

Maersk suspends vessel calls in Israel

Due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran Maersk is no longer calling the Port of Haifa.

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The world's second largest container line [Maersk](#) is temporarily suspending calls in Israel as the country continues to trade missile strikes with Iran. Iranian missiles struck Beersheba in southern Israel, overnight.

In a customer advisory issue on 19 June Maersk said: "After carefully analysing threat risk reports regarding the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran—particularly the potential risks of calling Israeli ports and their implications for the safety of our crews, Maersk has made the decision to temporarily suspend vessel calls at the Port of Haifa, Israel, for Maersk-operated vessels."

The Danish company said the safety and security of its crew and operations were its top priority.

"We are in close contact with customers who may be impacted by this decision and are working to provide alternative transport solutions to minimise disruption."

Maersk's alliance partner in the Gemini Cooperation Hapag-Lloyd said on 20 June it was making a temporary reduction in calls at Haifa. The German line's Atlantic

Route 7 service would continue to call the Haifa while its East Med Shuttle 3 service would be temporarily suspending calls at the Israeli port.