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Heavy Load Surcharge (HWS) Implementation North & West India, Pakistan & Middle East Area to North America East Coast & West Coast (M3W & M4W)

Maersk is implementing the Heavy Load Surcharge (HWS) for 20' dry containers (DC & TANK) with Verified Gross Mass (VGM) exceeding 24 metric tons for 20' from North & West India, Pakistan & Middle East Area to North America. Effective price calculation date 9 July 2026.

The new tariff levels are as follows:

Origin	Destination	Effective Date	Container	Rate	VGM Weight
North India, Pakistan, Middle East Area	North America	9-July-2026	20DC & 20TANK	500 USD	> 24 metric tons

When Verified Gross Mass (VGM) exceeds the weight threshold, Heavy Load Surcharge will be triggered. The Verified Gross Mass (VGM) is the weight of the cargo including dunnage and bracing plus the tare weight of the container carrying this cargo.

Heavy Weight Surcharge will be applicable to all Ocean products excluding SPOT and Maersk Go. For non-FMC, PCD refers to the scheduled departure date of the first water leg at the time of booking confirmation for non-spot bookings.

For FMC, PCD is last container gate-in date for non-spot bookings. For your reference, you can always view the latest levels and rate structures directly on our Tariff Lookup page: <https://www.maersk.com/tariff-lookup/>

(Current coverage: FMC – Federal Maritime Commission and EEA – European Economic Area regulated countries)

For trades subject to the US Shipping Act or the China Maritime Regulations, quotations or surcharges that vary from the Maersk tariff shall not be binding on Maersk unless included in a service contract or service contract amendment that has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) or the Shanghai Shipping Exchange, as applicable.

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