## Press Release



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Hapag-Lloyd improves service between Mediterranean and Black Sea

New Black Sea Mediterranean Express (BMX) service offers weekly direct connection and competitive transit times / Connectivity to Hapag-Lloyd's global service network

From mid-February, Hapag-Lloyd will introduce the new Black Sea Mediterranean Express (BMX) service. The new short sea service offers customers a weekly connection between ports in Egypt, Israel, Turkey and major Black Sea ports with competitive transit times. It will furthermore guarantee the connectivity of the Black Sea ports with Hapag-Lloyd's comprehensive global liner service network – especially to and from North America, Latin America, Far East, Oceania and North Europe.

Three ships with a nominal capacity of 1,700 TEU each and a high number of reefers plugs will be deployed in the BMX service. The first voyage will commence from Damietta on February 16. The port rotation is: Damietta • Port Said (East) • Ashdod • Istanbul (Mardas & Marport) • Novorossiysk • Odessa • Constanta • Istanbul • Izmit • Izmir • Damietta

## **About Hapag-Lloyd**

With a fleet of 175 modern container ships, Hapag-Lloyd is one of the world's leading container liner shipping companies. The Company has approx. 9,500 employees at 353 sites in 117 countries. Since the merger with CSAV's container business in December 2014, the Hapag-Lloyd fleet has offered a total transport capacity of almost one million standard containers (TEU) as well as a container fleet of 1.6 million TEU – including one of the world's largest and state-of-the-art reefer fleets. 122 liner services worldwide ensure fast, reliable connections between all the continents. Hapag-Lloyd is a founding member of the G6 Alliance, one of the largest shipping alliances worldwide. Hapag-Lloyd is one of the leading operators in the Atlantic and Latin America trades.