

# World's largest containership embarks on maiden voyage



April 27, 2020, by Jasmina Ovcina



The 24,000 TEU **HMM Algeciras**, the world's largest containership, has headed out to sea on its maiden voyage. The ship left Geoje, Korea following its naming ceremony on April 23 setting sail for China. It departed from the port of Qingdao on Sunday and is heading for the Port of Busan, according to the latest data from Marine Traffic.

The ship is deployed on the Far East Europe 4 (FE4) service, one of the Asia-North Europe trade lanes of THE Alliance. **HMM's** official membership in THE Alliance was launched in April, following the expiry of its commitment to the 2M Alliance. However, the start of the cooperation comes at a very difficult time for the sector as liners continue to blank sailings amid massive drop in demand due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The blanking of sailings has been adopted as the best way of adapting to the new reality and trying to keep freight rates healthy. The ship's port rotation starts at Qingdao, moving on to Busan, Ningbo, Shanghai, Yantian, Suez Canal, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Antwerp, London Gateway, and then Singapore via Suez Canal. With the capacity of 23,964 **HMM Algeciras** has claimed the title of the largest containership from **MSC Gulsun** which has a 23,756 TEU capacity.

The colossal ship is 399.9 meters long and has a beam of 61 meters. It is longer in length than the Eiffel Tower (300 meters) or the Empire State Building (381 meters) are in height, or in sports terminology, longer than three and a half football fields.

**HMM Algeciras** is fitted with a scrubber, has an optimized hull design and highly efficient engine boosting its environmental footprint and also its efficiency. The ship is the first of twelve 24,000 TEU class containerships set to be delivered to **HMM** by September.

## The world's largest containerships

		Nominal TEU tdw	LOA m	Breath m	Depth m	Draft m
<p><b>MSC GÜLSÜN</b> 6 units in series from July 2019</p>		22,960 teu 228,149 tdw	399.9	61.5	33.2	16.5
					<p>Operated by MSC Built by Samsung H.I. MSC also has 5 units to be built at DSME</p>	
<p><b>OOCL HONG KONG</b> 6 units in series from May 2017</p>		21,413 teu 191,317 tdw	399.9	58.8	32.5	16.0
					<p>Operated by OOCL(COSCO) Built by Samsung H.I.</p>	
<p><b>COSCO SHIPPING UNIVERSE</b> 6 units in series from Jun 2018</p>		21,237 teu 198,485 tdw	399.9	58.6	33.5	16.0
					<p>Operated by COSCO Built by CSSC COSCO also has in addition 11 units of 19,200-20,100 teu built in CSSC/CSIC/COSCO shipyards</p>	
<p><b>MADRID MAERSK</b> 11 units in series from Apr 2017</p>		20,568 teu 210,019 tdw	399.0	58.6	33.2	16.5
					<p>Operated by Maersk Built by Daewoo (DSME)</p>	
<p><b>EVER GOLDEN</b> 11 units in series from Mar 2018</p>		20,388 teu 199,692 tdw	400.0	58.8	32.9	16.0
					<p>Operated by Evergreen Built by Imabari</p>	
<p><b>MOL TRIUMPH</b> 6 units in series from Mar 2017</p>		20,170 teu 192,672 tdw	400.0	58.8	32.8	16.0
					<p>Operated by MOL Built by Samsung H.I.</p>	
<p><b>BARZAN</b> 6 units in series from Apr 2015</p>		19,870 teu 199,744 tdw	400.0	58.6	30.6	16.0
					<p>Operated by UASC Built by Hyundai Samho/Hyundai H.I.</p>	
<p><b>MSC OSCAR</b> 12 units in series from Jan 2015</p>		19,224/19,437 teu 197,362 tdw	395.4	59.0	30.3	16.0
					<p>Operated by MSC Built by Daewoo (DSME) MSC also has in addition 6 units of 19,462 teu built in Samsung and 2 units of 19,368 teu at Hyundai H.I.</p>	
<p><b>CSCL GLOBE</b> 5 units in series from Nov 2014</p>		18,982 teu 184,320 tdw	399.7	58.6	30.5	16.0
					<p>Operated by COSCO Built by Hyundai H.I.</p>	
<p><b>Maersk 'EEE'</b> 20 units in series from Jun 2013</p>		18,340 teu 194,153 tdw	399.2	59.0	30.3	16.0
					<p>Operated by Maersk Built by Daewoo (DSME)</p>	

ALPHALINER