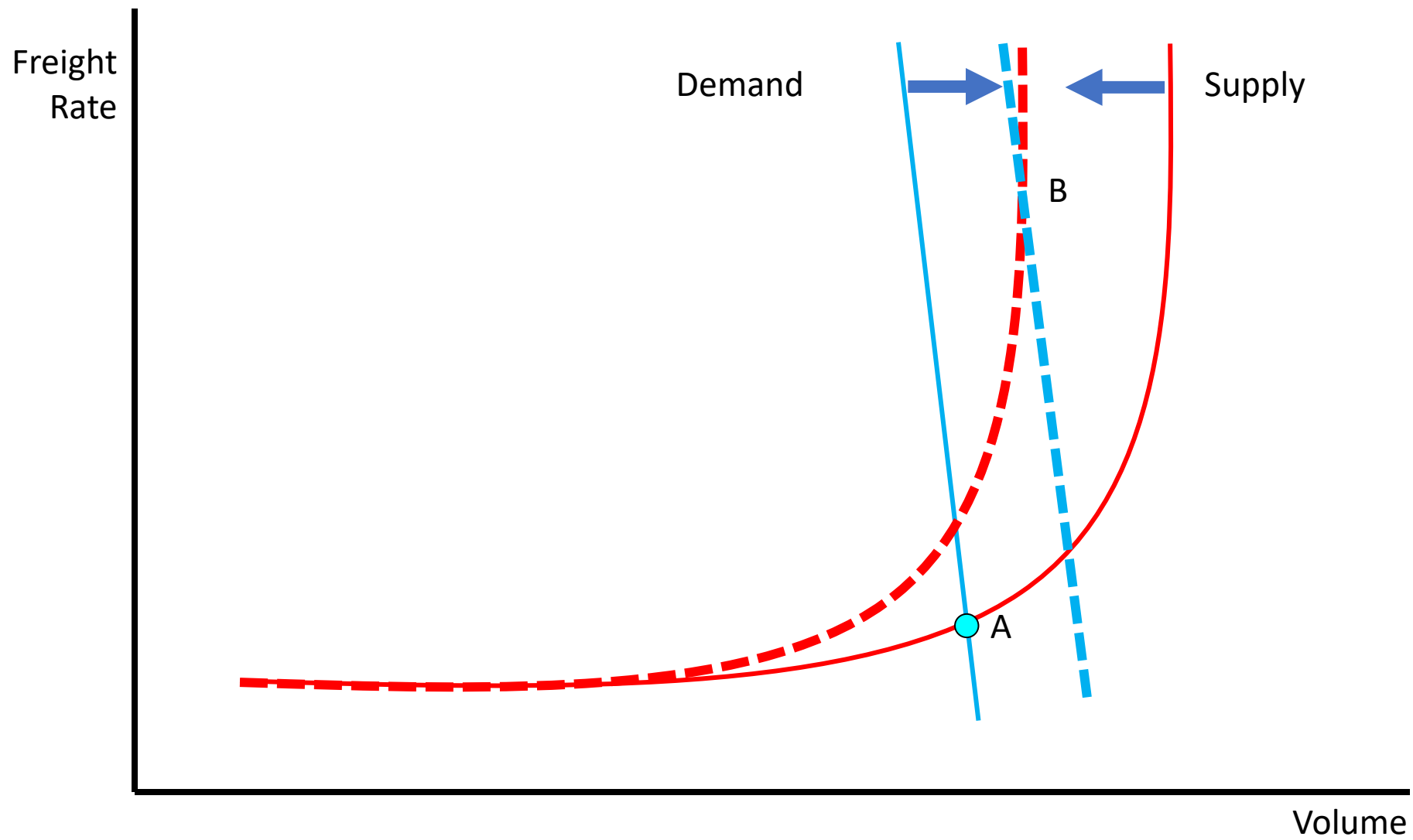




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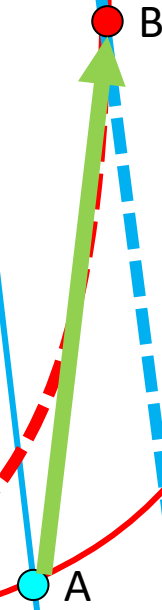
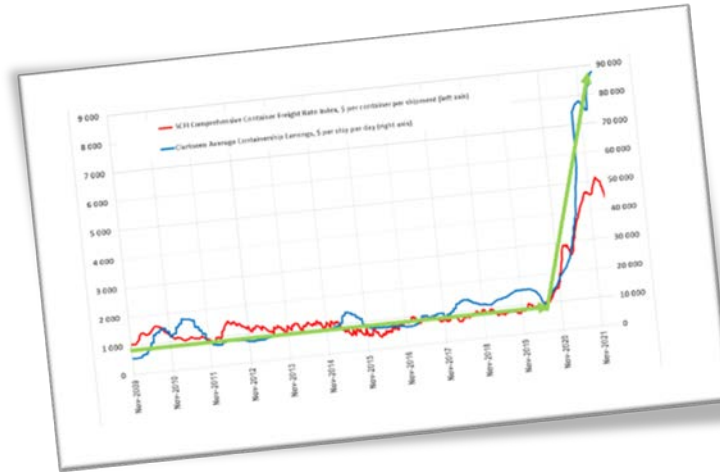




Freight
Rate

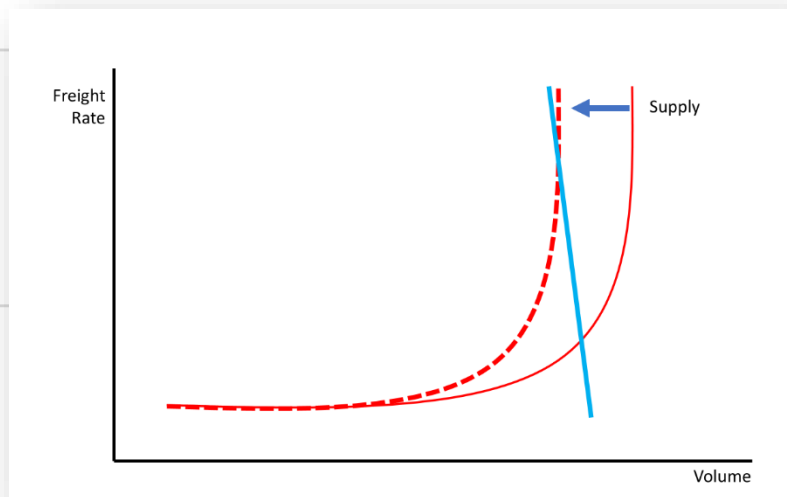
Demand

Supply



Volume

SCFI (Shanghai Comprehensive Container Freight Rate Index) 2009 to 20 February 2025



Covid:
Supply crunch as
ships spent more
time (+20%)
in **ports**

Red Sea:
Supply crunch as
ships
spend more
time (+9%)
at sea



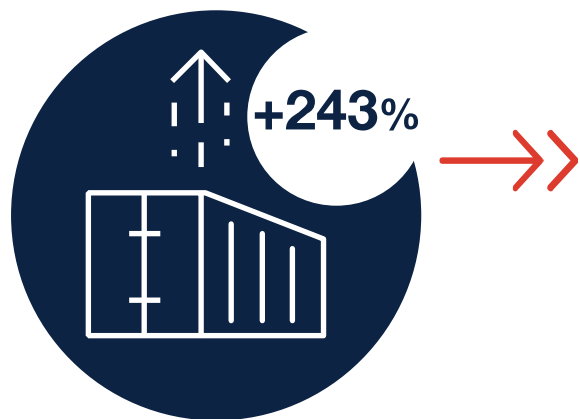
Source: JH, based on data from Clarksons SIN

SIMULATED IMPACT OF CONTAINER FREIGHT RATE SURGES

Hardest hit are SIDS

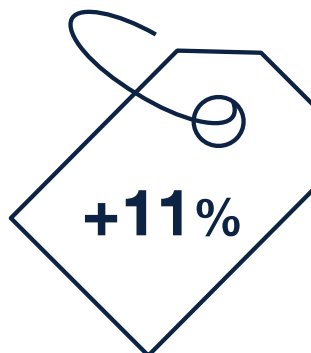
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Sustained increase in container freight rates

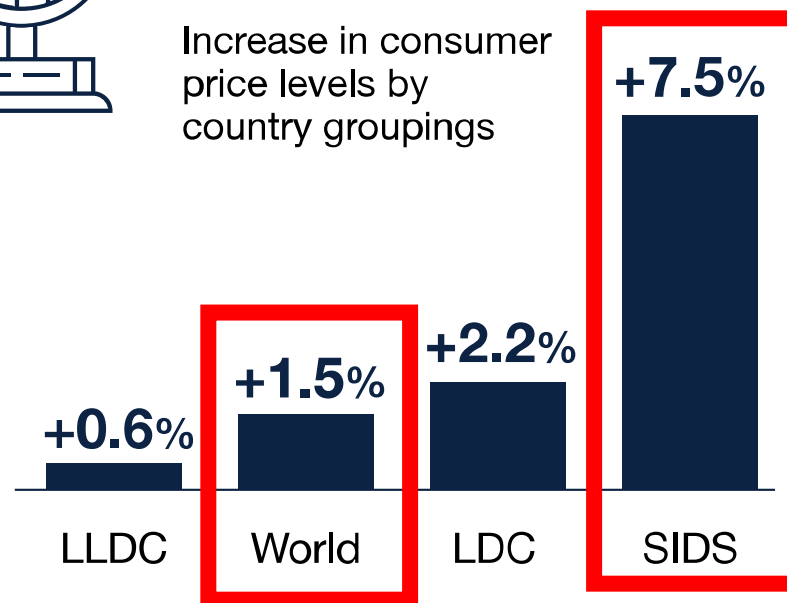


Simulation results:

Increase in global import price levels



Increase in consumer price levels by country groupings



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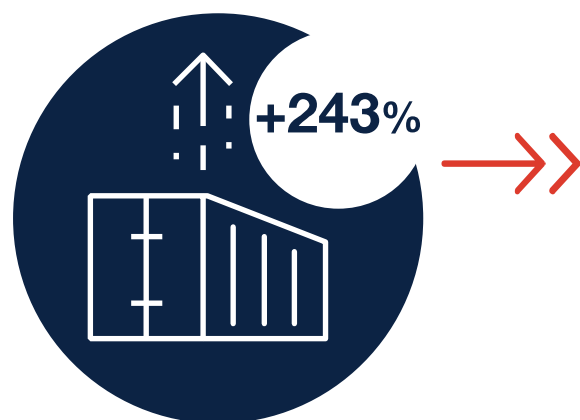
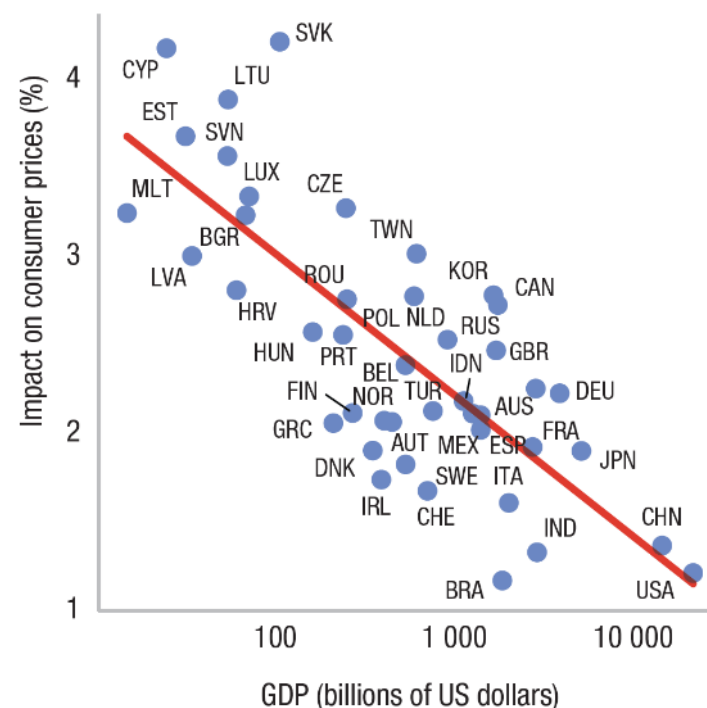
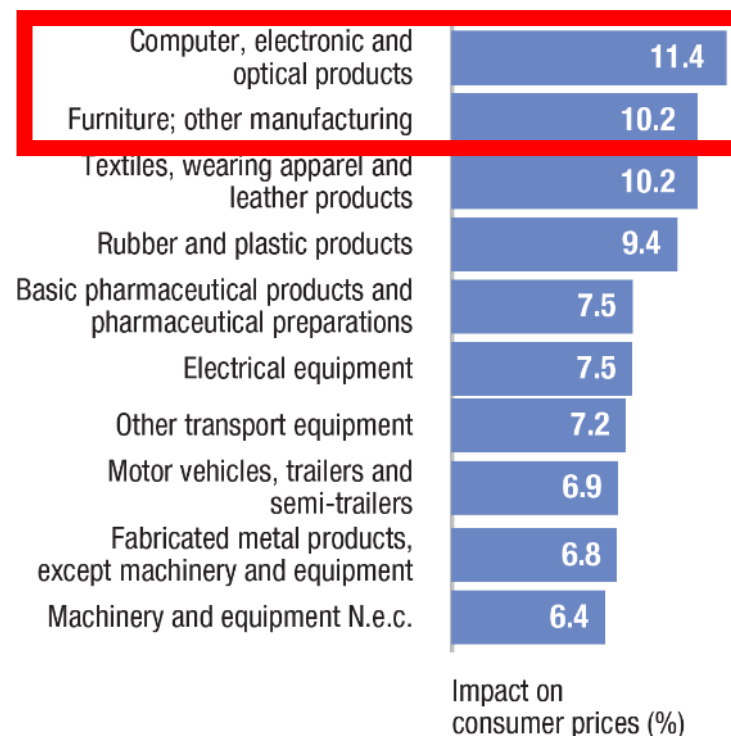


Figure 3.9 Simulated impacts of the container freight rate surge on consumer price levels, by country and by product

By country



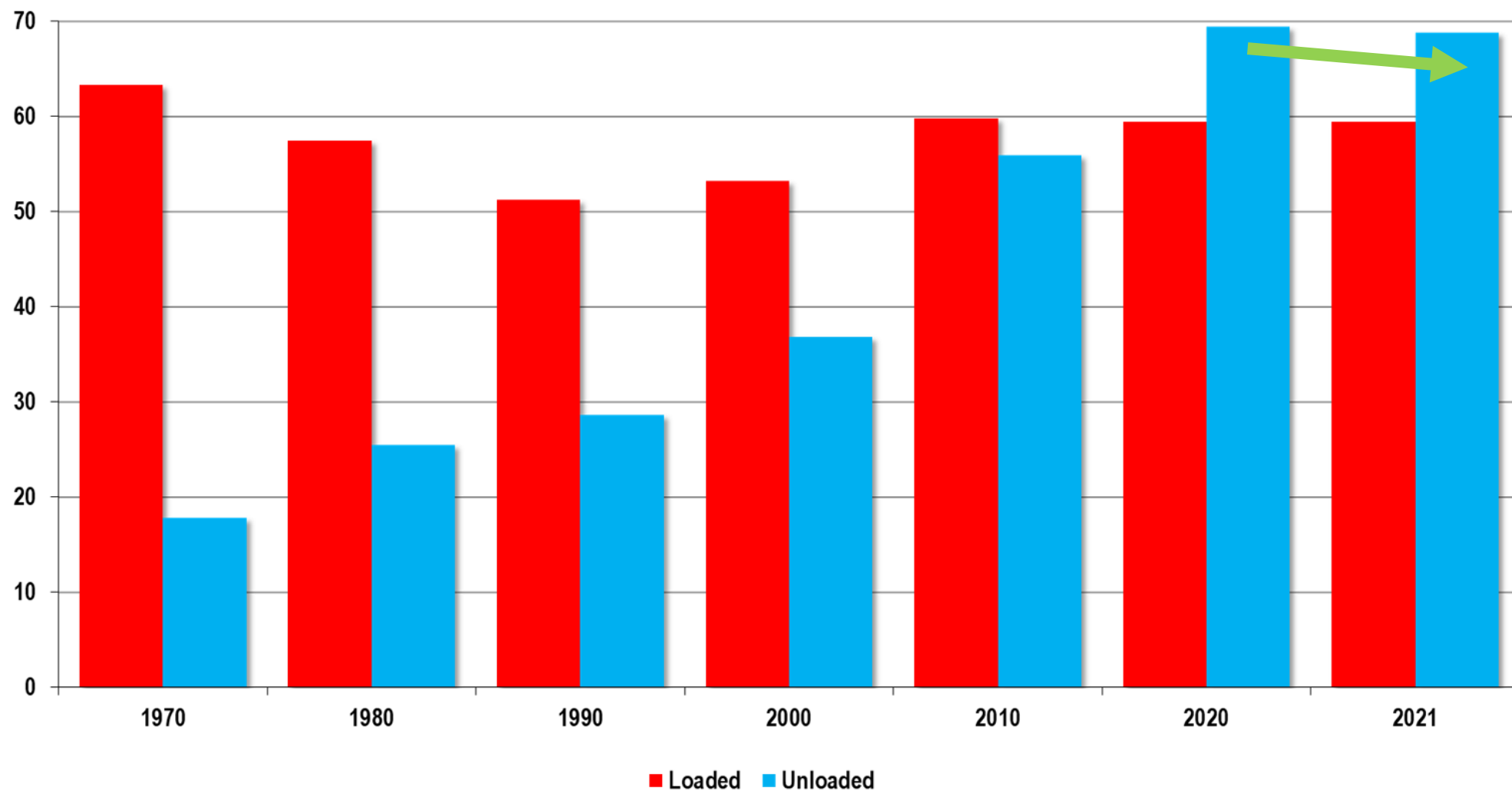
By product (top 10 products)



Sources: UNCTAD calculations based on the WIOD (accessed 7–8 June 2021) developed by Timmer et al., 2015, Clarkson's Research, *Shipping Intelligence Network* (accessed 2 September 2021), UNCTADstat (accessed 24 June 2021), and the Centre d'Études Prospectives and d'Informations Internationales, *Gravity Database* (accessed 21 May 2021).

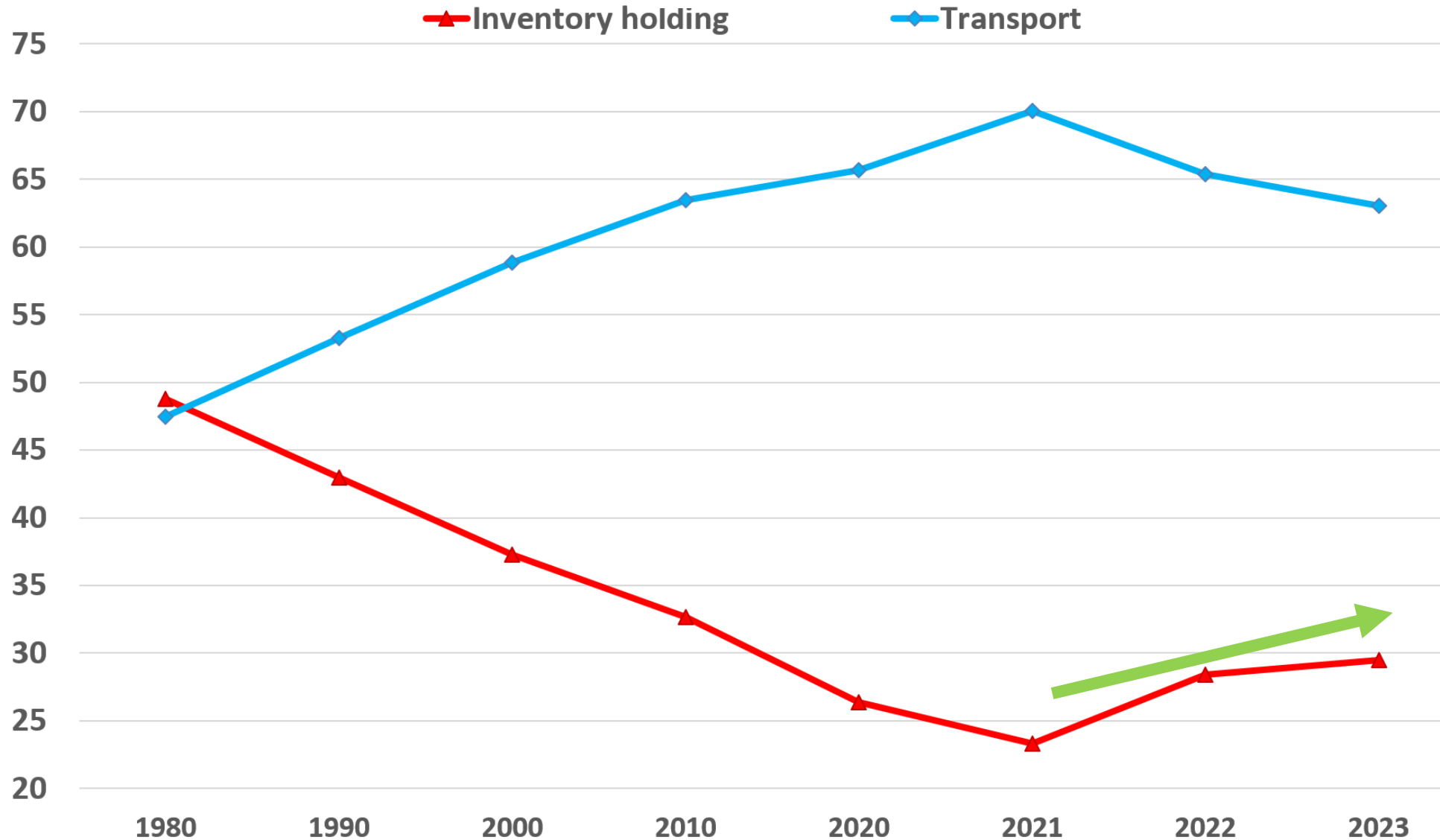
Note: The impacts of the container freight rate surge on prices are based on a 243 per cent increase in the CCFI between August 2020 and August 2021. The simulated impacts on price levels are long-term impacts, i.e., the simulation assumes that the current container freight rate surge and the corresponding increases in production costs are fully passed to consumers. See technical note 2 for the detail of the methodology.

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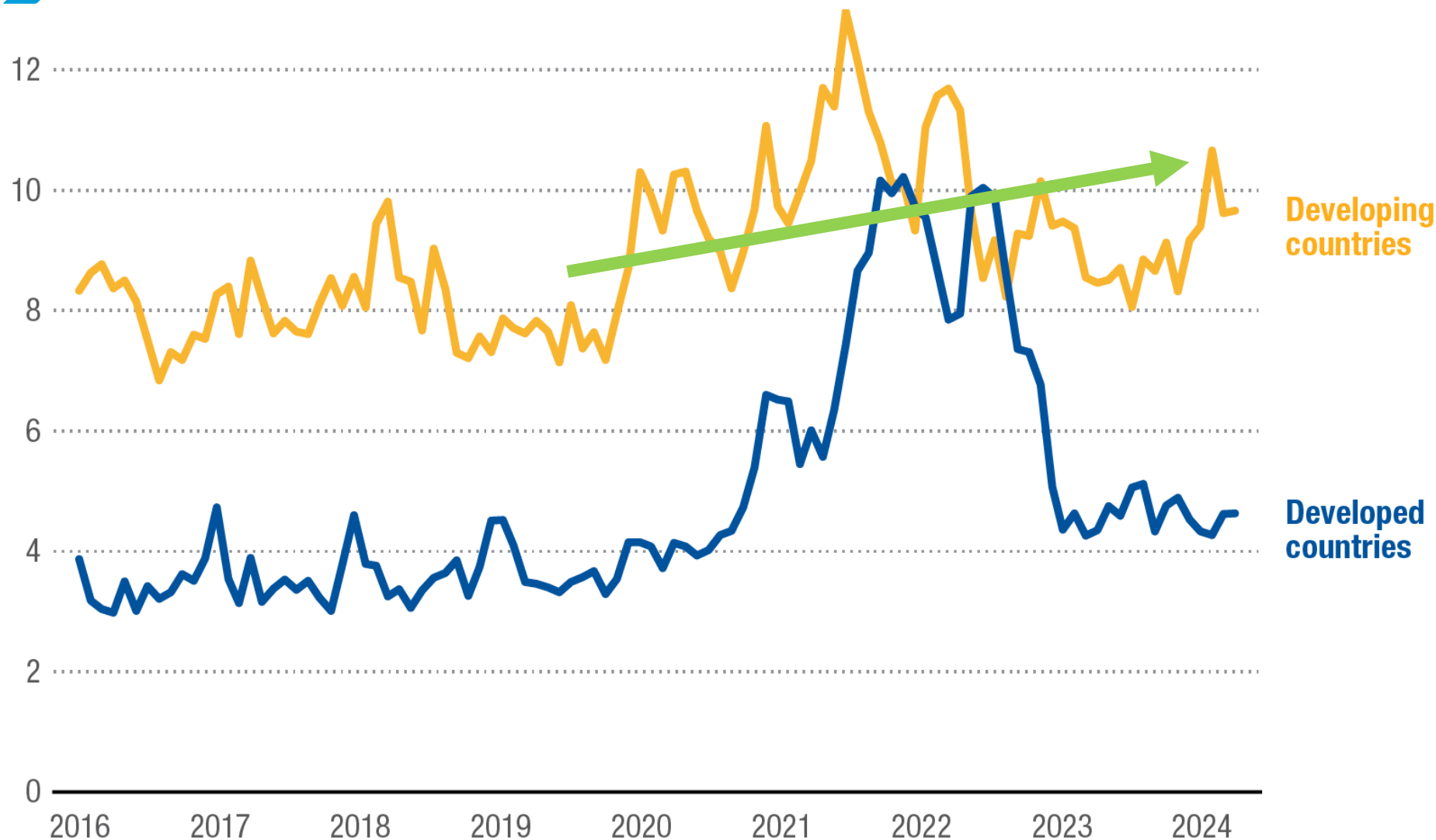


Source: UNCTAD, based on CSCMP State of Logistics Report, via <https://www.penskelogistics.com/insights/industry-reports/state-of-logistics-report>

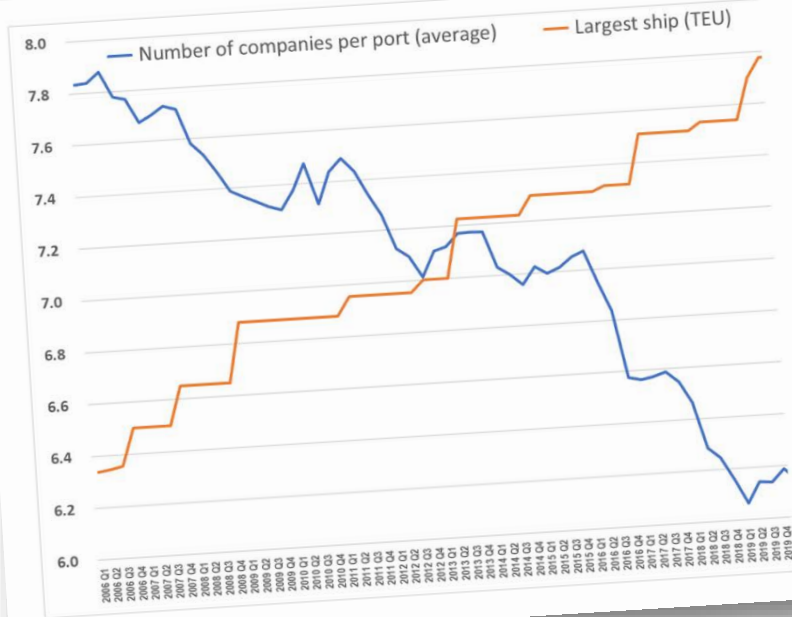
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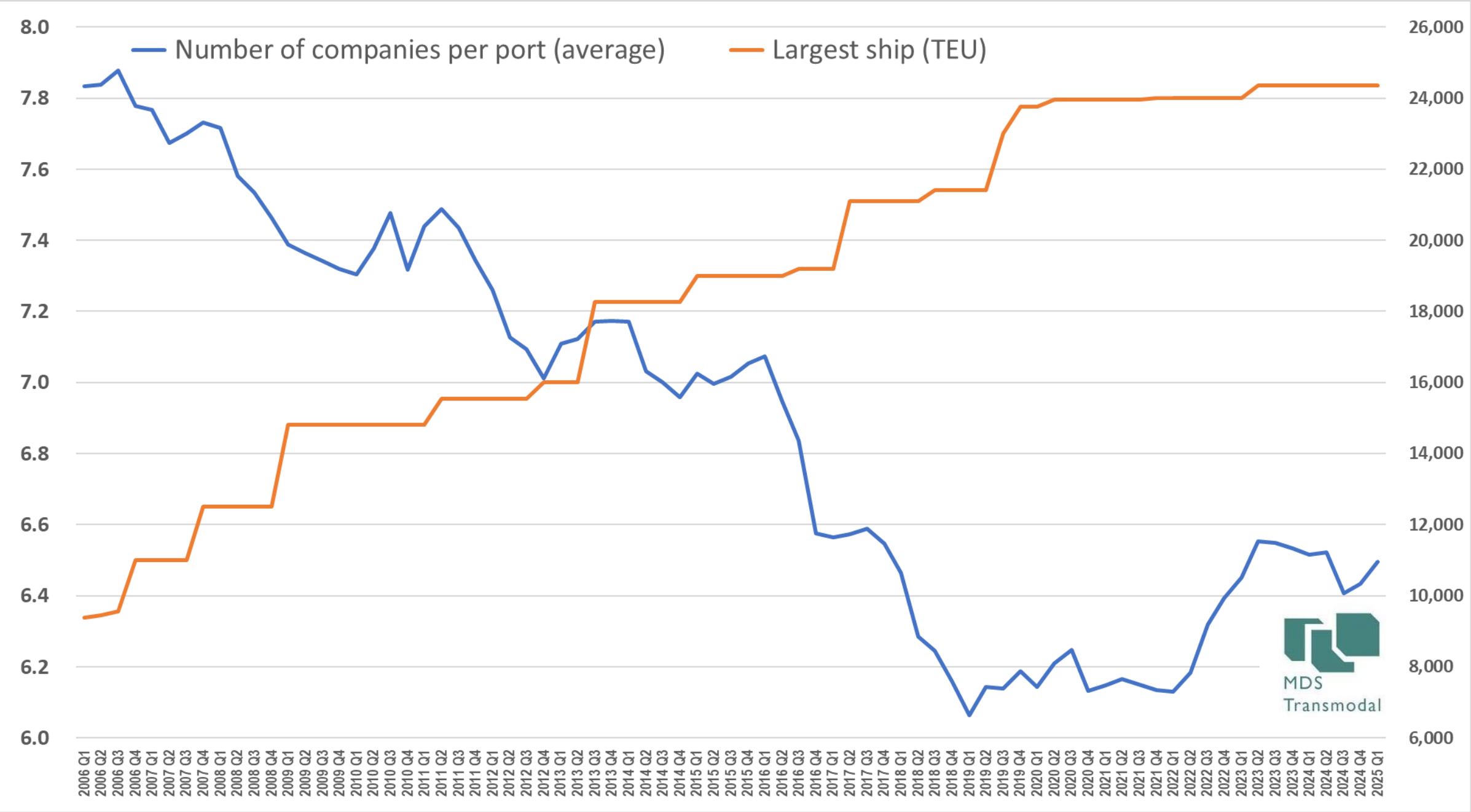
MDS
Transmodal

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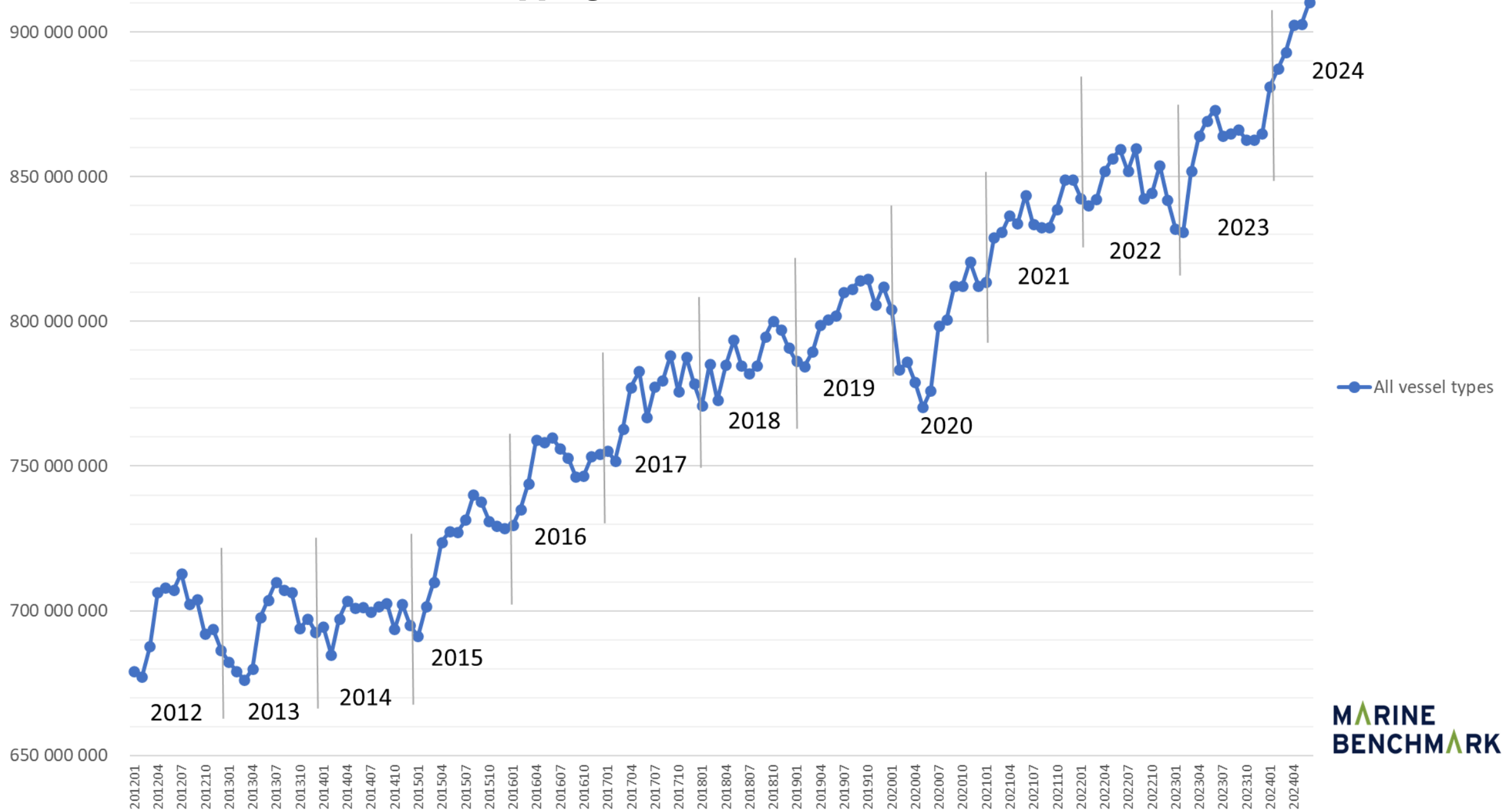
All vessel types

MARINE
BENCHMARK



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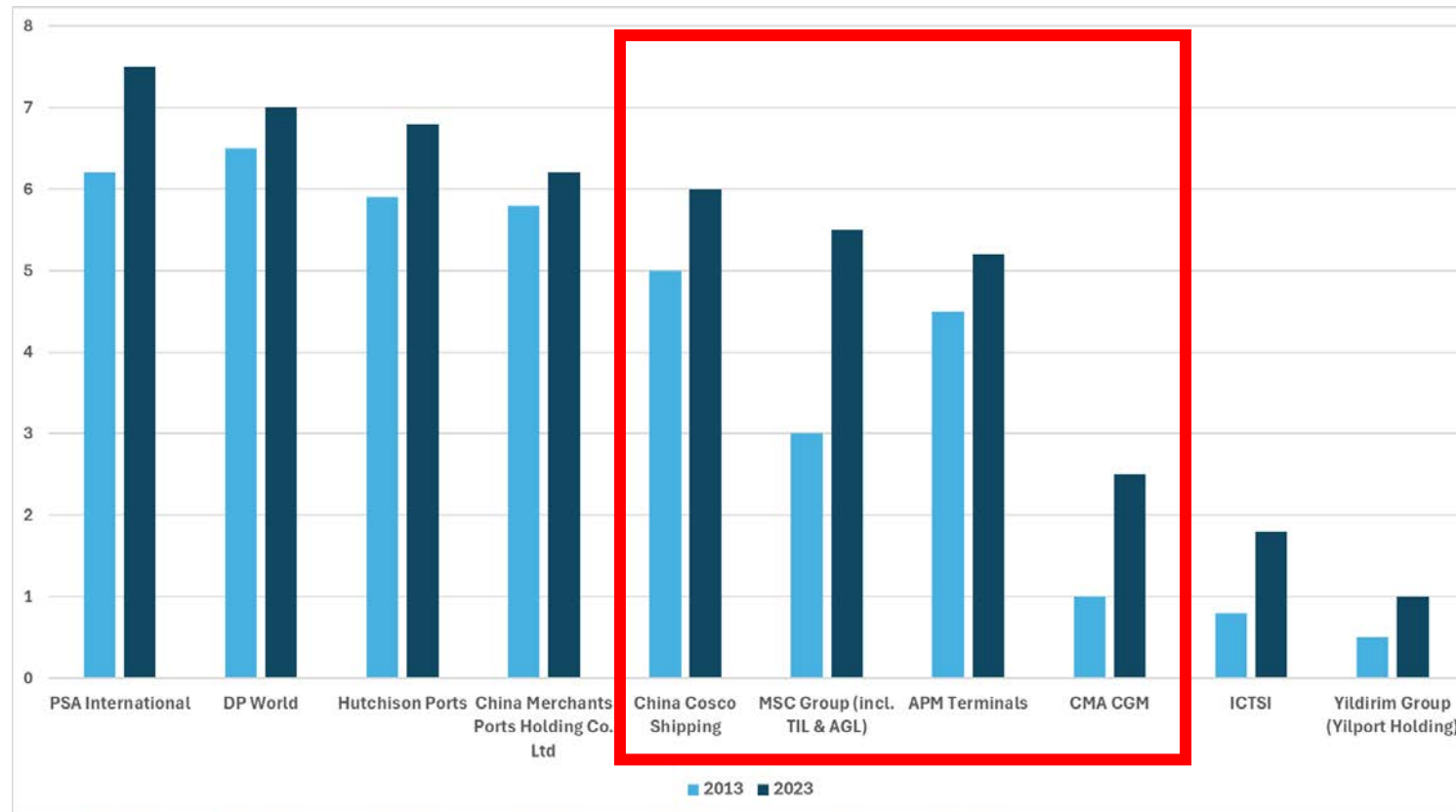
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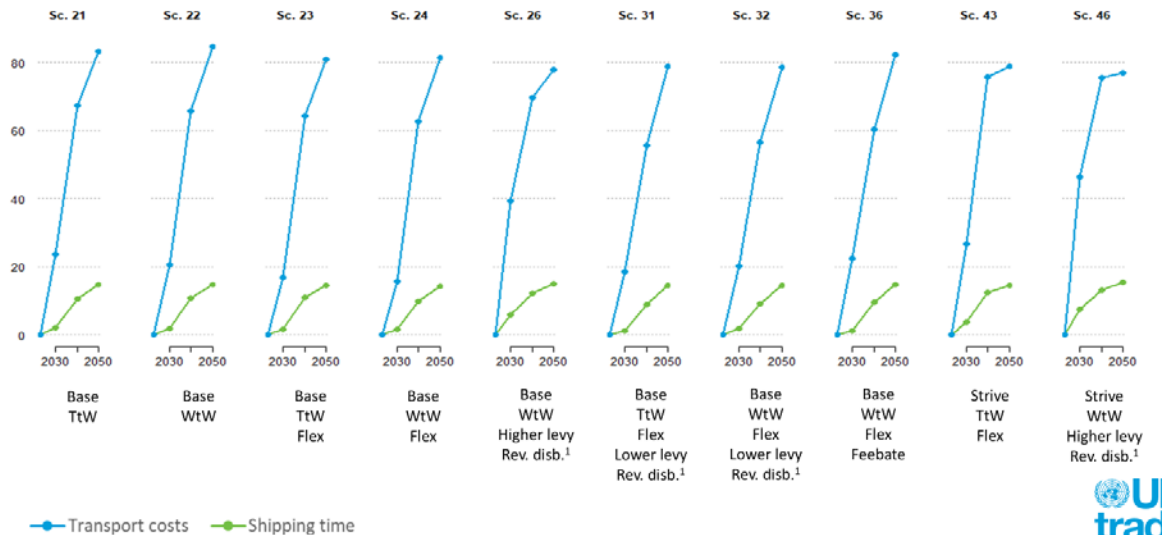
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3. **Push (?) for decarbonization**



Impact on maritime transport costs and shipping time (from DNV)

Percentage difference to BAULG



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- Energy transition/ decarbonization / climate
- Resilience / data / supply chains
- Port reforms/ investments / PPPs

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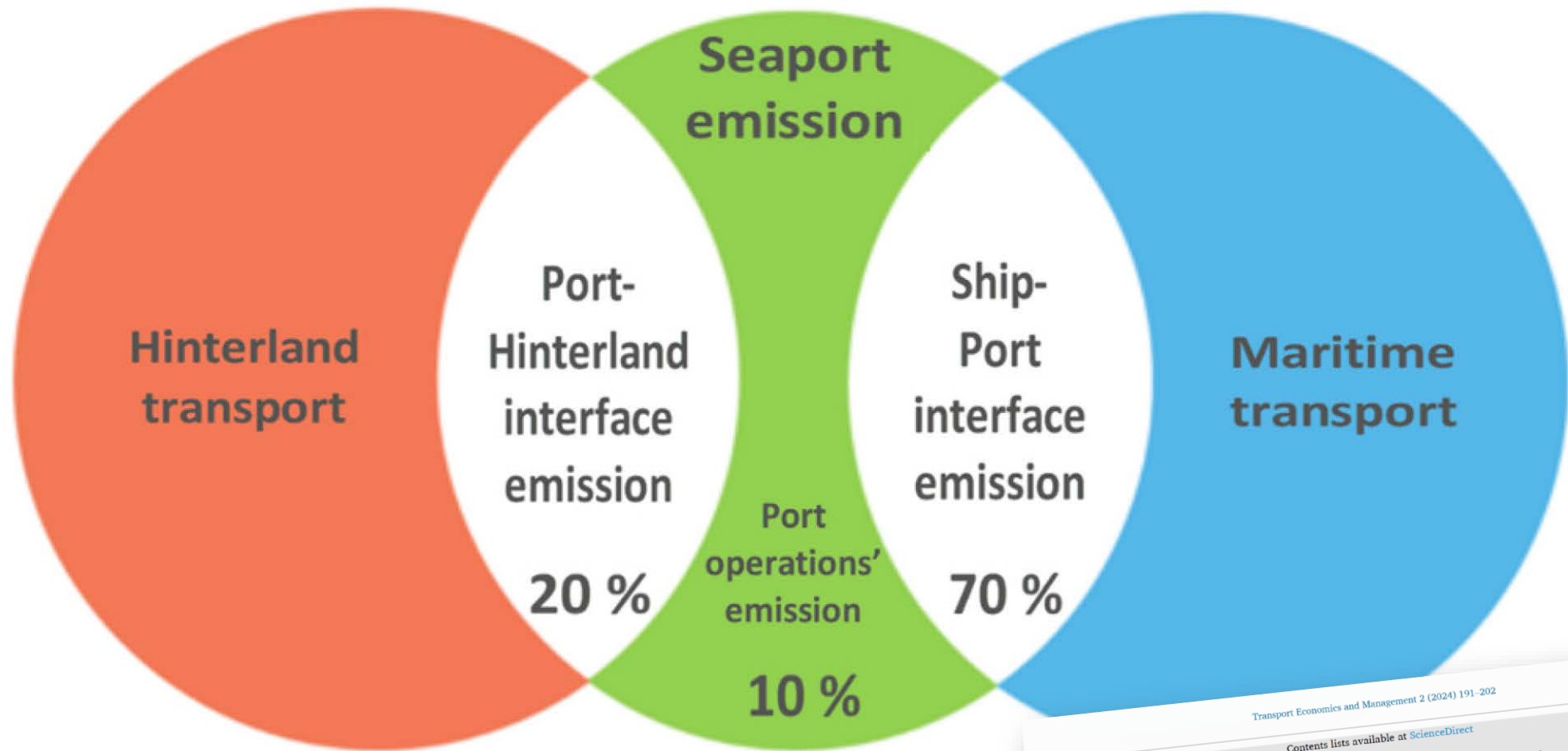


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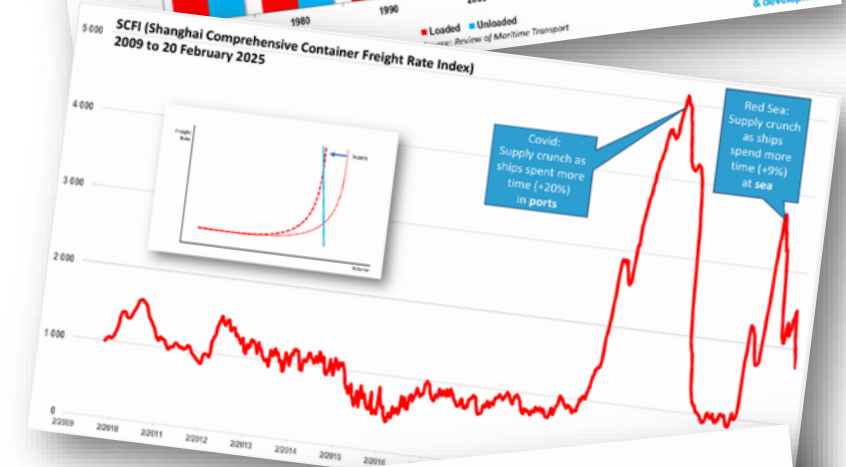
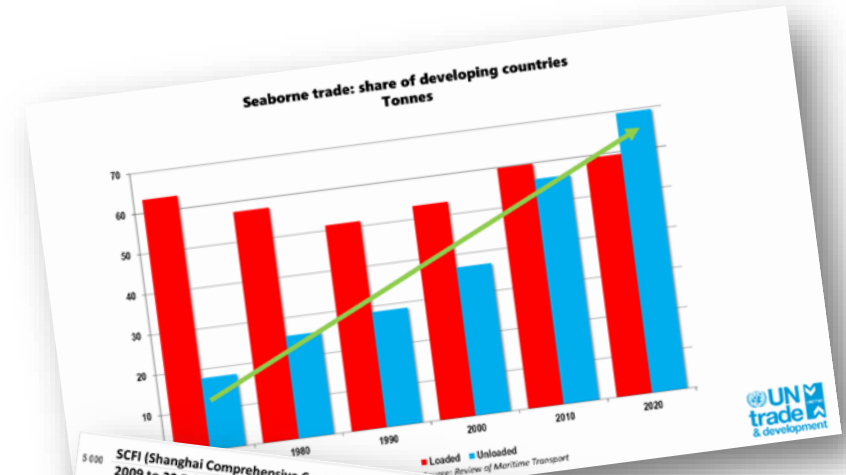
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