

Shipping from Mainland China and Hong Kong? Here's an update for 2026 China Golden Week

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The Golden Week in Mainland China and Hongkong is approaching. Keeping your cargo planning in mind, please note that we have adjusted the following:

1. Adjustment to Booking Cancellation Fee

- Booking Cancellation Fee is applicable to booking cancelled within 3 calendar days prior to ETD of the first intended vessel for **Gemini Asia–South Europe 2** (only trade Southern Europe) effective from **September 18, 2026 until October 15, 2026**. This measure is based on the time booking cancellation request is submitted.
- For Other trades, booking cancellation remain unchanged.
- Booking cancellation fee amount remains unchanged based on the product. Please refer to [Local Charges / Service Fees - Hapag-Lloyd](#) for our tariff.

2. Adjustment to empty containers' pick-up

We have updated our container pick up windows and you can find the document with detailed information, including container type and port name, uploaded to our website [here](#). Please use this updated information that is the empty pickup policy covers vessels with FCL cut-off fall in September 28, 2026 – October 11, 2026 (Pick up date effective from September 18, 2026 – September 30, 2026). This list displays the number of days for empty container pickup before the FCL cut-off time of vessel at the original port, divided into container types.

3. Suspension of South China Feeder Services during 2026 China Golden Week

We would like to inform that feeder operators in South China announced service suspension from late September 2026 to early October 2026 due to 2026 China Golden Week.

Please find the list of affected ports via our website [here](#). Please note that the feeder service suspension schedule is subject to change without prior notice. Any additional costs and liabilities related to Detention charge, Terminal storage and Terminal charges incurred at transshipment ports (including but not limited to Hong Kong, Shekou, Yantian and Nansha) after containers discharge during the feeder service suspension period will be for the account of the cargo owner.

We regret any inconvenience caused.

The terms of this notice shall be read in conjunction with and without prejudice to

Hapag-Lloyd's Bill of Lading / Sea Waybill terms and conditions and Hapag-Lloyd tariff applicable thereto.

4. South China Free Storage Period policy

The Golden Week of 2026 in China is approaching. With your cargo planning in mind and the support from terminals, we are pleased to inform you that the Free Storage Period will be extended for the different south China locations.

Please find the list of affected ports via our website [here](#).

If you should require additional information, please contact our customer service team at China@service.hlaq.com who will guide you based on your individual situation.