

# First container ship attempts Arctic route

A Danish vessel has set sail from Vladivostok aiming to become the first container ship to tackle the Arctic sea route north of Russia

## Northern Sea Route

Could be up to **14 days** faster than current southern option

Ship will collect data to see if melting sea ice has made route economically viable



## VENTA MAERSK

**Crew:** 26 (trained for Arctic)

**Built:** 2018 (Zhoushan Shipyard, China)

**Length/breadth:** 200m/35.2m

**Cargo:** 3,600 TEU\* containers

**Operating temperature:** As low as -25°C



Picture: Roger K/MarineTraffic.com

**Trial voyage:** Ship, carrying cargo of frozen fish and other refrigerated goods, is due to arrive in St Petersburg in mid-September

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\*Twenty-foot equivalent

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