

# MULTIMODAL INBOUND DELIVERY



**Flexible, best-fit selection of transportation modes to ensure goods from distant sources arrive safely and on schedule**

There are pros and cons to using each mode of transportation. Air is fast but costly. Ocean is slower but more cost efficient. When available, road or rail may be better. Companies need to pick the right modes and secure sufficient freight capacity.

## **TYPICAL BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- Accessing all transportation modes
- Finding capacity & lowering costs
- Ensuring items arrive on time, every time
- Keeping a close eye on shipment status
- Maintaining in-transit security
- Reducing environmental impact



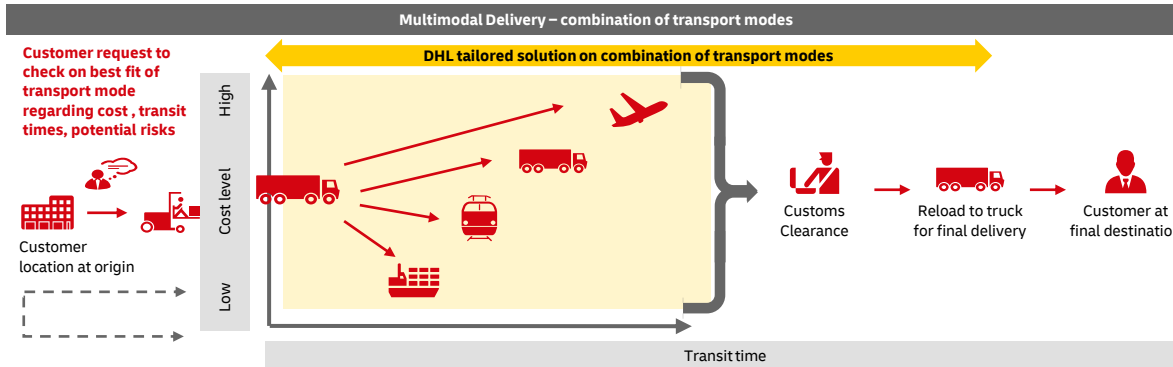
## DHL SOLUTION

This solution delivers the best transportation mode – air and ocean, along with road and rail from Asia to the European Union (EU) – or a combination of modes based on cost, transit time, potential risk, and ecological footprint. It ensures retail and fashion freight arrives safely and on schedule.

### SOLVING YOUR BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- ✓ **Accessing all transportation modes** – Best-fit mode selection; pros and cons of air, ocean, and (for Asia-EU routes) road and rail; flexibly combine various modes; single door-to-door rate structure
- ✓ **Finding capacity & lowering costs** – Tackle seasonal peaks and pandemic capacity shortages; use more cost-efficient modes if fits transit time requirement and risk profile
- ✓ **Ensuring items arrive on time, every time** – Reliability on all modes; fixed arrival and departure times; high frequency; stable lead times; expert route planning; customs clearance; backup solutions
- ✓ **Keeping a close eye on shipment status** – Traceability; daily cargo location updates; track-and-trace system; continuous information on shipment status
- ✓ **Maintaining in-transit security** – Physical security on wide-gauge route; radio-frequency identification (RFID) and rail platform monitoring (twice a day); all trucks equipped with GPS; model selection to reduce risk (eg, avoid typhoons, piracy)
- ✓ **Reducing environmental impact** – Significant reduction in CO2 emissions: ocean versus air

### ENSURING GOODS FROM DISTANT SOURCES ARRIVE SAFELY AND ON SCHEDULE



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### KEY BENEFITS FOR YOUR BUSINESS



#### BALANCE

Selection depends on all factors: cost, transit time, potential risk, and ecological footprint



#### COST SAVINGS

Using the optimal mode or combination of modes



#### NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Discover attractive alternatives, eg, line haul options on long-distance trade lanes



#### SEAMLESS INTEGRATION

With DHL's logistics expertise and experience