



Container Temperature Study

and
Critical Cargo Information Exchange

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Lithium Batteries Non-DG 35°C Risk of Thermal Runaway



Lithium Battery Temperature Effects:

Temperature Range	Performance Impact	Recommendation
-20°C to 0°C (-4°F to 32°F)	Electrolyte freezing, significant capacity loss	Avoid usage; consider insulation or warming
15°C to 35°C (59°F to 95°F)	Optimal performance, maximum efficiency	Best for usage and charging.
35°C to 60°C (95°F to 140°F)	Overheating, reduced lifespan, risk of thermal runaway	Use cooling system, manage temperature
Above 60°C (140°F)	Severe degradation, high safety risk	Avoid at all cost, ensure proper ventilation

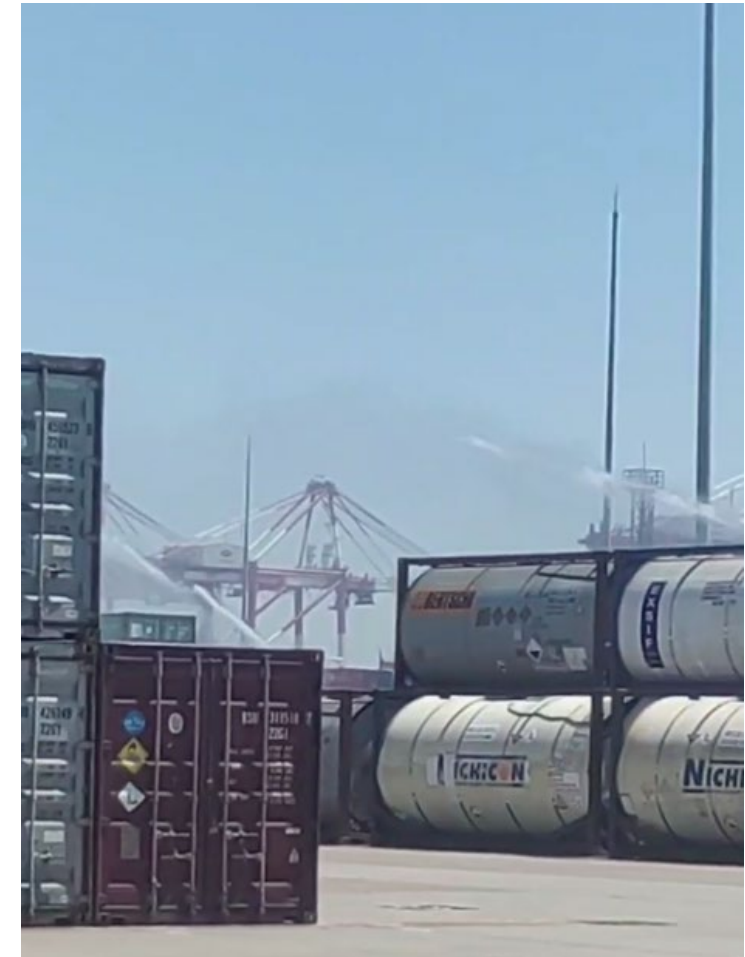
- For more container fire case information, please check with the CINS
- <https://www.cinsnet.com/>
- T: +44 (0)20 8390 0000
- E: secretary@cinsnet.com

Cocoa Butter - Non-DG 35°C Melting Point



Shanghai, Aug. 2, 2024

Shanghai Container Terminal's water sprinkler system were activated for cooling the critical cargo once the air temperature reached **35** degrees Celsius (°C) threshold



(the) heated ship structures, where the surface temperature is liable to exceed

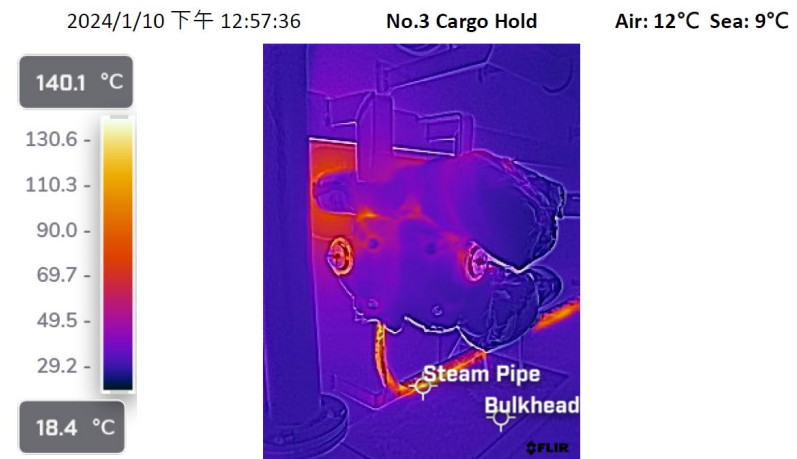
55°C

to be stowed at least 2.4 m from....

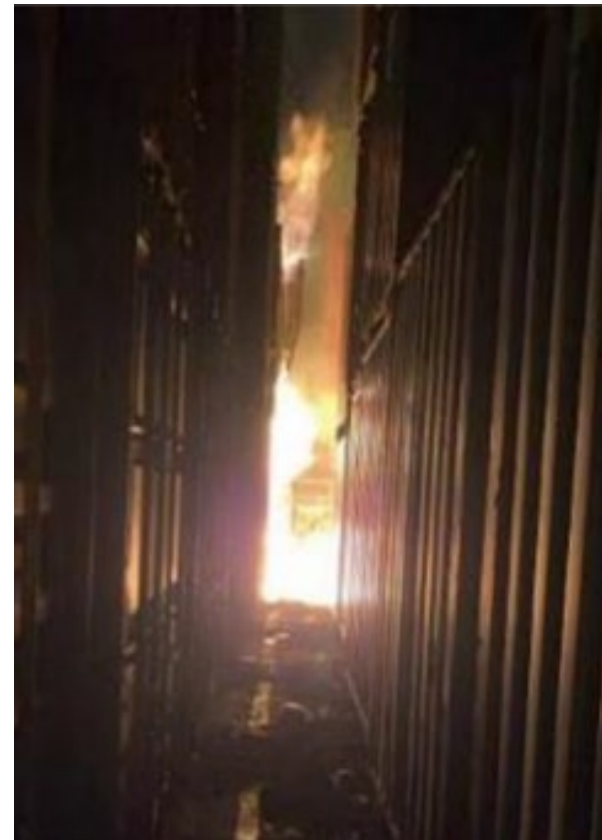
Examples of heated structures are steam pipes, heating coils, top or side walls of heated fuel and cargo tanks, and bulkheads of machinery spaces.

IMDG Code

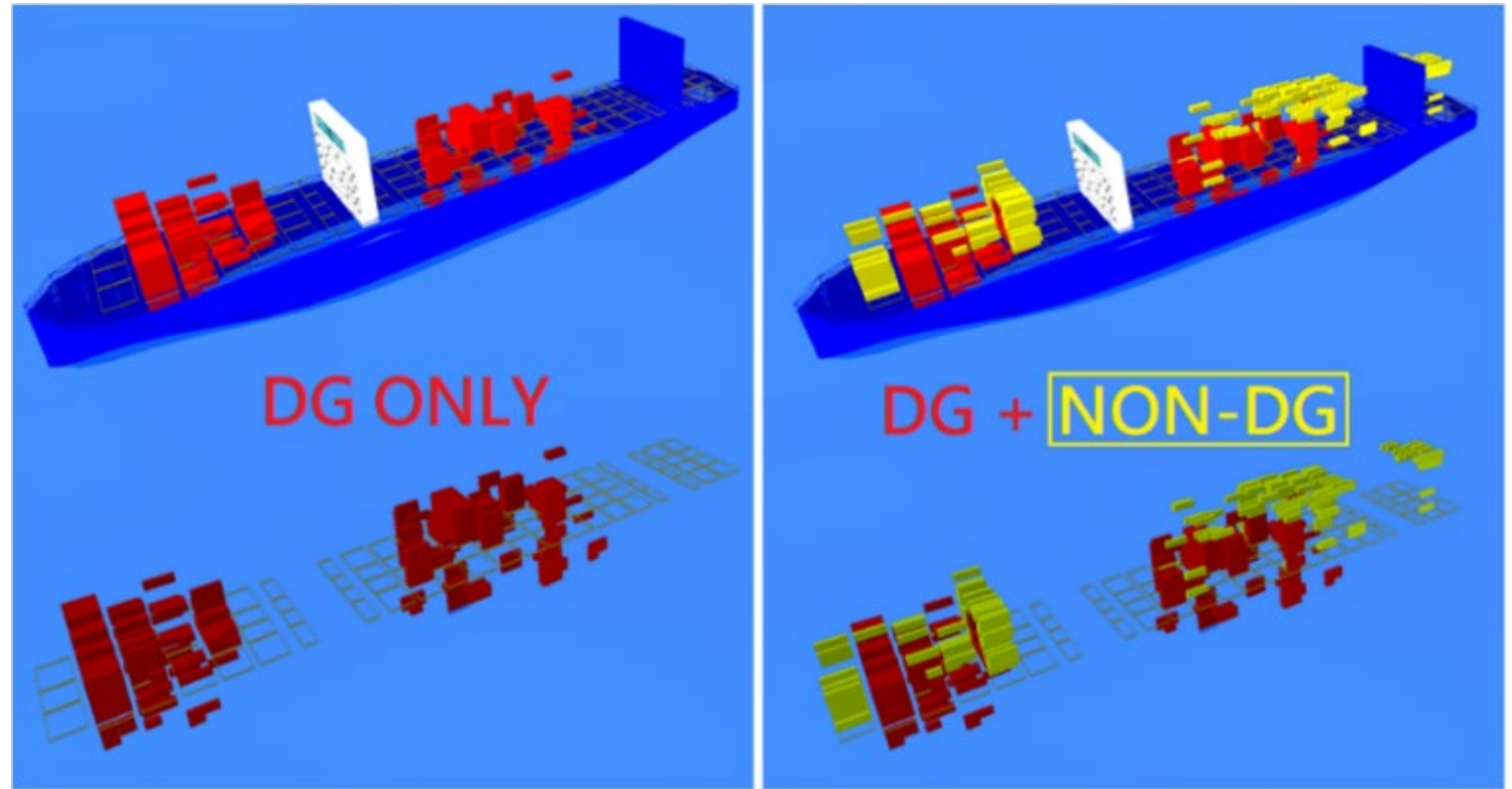
7.1.2 Definitions – protected from sources of heat



1. The Fire Risk and The Information Exchange



How can a better information exchange among stakeholders help mitigate the container fire risk?



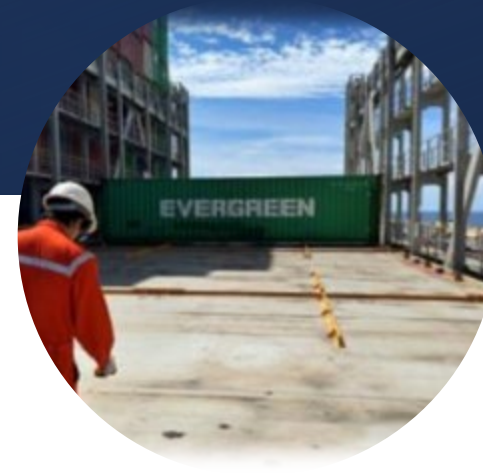
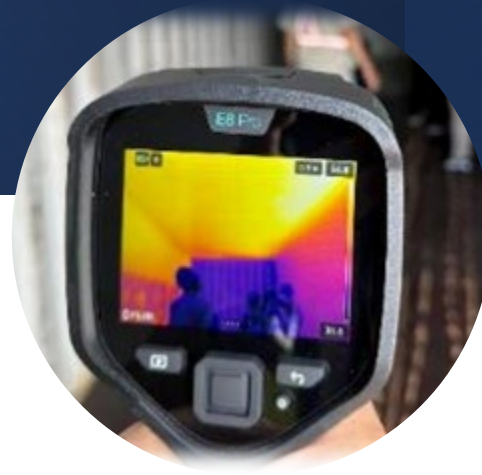
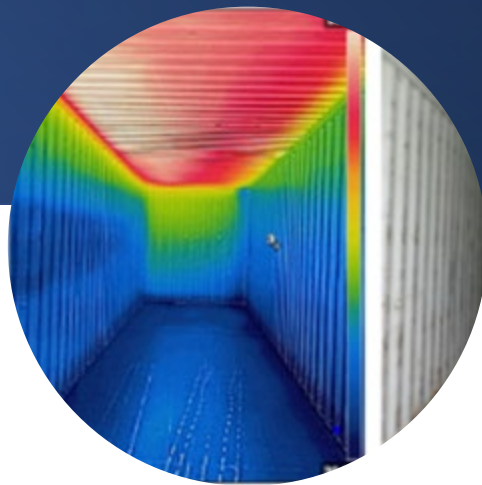
2. Two Keystones

(1) The Temperature (2) The SMDG

SMDG		version	2025-01-08			
		SMDG Attribute code list				
Definition:		These codes define properties or status of a specific transport equipment (container). They are NOT an instruction, although they may require certain activities.				
DB 1131- ATTRIBUTES		Examples:				
		ATT+21--SMC:ATTRIBUTES:006 (if ATT segment is available)				
		PTX+ACF--SMC:ATTRIBUTES:006 (D.00B and later)				
		PTX+ACF--SMC:ATT:006 (before D.00B)				
Code	Name	Category	Description	last change	valid from	valid until
HSD	Prepared for hides	STATUS	Prepared for hides	2022-12-16	2020-10-15	
HSR	High sensitive reefer	STATUS	High sensitive reefer cargo		2020-10-15	
HVD	Heavy Duty	PROPERTY	ISO: 30.480 kg, mVD: 32.500 kg	2024-05-10	2024-04-20	
HVR	High Value Reefer	STATUS	Examples: Blood Plasma or Pharmaceuticals (value > 500k \$)	2022-12-16	2022-12-16	
HCL	Prepared for ICL standard	STATUS	Prepared for ICL standard, ICL: Institute of International Container Lessors		2020-10-15	
LEU	Bundled equipment	STATUS	Multiple pieces of equipment in one storage position (e.g. flat racks) (if container numbers are known, then the signifiers RQD and PQA are required)	2022-12-16	2020-10-15	
LSD	Lithium batteries (non-DG)	STATUS	Contains Lithium batteries (non-DG)	2022-12-16	2022-12-16	
LSD	Lithium Ion batteries (non-DG)	STATUS	Contains Lithium Ion batteries (non-DG)	2022-12-16	2022-12-16	



3. The Temperature Study



IMDG Code

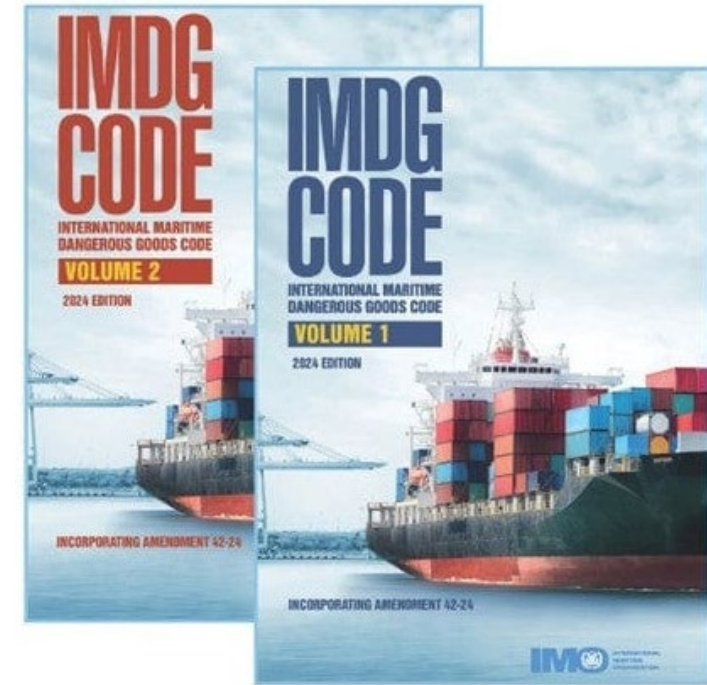
Definition of “Protected from sources of heat”:

55°C is the threshold

Direct Sunlight

Critical Cargo

Assumption of threshold 35 °C



Main purpose:

- Taking precautions
- Understand the effects of sunlight
- Tackle the container fire risk

Settings

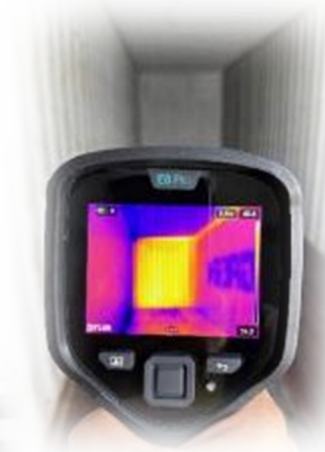
&

Findings



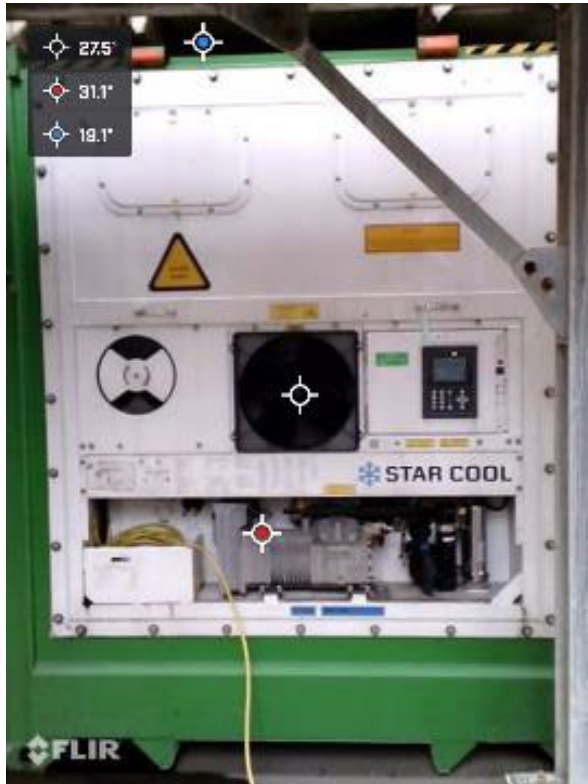
Tools – for the accuracy of data

- TIC (Thermal Image Camera)
- Weather data logger
- Portable Weather Station



TIC – Scanning Reefer Container

Thermal image camera with 2 degrees accuracy.



Temperature Data Loggers

Device Name: Green 03
 Device Model and Serial Number: Kestrel D2 AG, 2981040
 Snapshot Name: Snapshot - Sep 6, 2024 11:41:38
 Time: Sep 6, 2024 / 11:41:38
 Location Description:
 Location Address:
 Location Coordinates:
 Notes: Enter Notes



Snapshot Statistics

	Units	Value
Temperature	°C	44.6
Heat Index	°C	65.1
Relative Humidity	%	43.8
Dew Point	°C	29.5
Temperature Humidity Index (NRC)		95.5
Temperature Humidity Index (Yousef)		96.5

Snapshot Pictures



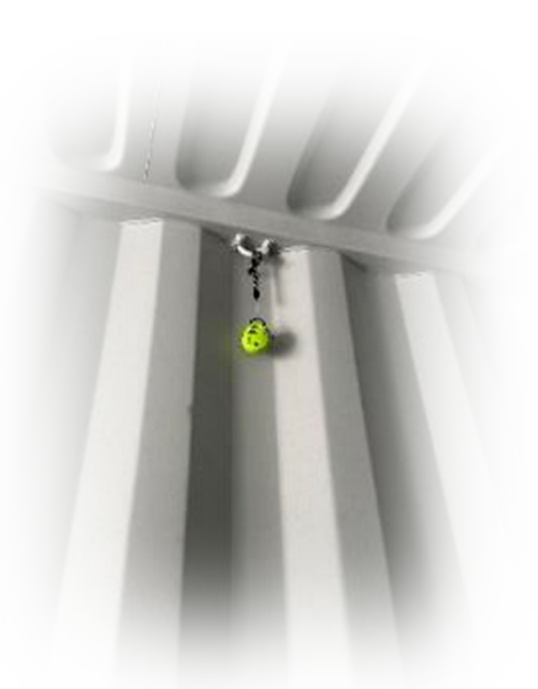
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 Device Model and Serial Number: Kestrel D3 FIRE, 2888301
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 Time: Aug 16, 2024 / 15:30:14
 Location Description: 249411 台灣台北市八里區廣行路25號
 Location Address: (25.1406740, 121.3808004)
 Location Coordinates:
 Notes: Aug. 16, 台北港 - 第四2只貨櫃 9天連續監控內件溫度的 Kestrel D3 Fire 並以數據上傳到雲端內件溫度追蹤。



Snapshot Statistics

	Units	Value
Temperature	°C	33.1
Heat Index	°C	40.0
Relative Humidity	%	67.6
Station Pressure	mb	1004.8
Dew Point	°C	23.6
Wet Bulb Temp	°C	26.0

Snapshot Pictures



Portable Weather Station



Device Name YS WEATHER - 2991551
Device Model and Serial Number 5500L, 2991551
Session Name Session - Sep 19, 2024 10:40:10
Start Sep 19, 2024 / 10:40:10
End Sep 19, 2024 / 10:50:59
Duration 00:10:49
Logging Rate 0 seconds
Location Description
Location Address
Location Coordinates
Notes



Session Statistics

	Units	Avg	Min	Max	Standard Deviation
Temperature	°C	32.9	31.6	34.2	0.65
Heat Index	°C	44.5	40.5	48.3	1.92
Relative Humidity	%	71.5	69.1	75.0	1.28
Wind Speed	km/h	7.8	1.9	14.6	0.77
Station Pressure	mb	1004.3	1004.2	1004.4	0.05
Dew Point	°C	27.1	25.9	28.5	0.59
Altitude	m	72	71	73	0.41
Density Altitude	m	854	800	906	26.02
Barometric Pressure	mb	1004.3	1004.2	1004.4	0.05
Compass Magnetic Direction	Deg	187	145	223	15.93
Compass True Direction	Deg	187	145	223	15.93
Crosswind	km/h	2.1	0.0	8.4	0.51
Headwind	km/h	-7.4	-13.0	-1.9	0.68
Wind Chill	°C	32.9	31.6	34.2	0.65
Wet Bulb Temp	°C	28.4	27.2	29.6	0.56

Session Graphs

Temperature

Max 34.2°C
Avg 32.9°C
Min 31.6°C



28 surveys – from Aug. 20, 2023 through Feb. 21, 2025

28 surveys were carried out.....

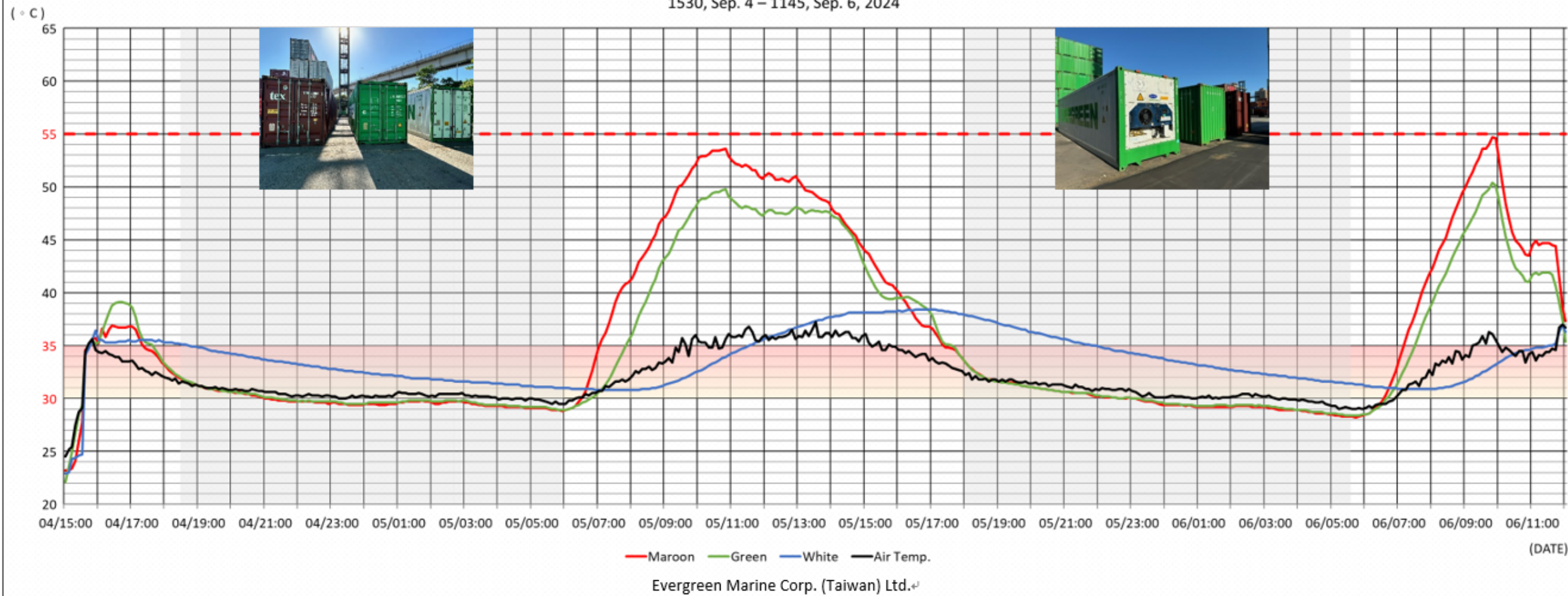
- Land
 - Marine Terminal
 - Inland Depot
- Sea
 - Ocean Going Vessels
 - Intra-Asia Ships
- Ship
 - On Deck
 - In Cargo Hold
- Container
 - General
 - RF
 - Different color-coating



1. Land – RF & different color coating containers at Depot



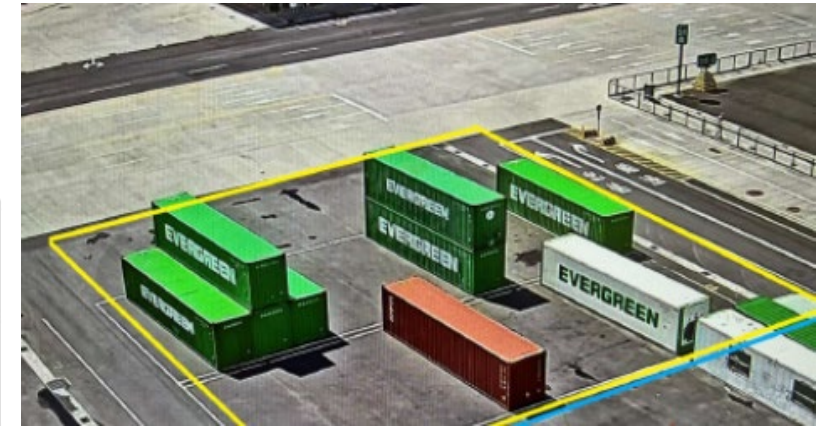
Temperature readings inside different-colored coating containers
maroon, green, and white reefer units
1530, Sep. 4 – 1145, Sep. 6, 2024



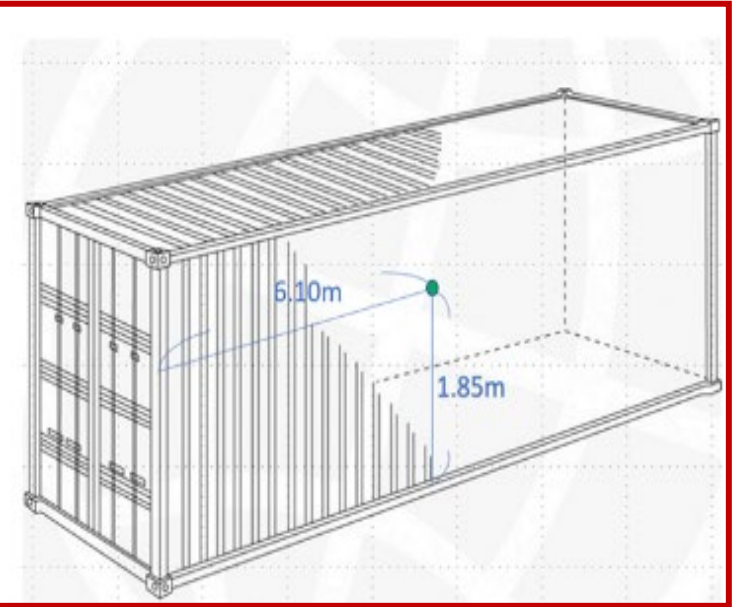
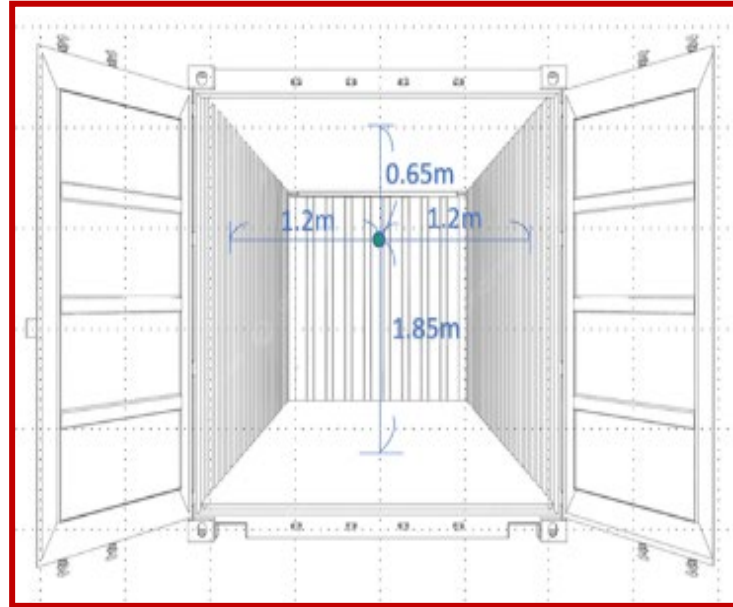
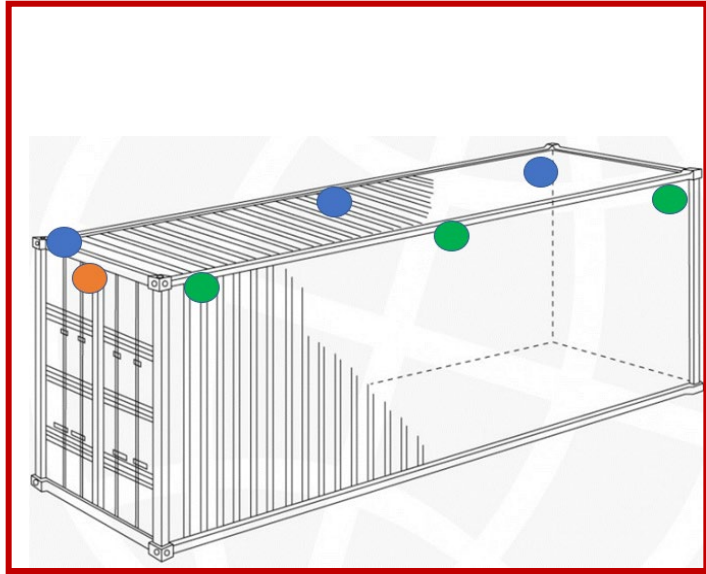
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Obs Time	StnPres	SeaPres	StnPresMax	StnPresMaxTime	StnPresMin	StnPresMinTime	Temperature	T Max	T Max Time	T Min	T Min Time	Td dew point	RH	WS	WD
2024-9-5	999.9	1002.3	1002.3	22:12	998.3	1:49	31.1	35.2	12:46	27.1	5:02	24.9	70	2.3	90
最大瞬間風速(m/s)	最大瞬間風速(360degree)	最大瞬間風速時間(LST)	降水量(mm)	日照時數(hour)	日照率(%)	全天空日射量(MJ/m²)	能見度(km)	總雲量(0~10)	地溫0cm	地溫5cm	地溫10cm	地溫20cm	地溫30cm	地溫50cm	地溫100cm
WSGust	WDGust	WGustTime	Precp	SunShine	SunshineRate	GloblRad	VisbMean	CloudAmount	TxSoil0cm	TxSoil5cm	TxSoil10cm	TxSoil20cm	TxSoil30cm	TxSoil50cm	TxSoil100cm
9.2	100	0:05	0	9	72.5	21.6	25	4.6	31.1	31.1	30.7	30.5	31.3	30.6	29.8

2. Land - Various Stowage Scenarios

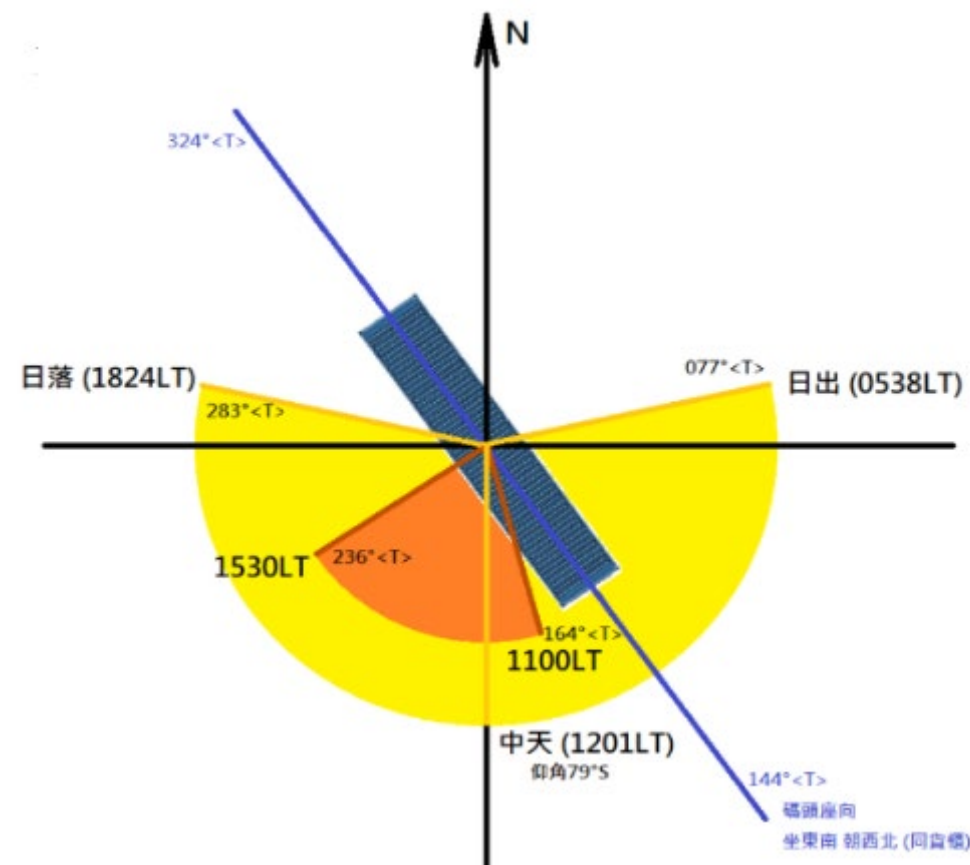
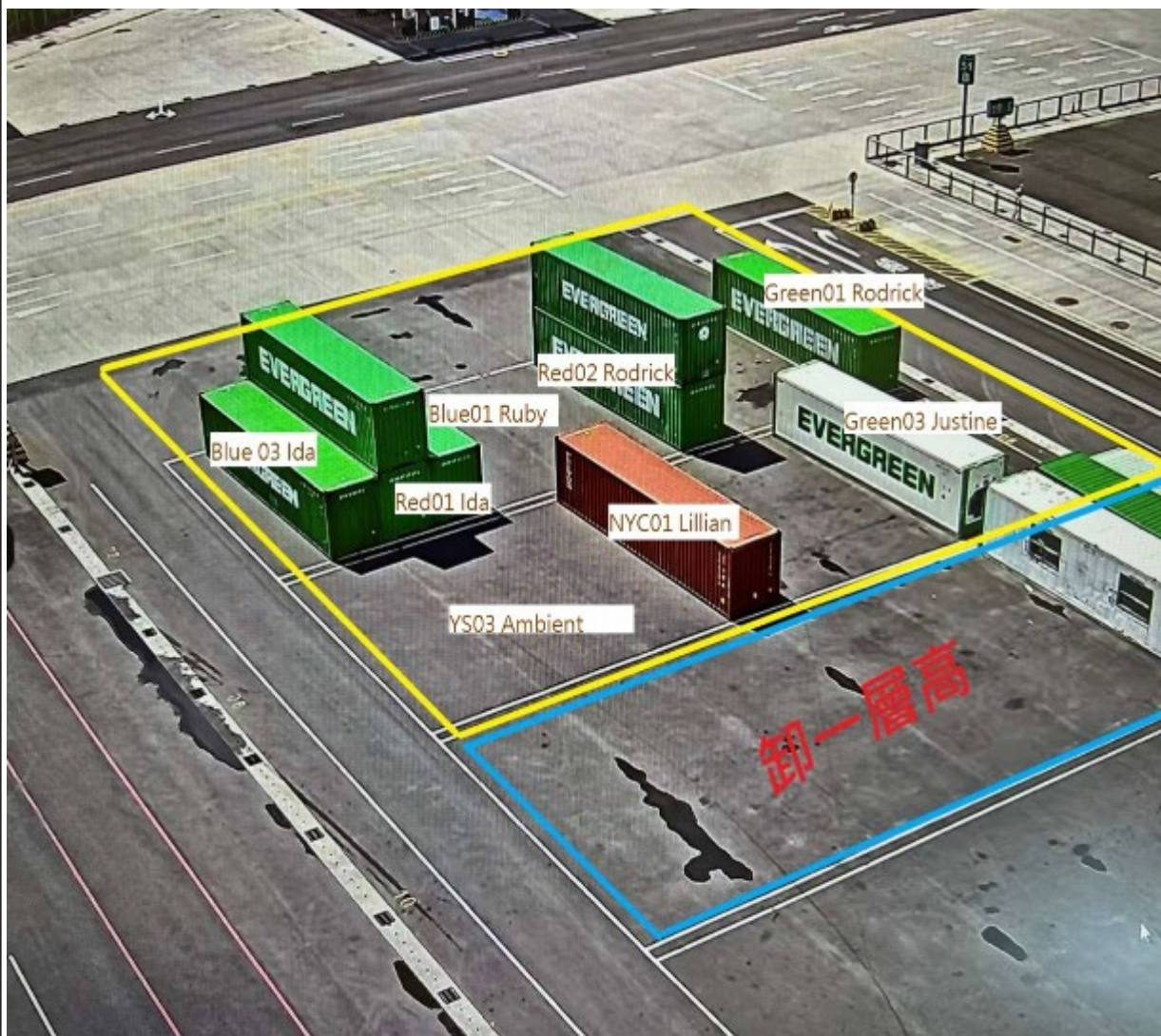
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Data Loggers Positioning



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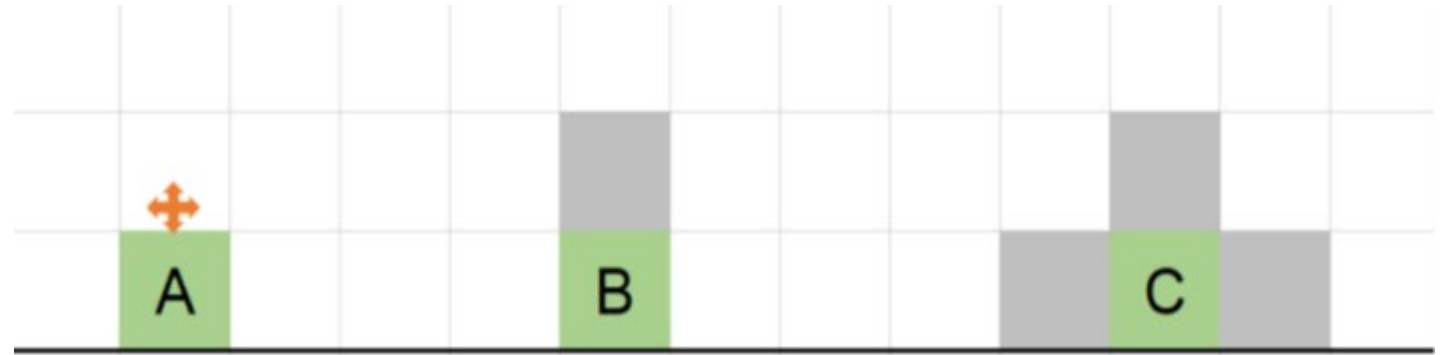


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Device Model and Serial Number 5500L, 2991551
Snapshot Name Snapshot - Sep 27, 2024 15:05:14
Time Sep 27, 2024 / 15:05:14
Location Description
Location Address 台灣高雄市小港區洲橋路 21號
Location Coordinates (22.5343573, 120.3244946)
Notes Enter Notes

Snapshot Statistics

	Units	Value
Temperature	°C	31.0
Heat Index	°C	38.8
Relative Humidity	%	72.5
Wind Speed	km/h	19.0
Station Pressure	mb	1006.6
Dew Point	°C	25.4
Altitude	m	53
Density Altitude	m	753
Barometric Pressure	mb	1006.6
Compass Magnetic Direction	Deg	231
Compass True Direction	Deg	231
Crosswind	km/h	14.8
Headwind	km/h	-12.0
Wind Chill	°C	30.9
Wet Bulb Temp	°C	26.8



Sep 27, 2024
05:38 Sunrise

15:00 Took readings by TIC (abt 9hrs aft sunrise)

Temperature 31.0 °C

Wind Speed 19.0 km/h

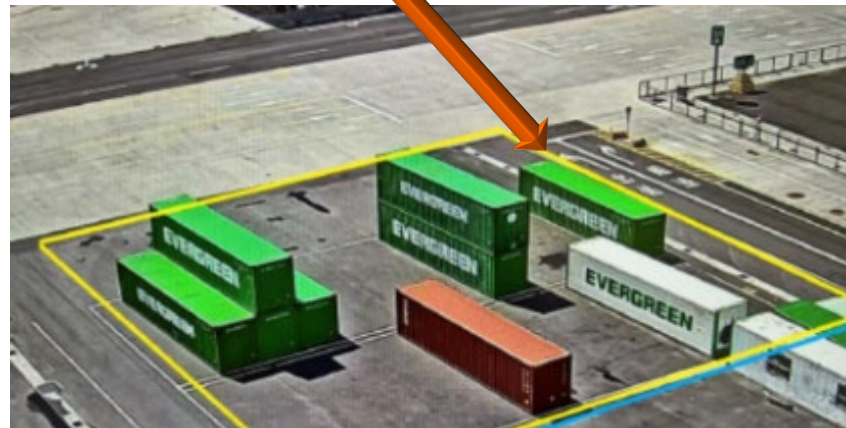
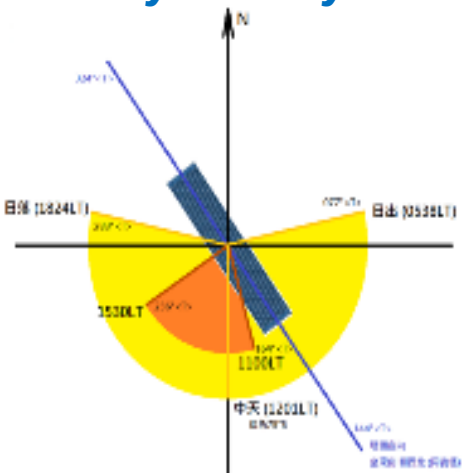
The sky had between 3/8 – 5/8 cloud cover (partly cloudy)

Data acquired



15:00 Local Time
Air Temp. 31.0 °C
Wind Spd 19.0 km/h
Partly Cloudy

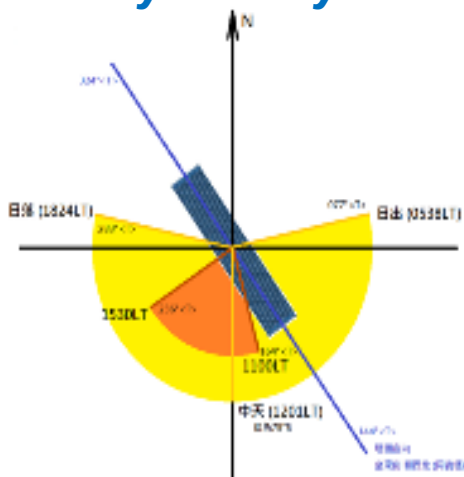
Green, unprotected, outside / inside / air
57.7°C / 61.7°C / 31.0°C



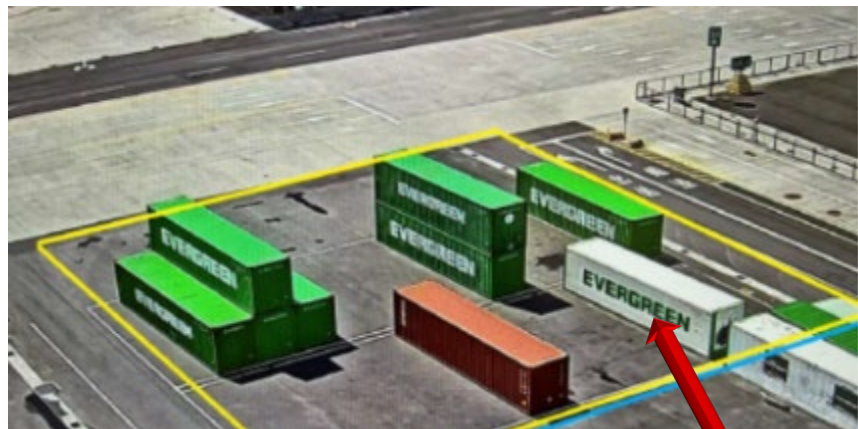
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Wind Spd 19.0 km/h
Partly Cloudy



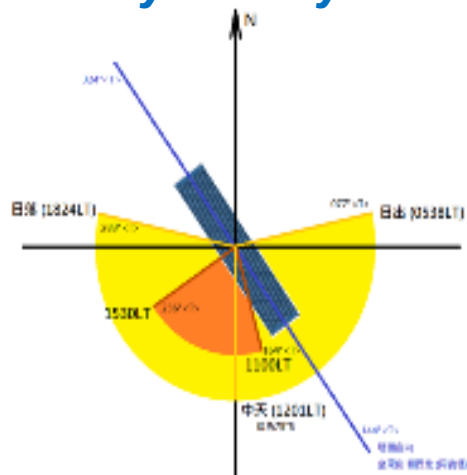
Reefer, unprotected, outside / inside / air
65.6 °C / 38.1°C / 31.0°C



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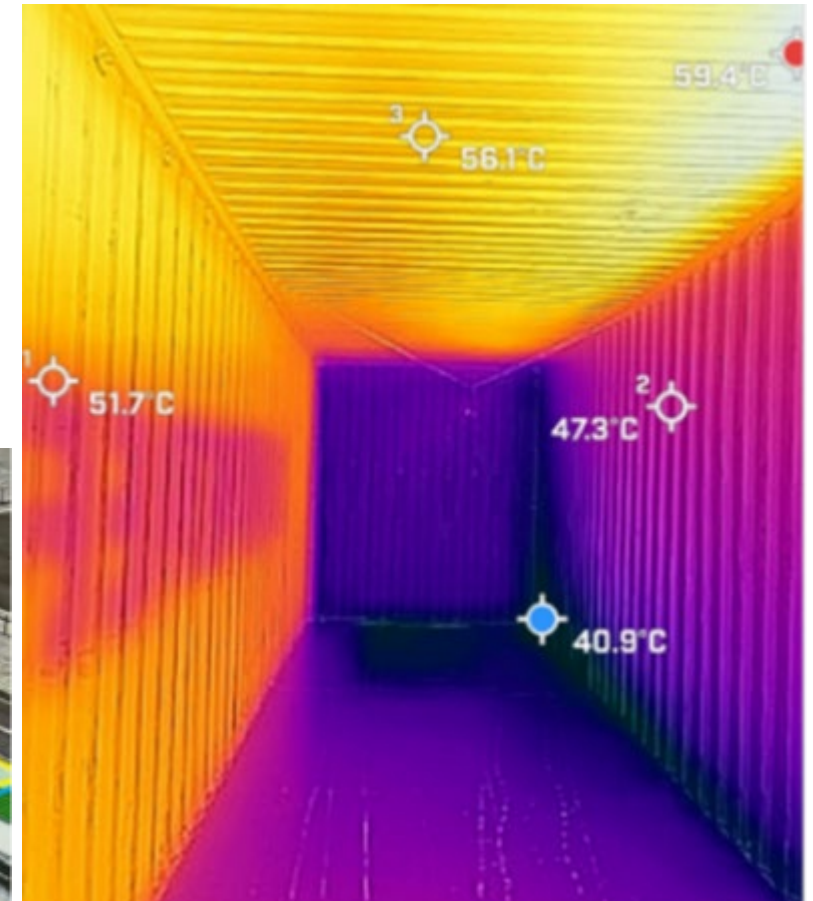


15:00 Local Time
Air Temp. 31.0 °C
Wind Spd 19.0 km/h
Partly Cloudy



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right wall shaded, outside / inside / air
54.1°C / 59.4°C / 31.0°C

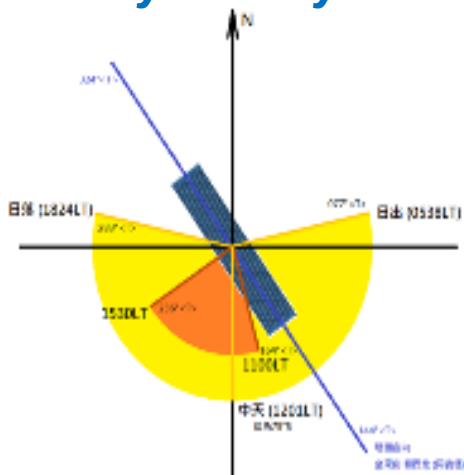


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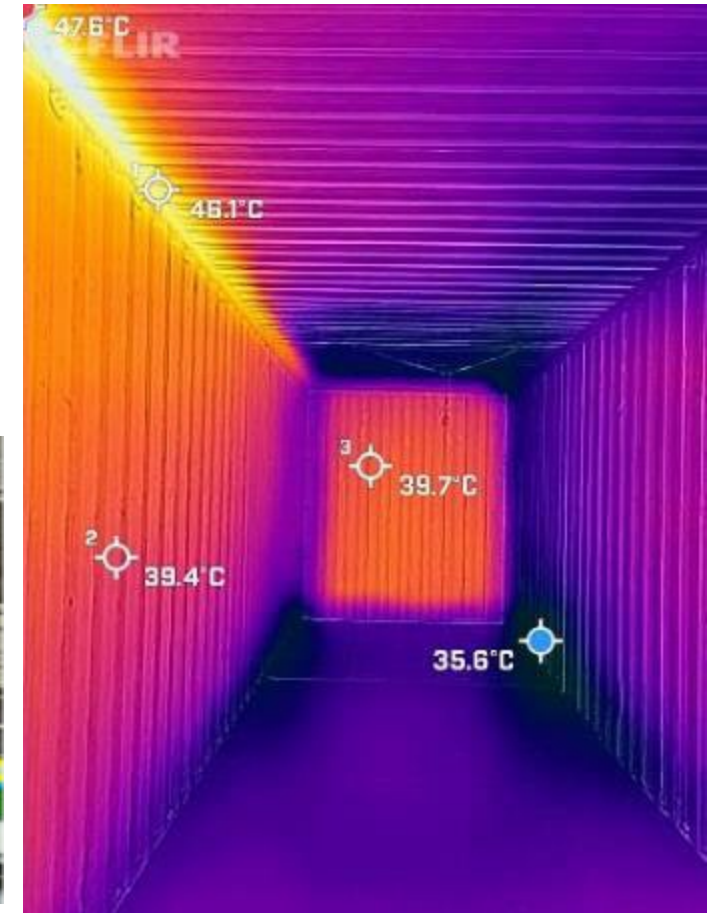
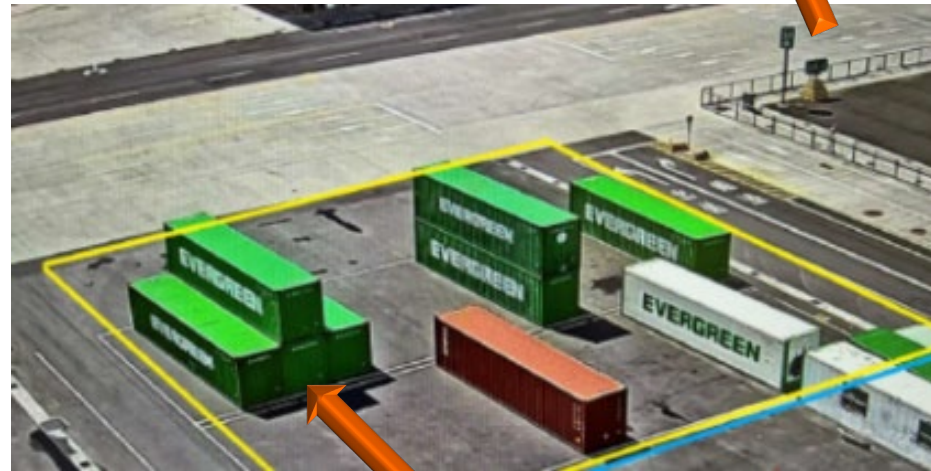


15:00 Local Time
Air Temp. 31.0 °C
Wind Spd 19.0 km/h
Partly Cloudy



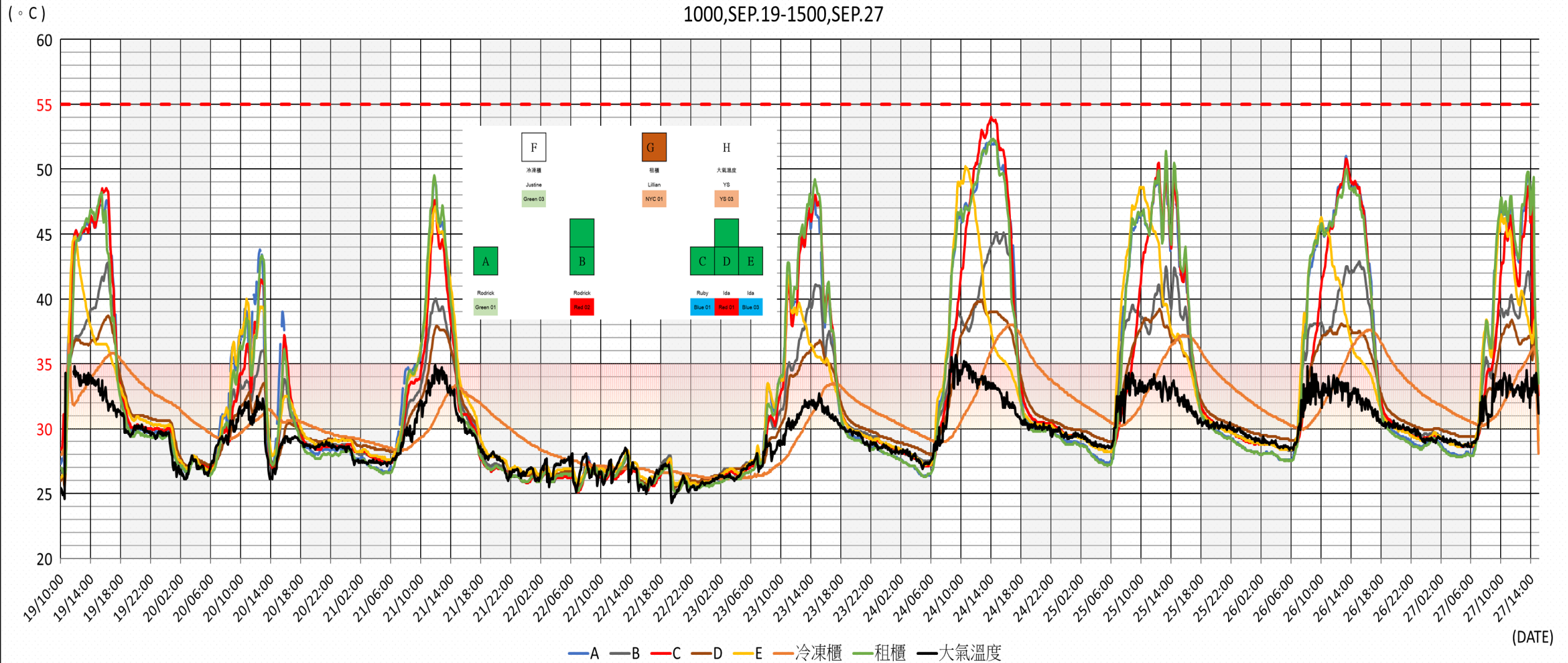
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top, left & right protected, outside / inside / air
49.1°C / 47.6°C / 31.0°C



Container Temperature Study and Critical Cargo Information Exchange

高雄七櫃7只貨櫃對照溫度
1000,SEP.19-1500,SEP.27

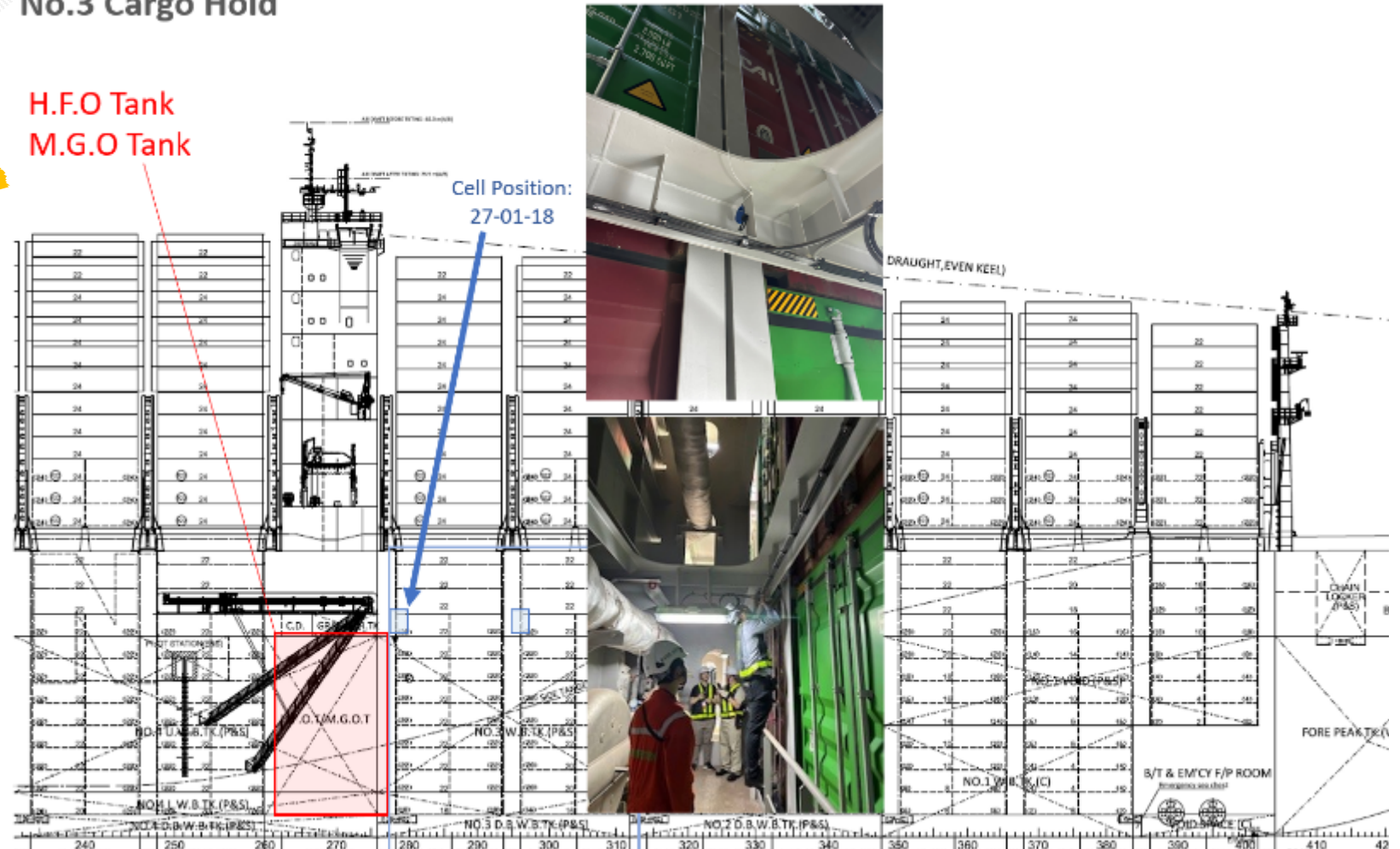


3. Sea – 24K VESSEL (Far East - Europe)

No.3 Cargo Hold

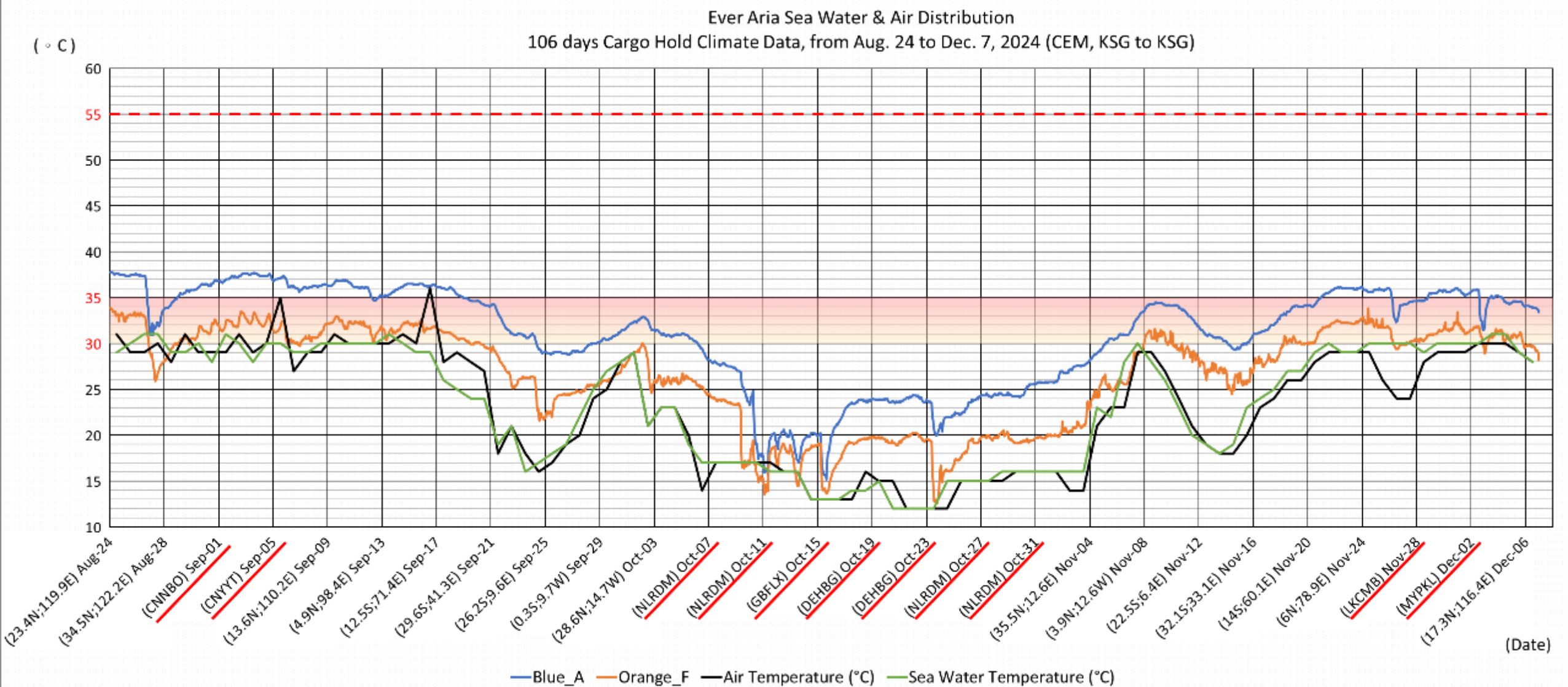
H.F.O Tank
M.G.O Tank

Cell Position:
27-01-18

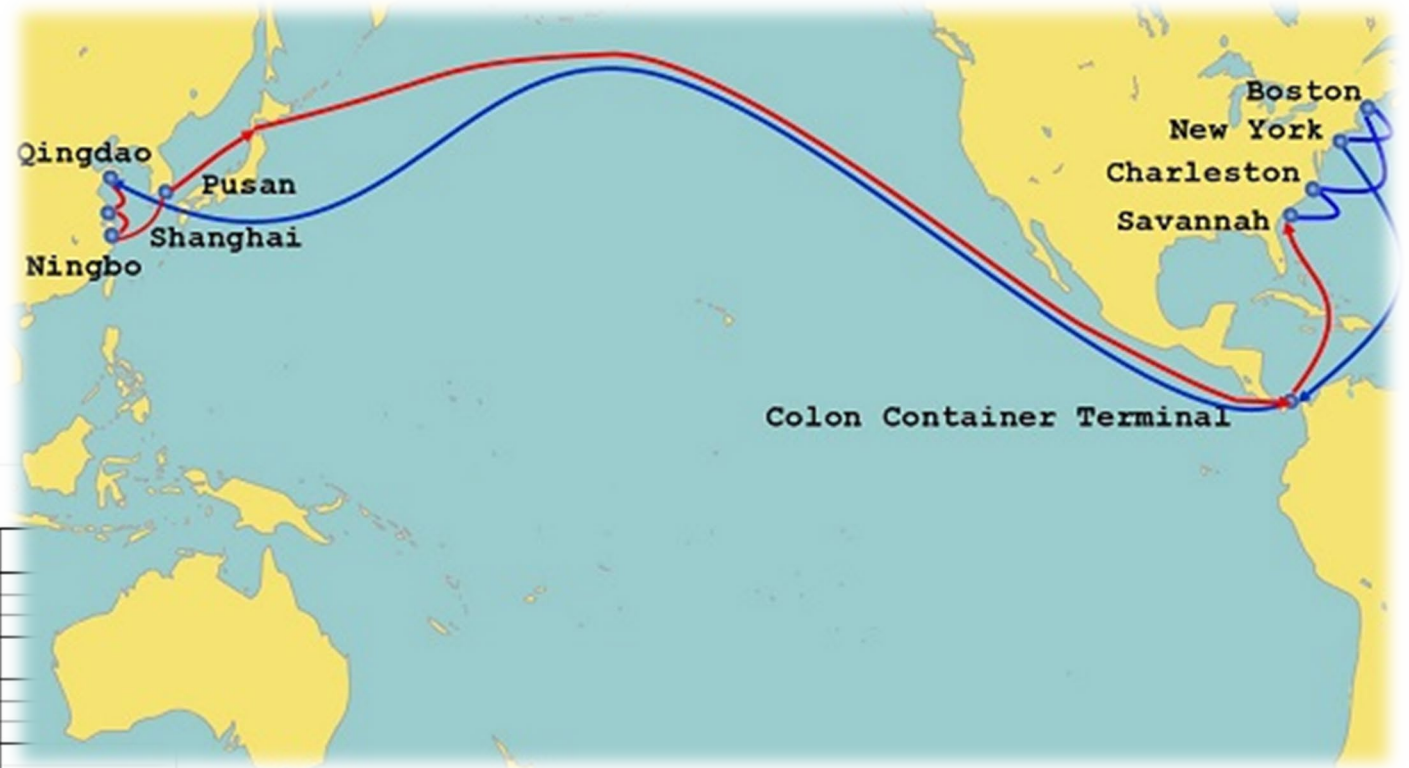








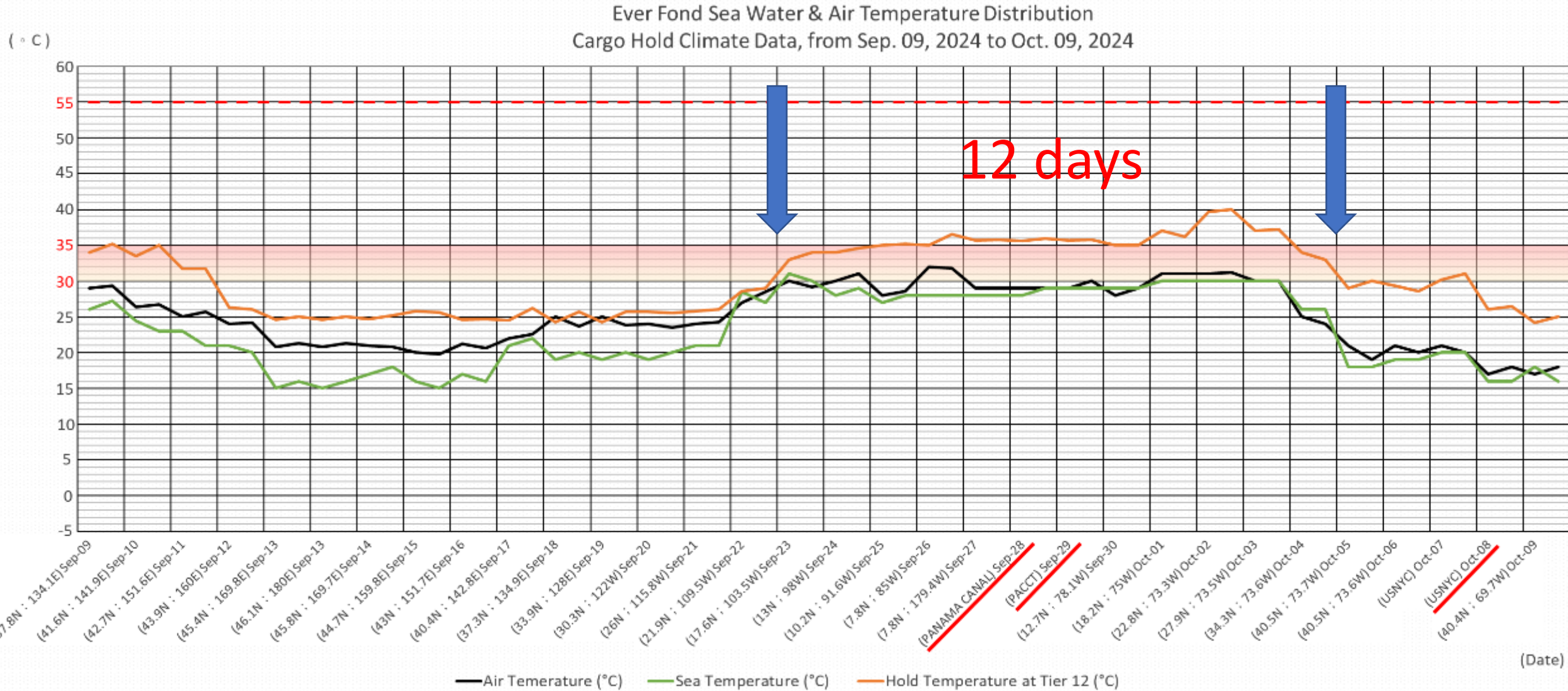
4. Sea – 12K VESSEL (Far East – US East)



C. H. No. 07 Temperature Measurements

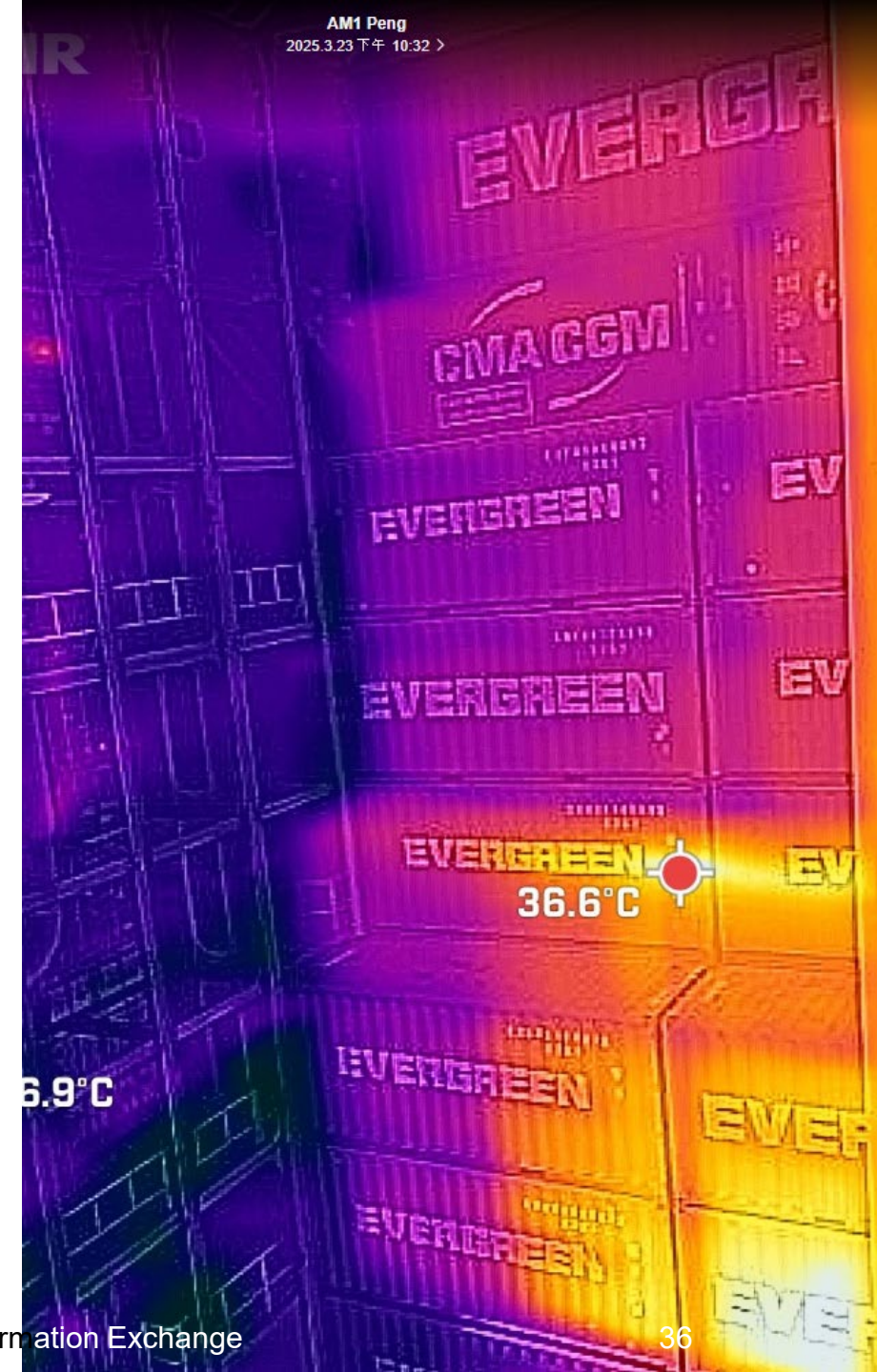
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2024/9/9	9	7° 40.0' N, 124° 03.7'	08:00	29	26	34	33.4	31.2
			16:00	29.3	27.2	35.2	33.7	31.4
2024/9/10	9	1° 37.9' N, 141° 54.5'	08:00	26.4	24.4	33.5	33	32
			16:00	26.7	23	35	33.5	31.9
2024/9/11	9	2° 41.8' N, 151° 35.2'	08:00	25	23	31.7	30	28.8
			16:00	25.7	21	31.7	30.3	28.5
2024/9/12	12	3° 50.0' N, 160° 02.4'	08:00	24	21	26.3	25.1	24.4
			16:00	24.2	20	26	24	23.8
2024/9/13	12	5° 25.7' N, 169° 45.8'	08:00	20.8	15	24.6	22.8	22.9
			16:00	21.3	16	25	23.9	22.9
2024/9/13	12	6° 04.7' N, 179° 57.6'	08:00	20.8	15	24.6	22.8	22.9
			16:00	21.3	16	25	23.9	22.9
2024/9/14	12	5° 49.9' N, 169° 43.1'	08:00	21	17	24.7	26.2	24.6
			16:00	20.8	18	25.2	26	25.8
2024/9/15	12	4° 40.9' N, 159° 50.6'	08:00	20	16	25.8	24.9	24.3
			16:00	19.8	15	25.6	24.8	24.5
2024/9/16	-9	3° 01.9' N, 151° 39.6'	08:00	21.2	17	24.6	23.7	22.5
			16:00	20.6	16	24.7	24	22.7
2024/9/17	-8	0° 25.4' N, 142° 49.4'	08:00	22	21	24.5	25.4	24.3
			16:00	22.6	22	26.2	24.6	24
2024/9/18	-8	7° 15.8' N, 124° 53.0'	08:00	25	19	24.3	24.5	23.2
			16:00	23.7	20	25.7	24.8	23.6





Few Notes...

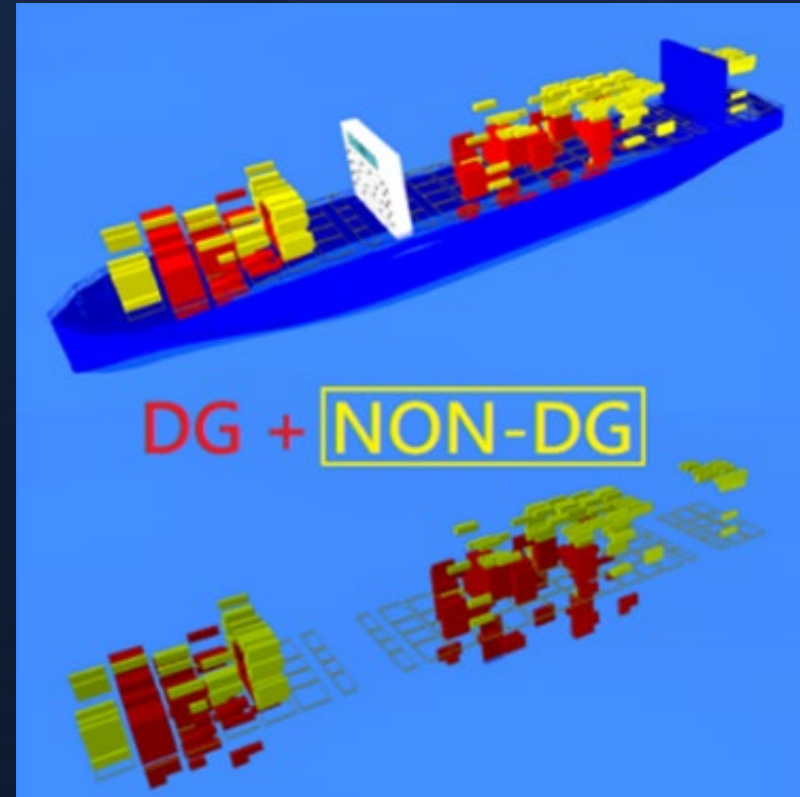
- Suppose the contents of those containers, which are temperature-sensitive and critical to fire risk, are visually identifiable on the individual stakeholder's software. In that case, it will help the parties involved make safer stowage arrangements and facilitate better container fire management.
- Other than container type, the external climate, the geographic location, and the seasons are crucial factors affecting the container's internal temperature.
- Many aspects must be carefully reviewed before determining the stowage of critical cargo on or under deck of a ship. However, the study suggests that the cargo hold temperature may stay over 35 C for days or weeks, subject to the itinerary; this additional factor requires attention.



Recaps



Visualization helps Fire Prevention



Temperature and Information Exchange



35°C

Critical Cargo



55°C

IMDG Code



Sea

On Deck
In Hold



Land

Terminal
Depot

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SMDG - Attribute code



LIB

(Lithium Batteries (non-DG))



COB

(Cocoa Butter and Cocoa Beans)



LIO

(Lithium Ion Batteries (non-DG))

Segment: **FTX** Free Text **COPARN (00B)**
 Position: 0680
 Group: Segment Group 13 (Equipment Details) Mandatory
 Level: 2
 Usage: Conditional (Optional)
 Max Use: 9
 Purpose: A segment to specify processable supplementary information associated with the container, such as: loading instructions (seagoing vessel) special instructions (related to inland transport) - container order information (conditions to be checked) - remarks

Comments:
 Notes: *Sample segment :*
FTX+AAA+++CHOCOLATES'
FTX+OSI++040'
FTX+ABS++SM1:ZZZ:SMD'

Data Element Summary			
Data Element	Component Element	Name	Attributes
M 4451		TEXT SUBJECT CODE QUALIFIER	M 1 an..3
	AAA	Goods description	
	AAI	General information	
	ABS	Additional conditions	
	ACF	Additional attribute information	
	ADZ	CSC (Container Safety Convention) plate information	
	DAR	Damage remarks	
	INV	Invoice instruction	
	LOI	Loading instruction	
	OSI	Other service information	
	SIN	Special instructions	

Segment: **FTX** Free Text **CODECO (00B)**
 Position: 0460
 Group: Segment Group 10 (Equipment Details) Mandatory
 Level: 2
 Usage: Conditional (Optional)
 Max Use: 99
 Purpose: A segment to specify processable supplementary information associated with the container, such as: - damage remarks
 Comments:
 Notes: *Sample segment :*
FTX+AAA+++CHOCOLATES'
FTX+ABS++SM1:ZZZ:SMD'

Data Element Summary			
Data Element	Component Element	Name	Attributes
M 4451		TEXT SUBJECT CODE QUALIFIER	M 1 an..3
	AAA	Goods description	
	AAI	General information	
	ABS	Additional conditions	
	ACF	Additional attribute information	
	ADZ	CSC (Container Safety Convention) plate information	
	DAR	Damage remarks	
	INV	Invoice instruction	
	LOI	Loading instruction	
	OSI	Other service information	
	SIN	Special instructions	

**The latest version (version 00B) of
 COPARN. CODECO. COARRI
 FTX+ACF segment for Attribute information**

Segment: **FTX** Free Text **COARRI (00B)**
 Position: 0350
 Group: Segment Group 6 (Equipment Details) Conditional (Required)
 Level: 2
 Usage: Conditional (Optional)
 Max Use: 9
 Purpose: A segment to specify supplementary information related to the equipment, such as: - blockade reason - government inspection service - container loading remarks - container remarks - container order information - additional remarks concerning the container - container safety convention plate - continuous examination program (ACEP)

Comments:
 Notes: *Sample segment :*
FTX+AAA+++FLOWERBULBS'
FTX+OSI++040'

Data Element Summary			
Data Element	Component Element	Name	Attributes
4451		TEXT SUBJECT CODE QUALIFIER	M 1 an..3
	AAA	Goods description	
	AAI	General information	
	ABS	Additional conditions	
	ACF	Additional attribute information	
	ADZ	CSC (Container Safety Convention) plate information	
	DAR	Damage remarks	
	INV	Invoice instruction	
	LOI	Loading instruction	
	OSI	Other service information	
	SIN	Special instructions	

New DGS group

BAPLIE (version 3)

- Objectives
 - Fully identify DG items according to IMDG Code
 - Special cases like LQ (Limited Quantities) and CFR49 cargo now covered
 - Deal with release frequency of new IMDG amendments problem: time-consuming directory updates
 - Harmonized solution (PROTECT, IFTDGN, etc.)
- Approach
 - Use ATT segment for missing attributes (do not use FTX for key data)
 - Use SMDG maintained codes list for new attribute types
 - Provide MEA segment for quantitative attributes
 - Add contact information

The latest **BAPLIE** version (version 3.1.1).

ATT segment for Attribute information

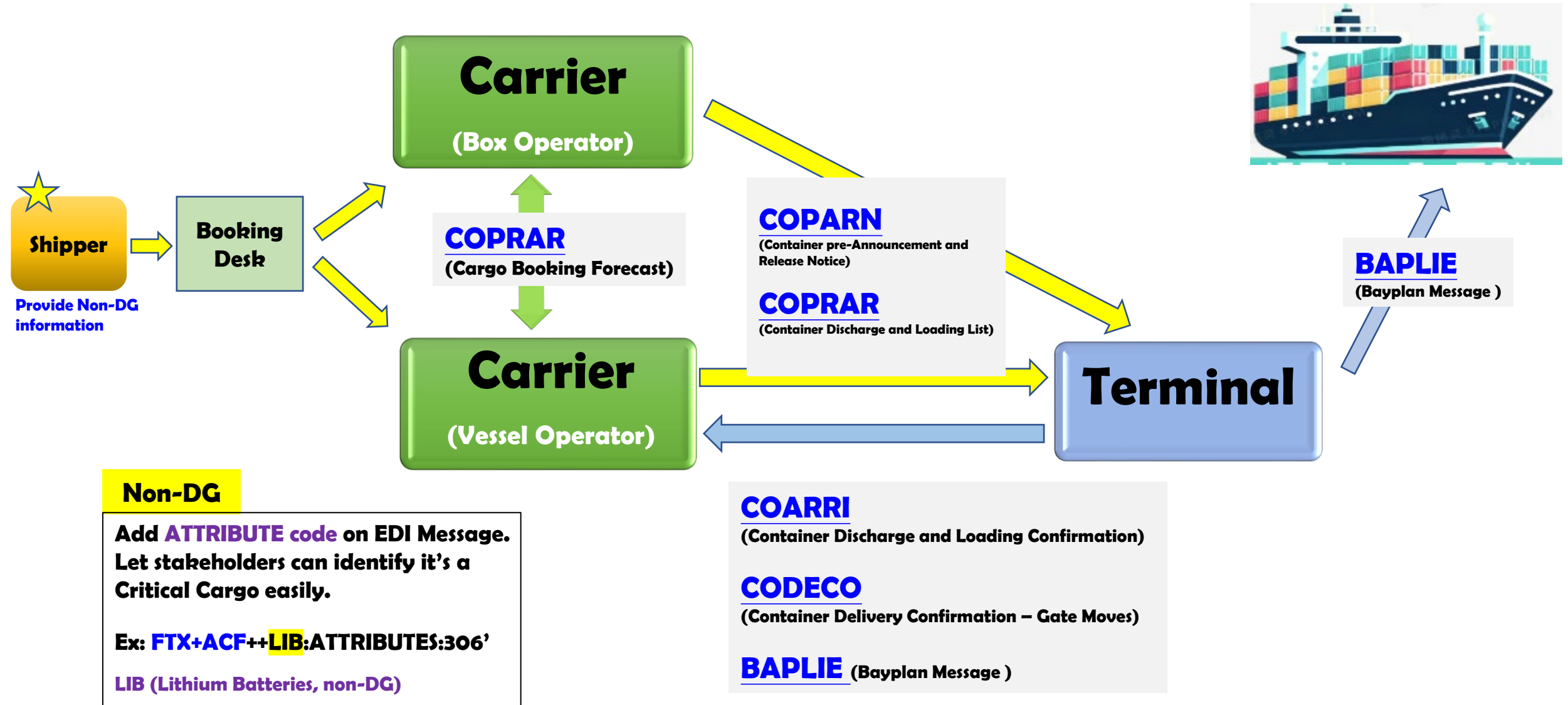


BAPLIE
(version 3.1.1)

Group: **DGS** Segment Group 11: Dangerous Goods
Position: 00440
Group: Segment Group 7 (Equipment Details) Conditional (Dependent)
Level: 3
Usage: Conditional (Optional)
Max Use: 999
Purpose: A group of segments providing dangerous goods information related to a unit of equipment or uncontainerised cargo including official hazard identification and emergency contact information.

Segment Summary						
User	Pos.	Seg.			Req.	Max.
<u>Attribute</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Des.</u>	<u>Use</u>
M	00450	DGS	Dangerous Goods		M	1
O	00460	ATT	Attribute		C	9
O	00470	MEA	Measurements		C	9
O	00480	FTX	Free Text		C	9
	00490		Segment Group 12: Contact Information		C	9

Container Information Flow



Implement **ATTRIBUTE code** on each EDI Message
(**COPARN. COPRAR. COARRI. CODECO** and **BAPLIE**) .



Let all stakeholders -
Carriers (Vessel Operator <-> Box Operator) .
Terminal and Vessel (Ship)... can pay more attention on
the **Critical Cargo** easily.



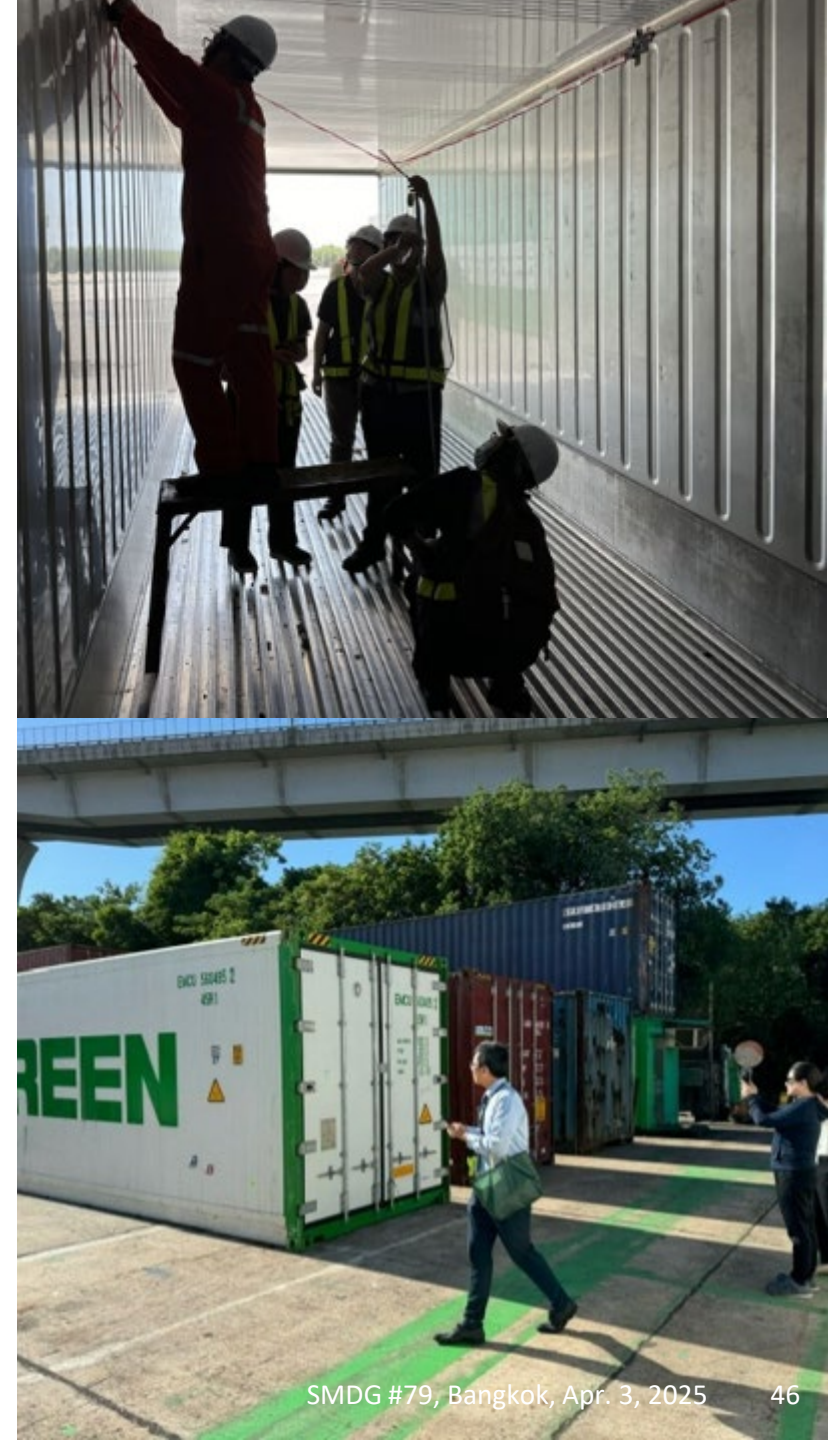
5. On-going Tasks

1. The Temperature Study

- Analyzing the collected data
- Conducting more surveys
- Sharing

2. The Container Message Information Exchange

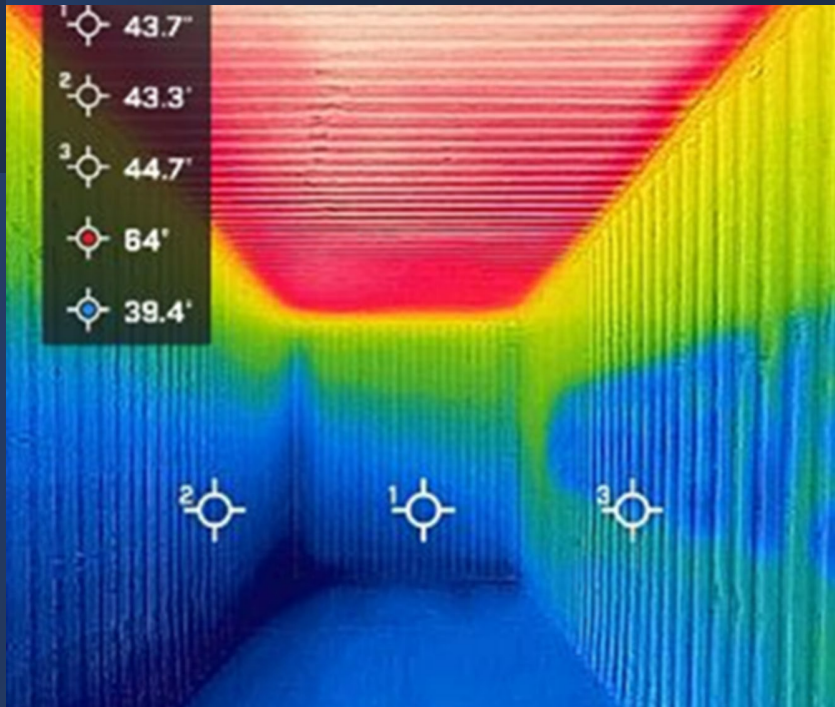
- SMDG Attribute Code List



6. A Safer Environment



Thank you!



S M D G

