## COMP/HT.5929 - Review of CBER 2024 - Evaluation of the CBER - Q2 - Questionnaire to shippers and freight forwarders

**Deadline:** 03/10/2022

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| ****I. Your activities****  |

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| **(1)** | Please briefly describe your company or association and your activities.  |

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| ****II. Relevance of the CBER****  |

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| ****A. COVID crisis and representativeness of the 2020-2022 period****  |

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| **(2)** | Do you consider that, in view of the effects of the COVID pandemic:  |

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| (  ) | the functioning of the maritime supply chain in 2020, 2021 and 2022 provides useful information for the assessment of the relevance of the CBER? |
| (  ) | the functioning of the maritime supply chain in 2020, 2021 and 2022 does not provide any useful information for the assessment of the relevance of the CBER? |
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| **(2.1)** | Please explain your answer. |

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| ****B. Impact of consortia on freight rates****  |

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| **(3)** | Please explain the impact, if any, of consortia on the prices of container shipping services (freight rates including all charges and fees) in 2020, 2021 and 2022. For that purpose, please compare on a quarterly basis, for a given trade, (i) the prices you paid for the joint container shipping services provided by consortia and the stand-alone services provided by independent carriers; and/or (ii) the prices you paid for the container shipping services provided by a given carrier within a consortium and outside of a consortium (when a given carrier offers services both jointly with other member(s) of a consortium and on a stand-alone basis). If you used the services of several independent carriers on a given leg of trade to or from the EU in 2020, 2021 or 2022, please take account of the average freight rate for the different services provided by independent carriers. If you used the services of several consortia on a given leg of trade to or from the EU in 2020, 2021 or 2022, please take account of the average freight rate for the different services provided by consortia.  Please provide concrete examples (with denominated amounts) to support your answer.  |

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| **(3.1)** | In 2020 |

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| **(3.4)** | Please provide any general explanation or comment on the freight rates and their variations for the services provided by independent carriers and by consortia, distinguishing as relevant between consortia.  |

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| ****C. Impact of consortia on availability of container shipping services****  |

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| **(4)** | Please explain the impact, if any, of consortia on the availability of container shipping services in 2020, 2021 and 2022. For that purpose, please compare on a quarterly basis, for a given trade, (i) the availability of the joint container shipping services provided by consortia and the stand-alone services provided by independent carriers that you both used; and/or (ii) the availability of container shipping services provided by a given carrier within a consortium and outside of a consortium that you both used (when a given carrier offers services both jointly with other member(s) of a consortium and on a stand-alone basis).   Please specify ****the indicator(s)**** used to compare the availability of the services provided by independent carriers and by consortia (e.g. number of services or trades served, capacity offered per service, frequencies of the services, number of port calls per service, etc., or a combination of those elements).Please provide concrete examples to support your answer.  |

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|  | **Leg of trade to or from the EU** | **Q1 2022 Availability of services by independent carriers higher/lower/same as availability of services by consortia?**  | **Q2 2022 Availability of services by independent carriers higher/lower/same as availability of services by consortia?**  | **Comments on availability of services on leg of trade to or from the EU (specify indicators used for the comparison)**  |
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| ****D. Impact of consortia on reliability of container shipping services****  |

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| **(5)** | Please explain the impact, if any, of consortia on the percentage of port calls achieved (compared to port calls scheduled) in 2020, 2021 and 2022. For that purpose, please compare on a quarterly basis, for a given trade, (i) the percentage of port calls achieved (compared to port calls scheduled) in relation to the joint container shipping services provided by consortia and the stand-alone services provided by independent carriers that you both used; and/or (ii) the percentage of port calls achieved (compared to port calls scheduled) in relation to the container shipping services provided by a given carrier within a consortium and outside of a consortium that you both used (when a given carrier offers services both jointly with other member(s) of a consortium and on a stand-alone basis). If you used the services of several independent carriers on a given leg of trade to or from the EU in 2020, 2021 or 2022, please take account of the average percentage of port calls achieved (compared to port calls scheduled) in relation to the different services provided by independent carriers. If you used the services of several consortia on a given leg of trade to or from the EU in 2020, 2021 or 2022, please take account of the average percentage of port calls achieved (compared to port calls scheduled) in relation to the different services provided by consortia.  |

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|  | **Leg of trade to or from the EU**  | **Q1 2020 Percentage of port calls achieved by independent carriers higher/lower/same as percentage of port calls achieved by consortia?**  | **Q2 2020 Percentage of port calls achieved by independent carriers higher/lower/same as percentage of port calls achieved by consortia?**  | **Q3 2020 Percentage of port calls achieved by independent carriers higher/lower/same as percentage of port calls achieved by consortia?**  | **Q4 2020 Percentage of port calls achieved by independent carriers higher/lower/same as percentage of port calls achieved by consortia?**  | **Comments on percentage of port calls achieved on leg of trade to or from the EU**  |
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| **(7)** | Please explain the impact, if any, of consortia on the reliability of container shipping services in 2020, 2021 and 2022. For that purpose, please compare on a quarterly basis, for a given trade, (i) the reliability of joint container shipping services provided by consortia and of stand-alone services provided by independent carriers that you both used; and/or (ii) the reliability of container shipping services provided by a given carrier within a consortium and outside of a consortium that you both used (when a given carrier offers services both jointly with other member(s) of a consortium and on a stand-alone basis).Please specify ****the indicator(s)**** used to compare the reliability of the services provided by independent carriers and by consortia.Please provide concrete examples to support your answer.  |

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| **(7.4)** | Please provide any general explanation or comment on the reliability of the services provided by independent carriers and by consortia, distinguishing as relevant between consortia, and on the variations in their reliability.  |

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| ****E. Vertical integration of carriers (investments of carriers in activities upstream or downstream or adjacent to container shipping services to or from the EU)****  |

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| **(8)** | Did consortia contribute to the ability and/or incentive of carriers to invest in activities upstream, downstream or adjacent to container shipping (e.g. logistics, port or terminal operations) in 2020, 2021 or 2022?  |

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| **(8.1)** | Please explain your answer. |

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| **(8.2)** | If you answered “Yes” to question 8, please explain the impact, if any, of the investments of carriers in upstream, downstream or adjacent activities on the price and quality of container shipping services and of upstream, downstream or adjacent services.  |

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| ****III. Other comments**** |

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| **(9)** | Please provide any other comment you may consider useful for the evaluation of the functioning of the CBER since 2020.  |

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| **(10)** | Please attach any file you deem relevant. The maximum number of files that can be attached is five. The maximum size is 10 MB per attachment. To upload more than 5 attachments, you can upload a zip file with multiple attachments enclosed, respecting always the maximum size limitation. Alternatively, please send the files to the officials mentioned in the "Contact Case Team" tab. In addition, please indicate clearly below whether any of the files you would attach contains confidential information.  |

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| THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.  |

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