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Avenir LNG's HIGAS LNG Terminal on Schedule

Avenir LNG is set to receive the commissioning cargo for its new Sardinian HIGAS LNG terminal via the company owned LBV Avenir Accolade on Wednesday. The cargo was loaded and re-exported from Croatia's Hrvatska LNG. The small-scale terminal is designed to unlock Sardinia for the global LNG market with help from conventional FSRU capacity shared with Avenir's partners. According to Avenir LNG's plans and the scheduled arrival of the Avenir Accolade, the terminal at Porto di Oristano is on schedule.

The Avenir LNG-controlled vessel Avenir Accolade is currently en route to the island of Sardinia in Italy, our data shows. The 7,500m3 vessel is transporting the commissioning cargo for Europe's latest LNG terminal, the Avenir LNG-owned HIGAS facility in Porto di Oristano on Sardinia's western coast. The Avenir Accolade's cargo is a re-export from Croatia's Hrvatska LNG terminal, itself only about 6 months old. The FSRU LNG Croatia, stationed at Hrvatska LNG, last received a Yamal LNG-derived cargo via the Methane Nile Eagle through a Zeebrugge transshipment earlier in May, according to our data.

Unlocking market on schedule

HIGAS is a small-scale LNG import, storage and distribution facility and is designed to unlock one of Europe's major islands for LNG supply. The HIGAS terminal is the first certified small-scale LNG facility of its kind in Sardinia. Avenir LNG hold 80pct of the equity and has partnered with Italian engineering company Gas & Heat and Romanian gas distributor CPL Concordia, who each hold a 10pct stake in the project. Considering the Avenir Accolade's scheduled arrival and Avenir LNG's plan to have HIGAS 'fully operational by Q2 2021', the terminal at Porto di Oristano is on schedule.

LNG will be stored in 6 horizontal low-pressure cryogenic tanks to meet inland LNG demand by truck and small satellite stations. The terminal has capacity to load up to 8,000 LNG trucks per year via two truck loading bays, which is roughly equivalent to annual terminal throughput capacity of 700,000 tonnes LNG. HIGAS will also be connected to Sardinia's gas pipeline system to allow gas supply to local industry. Avenir LNG also envisions HIGAS to facilitate marine bunkering and truck refuelling.

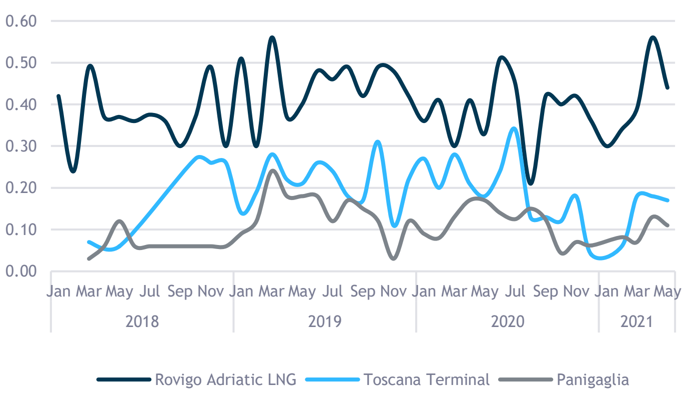
Demand growth

Increasing demand for cleaner-burning fuels has contributed to a robust increase in Italian LNG demand over the past three years. However, several Italian regions with growing demand clusters in the Mediterranean having hitherto only had limited access to such alternative fuels, according to Avenir LNG. Italian LNG demand is on a path to recovery since it was hit severely by the coronavirus pandemic.

Low-cost flexibility

Avenir LNG is a fully integrated small-scale LNG supplier engaged in alternative fuel distribution. The company's strategy is to aggregate volumes from a collective of customers and thereby create financially attractive economies of scale. Each customer is priced on a percentage of usage rather than whole asset utilisation to 'open new markets that would otherwise be considered cost prohibitive', according to Avenir LNG. Over time, Avenir is planning to move into the integrated power and industrial market and commission similar terminals to the HIGAS facility elsewhere, potentially employing small-scale floating storage and regas solutions ◆

Italian LNG Demand (MMt)



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Week-on-Week	0.42	-16pct
Six-month change	0.76	-25pct

Atlantic Basin

Week-on-Week	0.30	-12pct
Six-month change	0.37	-14pct

Middle East

Week-on-Week	0.28	-14pct
Six-month change	0.24	-13pct

LNG IMPORTS (MMT)

Pacific Basin

Week-on-Week	0.01	0pct
Six-month change	0.44	-8pct

Atlantic Basin

Week-on-Week	0.59	-27pct
Six-month change	0.06	4pct

Middle East

Week-on-Week	0.12	-29pct
Six-month change	0.00	0pct

Expected Deliveries this Week

China leading imports on 1.41mmt at current market visibility

Pacific Basin

LNG Imports in the Pacific Basin are likely to amount to 5.31mmt, according to our data at the time of writing, constituting a decrease of 13pct compared to the previous week's total of 5.16mmt. The Pacific's imports this week are likely going to be led by China (1.41mmt), Japan (0.80mmt) and India (0.71mmt) whilst 1.16mmt remain without a confirmed destination but were broadly directed to within the Basin at the time of writing.

China

Current market visibility indicates the majority of LNG destined to arrive in China this week is derived from Australia via nine cargoes totalling 0.57mmt. Most of Australia's shipments to China have sailed from Australia Pacific LNG (0.19mmt, 33pct) and Wheatstone LNG (0.10mmt, 18pct), inter alia via the CESI Tianjin, the Grace Acacia and the Asia Venture. Our analysis indicates these deliveries to have been completed by Saturday. Concurrently, our market visibility highlights that the Guangdong Dapeng LNG and Jiangsu LNG terminals will be China's busiest this week on imports of 0.21mmt (15pct) and 0.16mmt (11pct), respectively. In addition to Australia's shipments, we are also expecting China to receive 16 cargoes totalling 0.84mmt from, inter alia, Malaysia, the United States and Indonesia by Sunday. Our data thus indicate China's cumulative LNG offtake this week is likely to have decreased by 0.21mmt (-13pct) week-on-week from 1.62mmt last week but increased by 0.04mmt (3pct) from 1.37mmt year-on-year.

Japan

The most significant origin of LNG destined to arrive in Japan by volume this week is Australia via five cargoes totalling 0.30mmt. Australia's shipments to Japan are led by Ichthys LNG (0.12mmt, 40pct) and NWS LNG (0.07mmt, 23pct), inter alia via the Dukhan, the Symphonic Breeze and the SCF Melampus. We are currently expecting these shipments to arrive by Thursday, with the Sodegaura and Futtsu terminals set to be Japan's busiest this week on imports of 0.16mmt (20pct) and 0.12mmt (15pct), respectively. In addition to Australia's shipments, we are currently tracking nine cargoes totalling 0.50mmt led by the United States, Qatar and Russia, which we expect to arrive in Japan by Sunday. We therefore think Japan's weekly LNG offtake is likely to have decreased by 0.62mmt (-44pct) week-on-week from 1.42mmt last week but increased by 0.09mmt (13pct) from 0.71mmt year-on-year.

India

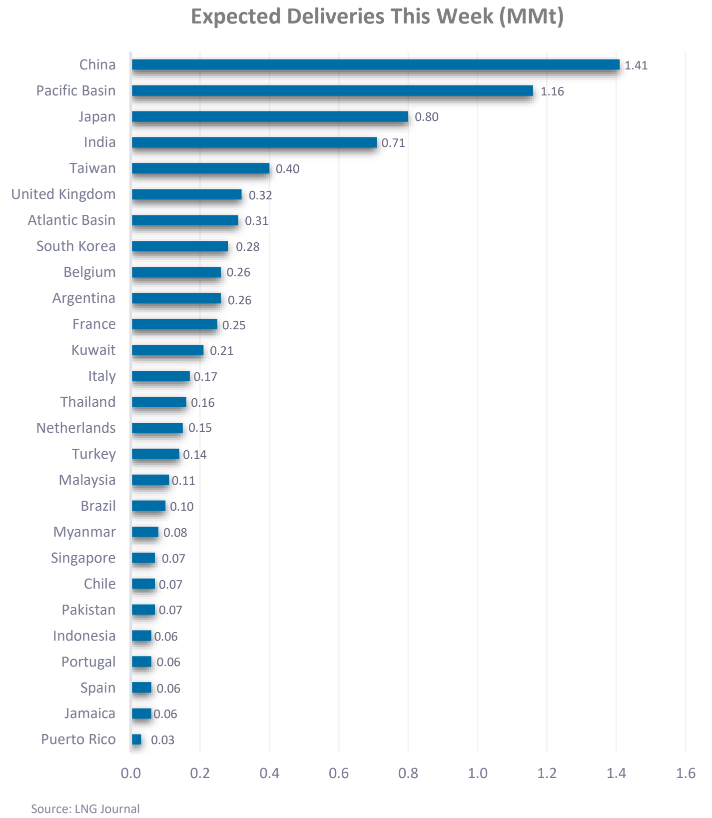
Meanwhile, the majority of expected deliveries to India is going to be coming from USA via three cargoes totalling 0.21mmt this week. The United States' shipments to India have sailed from Sabine Pass LNG (0.14mmt, 67pct) and Freeport LNG (0.07mmt, 33pct) via the Celsius Canberra, the Ribera del Duero Knutsen and the Cool Runner. We expect the United States' India-bound shipments to arrive by Sunday, with the Dahej and Hazira terminals set to be India's busiest this week on imports of 0.26mmt (37pct) and 0.19mmt (27pct), respectively. We are also expecting eight cargoes totalling 0.50mmt from, inter alia, Qatar, the UAE and Egypt to arrive in India this week. Accordingly, we expect the country's weekly imports to increase by 0.33mmt (87pct) from 0.38mmt and increase by 0.36mmt (103 pct) from 0.35mmt year-on-year.

Atlantic Basin

Demand in the Atlantic Basin is likely to reach 2.10mmt this week, our data indicated at the time of writing, constituting an increase of 34pct from the 1.57mmt of regional imports last week. At least 46pct are destined for the United Kingdom (0.32mmt), Belgium (0.26mmt) and France (0.25mmt) whilst 0.31mmt remain without a confirmed destination but were broadly directed to within the Basin at the time of writing.

The United Kingdom

The most significant origin of LNG destined to arrive in the United Kingdom this week comprises Qatar, based on two cargoes totalling 0.20mmt. These shipments have sailed via the Al Shamal and the Al Ghuwairiya. Our analysis pegs their delivery horizon at Saturday. Concurrently, our market visibility highlights that the South Hook LNG and Isle of Grain terminals will be the United Kingdom's busiest this week on imports of 0.20mmt (63pct) and 0.12mmt (38pct), respectively. Apart from Qatar's shipments highlighted above, we are also expecting the United Kingdom to receive two additional cargoes totalling 0.12mmt from Algeria and Russia this week. Our data thus indicate the United Kingdom's cumulative LNG offtake this week is likely to have increased by 0.10mmt (45pct) week-on-week from 0.22mmt and increased by 0.03mmt (10 pct) from 0.29mmt year-on-year.



Belgium

Our current market visibility further indicates the majority of LNG destined to arrive in Belgium by volume this week is coming from Russia via two cargoes totalling 0.16mmt. Russia's shipments to Belgium's Zeebrugge terminal have sailed from Yamal LNG via the Boris Vilkitsky and the Fedor Litke. These shipments' delivery horizon is shown by our data to be Friday. In addition to Russia's shipments, we are currently tracking one cargo totalling 0.10mmt from Qatar's Ras Laffan LNG complex, which we expect to arrive in Belgium by Sunday. These anticipated deliveries mean Belgium is likely to see a week-on-week offtake increase of 0.26mmt – having imported no LNG last week - as well as a 0.14mmt (117pct) increase from 0.12mmt year-on-year.

France

Meanwhile, our data indicate the majority of expected deliveries to France are going to be coming from the United States via two cargoes totalling 0.14mmt this week. These US shipments to France have sailed from Freeport LNG (0.08mmt, 32pct) and Cameron LNG (0.06mmt, 24pct) via the Shinshu Maru and the BW Everett. We expect the United States' France-bound shipments to arrive by Sunday, with the Dunkerque Le Clipton and Fos-sur-Mer terminals set to be France's busiest this week on imports of 0.14mmt (56pct) and 0.11mmt (44pct), respectively. We are also expecting three cargoes totalling 0.11mmt from Algeria and Nigeria to arrive in France this week. Accordingly, we expect this week's French imports to decrease by 0.14mmt (-36pct) from 0.39mmt and by 0.21mmt (-46pct) from 0.46mmt year-on-year.

Middle East

We are currently anticipating We are currently anticipating four cargo arrivals totalling 0.28mmt in the Middle East this week. Leading the roster of regional buyers is Kuwait with expected imports of up to 0.21mmt via three cargoes from Qatar and Nigeria. These anticipated deliveries mean Kuwait is potentially going to see a week-on-week offtake increase of 0.13mmt (62pct) from 0.08mmt as well as a 0.14mmt (200pct) increase from 0.07mmt year-on-year. These figures depend on the final destination of the Yari LNG, which departed Ras Laffan on Sunday with course for Kuwait but has since stopped without specifying a destination.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's Port Qasim terminal is expecting a US cargo of 0.07mmt via the Solaris by Tuesday. We therefore expect Pakistan to decrease its weekly offtake by 0.10mmt (-59pct) from 0.17mmt whilst maintaining steady imports year-on-year ◆

LNG in Transit

Currently 15.73mmt of LNG have a delivery horizon of 26th June

Total LNG volumes currently in transit amount to 15.73mmt, representing a decrease of 0.82mmt (-5pct) week-on-week. Current market visibility pegs the delivery horizon at 26 June.

Pacific Basin

Our current market visibility indicates 11.28mmt are destined for the Pacific Basin, whereby Taiwan's Yung-an terminal is in the lead with 0.36mmt and a delivery horizon of 14 June currently set by the Marvel Pelican. Notably, of the 11.28mmt currently in transit, 3.72mmt (33pct) have yet to have a firm destination, which are broadly destined for the Pacific region by 24 June.

At the time of writing, Malaysia LNG topped the list of export plants engaged in the Pacific with 0.60mmt currently in transit, followed by NWS LNG with 0.44mmt and Wheatstone LNG with 0.36mmt via, inter alia, the Puteri Delima Satu, the Dapeng Moon and the Maran Gas Psara. The delivery horizon for Pacific in-transit exports by the Basin's top three plants above is currently 6 June.

Atlantic Basin

The Atlantic Basin, meanwhile, can expect to receive 3.87mmt by 7 June, our data suggests. Firmed-up Atlantic deliveries are led by 0.34mmt destined for Belgium's Zeebrugge terminal with a delivery horizon of 2 June.

As with the Pacific Basin, there are still roughly 1.30mmt of in-transit LNG that have yet to confirm their destination. Around 1.00mmt are currently broadly destined for Europe by 10 June.

Among Atlantic exporters with LNG deliveries currently pending, Freeport LNG is in the lead with 0.51mmt, followed by Cameron LNG with 0.35mmt and Corpus Christi LNG with 0.32mmt. These cargoes are onboard, inter alia, the BW Paris, the BW Lilac and the British Listener. The delivery horizon for Atlantic in-transit exports was 10 June at the time of writing.

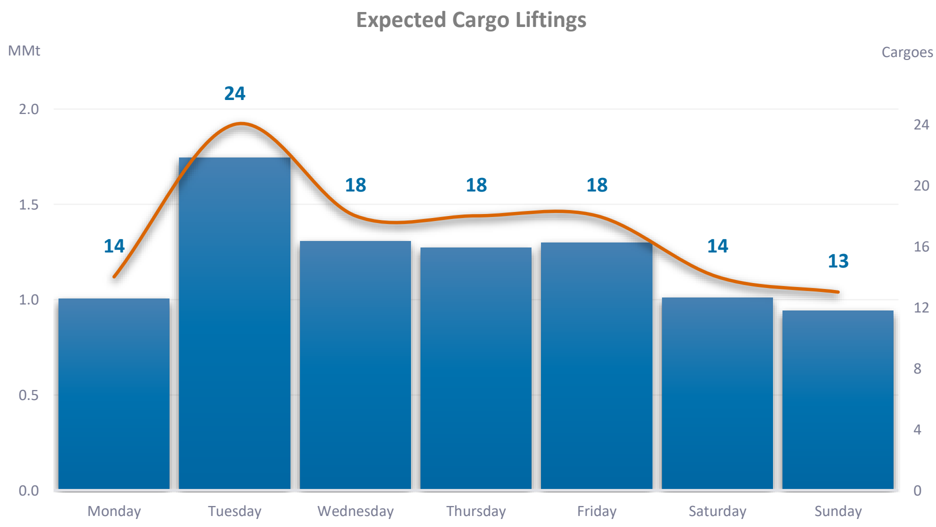
Middle East

Meanwhile, our data indicate there are a total of seven cargoes - 0.49mmt - currently headed for Kuwait and Pakistan. In addition to the cargoes scheduled for arrival this week as noted above, Kuwait's Mina al Ahmadi terminal is also expecting two cargoes totalling 0.14mmt. The two shipments are aboard the Bonny Island-derived LNG Ondo (0.06mmt) and Cameron LNG-derived Marvel Falcon (0.08mmt). Moreover, Pakistan's Port Qasim terminal is expecting a cargo of 0.07mmt. The shipment is aboard the Angola LNG-derived Soyo (0.07mmt). The current delivery horizon for the Middle East is 7 June.

In terms of Middle Eastern cargoes under way to destinations outside the Basin, 4.04mmt have a delivery horizon of 10 June, including 3.24mmt that originated in Qatar, with a further 0.41mmt coming from Oman's Qalhat terminal and 0.17mmt from the UAE's Das Island facility. Meanwhile, Egypt's Idku LNG plant had 2 cargoes totalling 0.11mmt at sea. The same applied to the neighbouring Damietta plant ◆

Expected Cargo Liftings

119 cargo liftings expected this week



Source: LNG Journal

Based on our shipping data and nominal vessel capacities, we are currently expecting 119 cargo liftings amounting to 8.58mmt by the end of this week.

Pacific Basin

Our data indicate the Pacific Basin will account for 45 of this week's liftings, meaning that roughly 3.10mmt are exported throughout the Basin by Sunday.

In Australia, we are expecting Wheatstone LNG to lead the continent's exports with seven cargoes amounting to 0.48mmt, according to nominal vessel capacity. Concurrently, LNG Journal data points to NWS LNG shipping five cargoes (0.33mmt), followed by three cargoes (0.23mmt) from Queensland Curtis LNG. Meanwhile, Australia Pacific LNG, Gorgon LNG, Cove Point LNG, Pluto LNG, Darwin LNG and Gladstone LNG are expected to ship a total of eight cargoes amounting to 0.60mmt by the end of the week. Ichthys LNG and the Prelude FLNG barge, however, are currently not scheduled to ship LNG this week, our data suggests.

In Southeast Asia, our shipping data points to Malaysia LNG exporting up to nine cargoes amounting to 0.58mmt. In neighbouring Indonesia, we think this week's exports will amount to five cargoes totalling 0.32mmt from its Tangguh, Bontang and Donggi-Senoro plants. Additionally, based on our market visibility, we are expecting Brunei to ship only one cargo of 0.07mmt this week.

The remaining LNG export plants within the Pacific, namely Russia's Sakhalin-2 LNG at Prigorodnoye on Sakhalin Island and PNG LNG in Papua New Guinea are going to export up to three cargoes totalling 0.22mmt, according to our market visibility.

Atlantic Basin

Meanwhile, our analysis indicates the Atlantic Basin will see 48 cargo liftings, with around 3.42mmt exported throughout the Basin.

In the United States, we are expecting a total of 26 cargoes (1.94mmt) to be lifted. These exports are likely to be led by Sabine Pass LNG with 0.89mmt, inter alia via the the Al Ruwais (0.09mmt), the Arctic Princess (0.07mmt) and the Bonito LNG (0.08mmt). Concurrently, Freeport LNG is going to ship 0.38mmt via five cargo liftings, our data suggests, whilst we expect Cameron LNG, Corpus Christi LNG and Cove Point LNG to ship a total of 0.66mmt via nine cargo liftings.

In South America and the Caribbean, we are currently expecting one cargo lifting (0.07mmt) at Trinidad's Atlantic LNG via the KMarin Diamond (0.07mmt).

On the other side of the Atlantic, we think up to 21 cargoes (1.41mmt) will be lifted during this week. In the Africa region, we are expecting Nigeria's Bonny Island facility to export eight cargoes amounting to 0.58mmt whilst our market visibility further suggests Algeria will ship five cargoes amounting to 0.23mmt from its Arzew and Skikda plants by Sunday. We are also expecting Angola's Soyo plant to export one cargo amounting to 0.07mmt whilst our data did not point to an export from Equatorial Guinea's EG LNG at the time of writing. Moreover, we are currently expecting a shipment from Cameroon's FLNG facility offshore Kribi via the Velikiy Novgorod (0.08mmt) this week.

In the Arctic, we are currently not anticipating Norway's Snøhvit LNG to ship a cargo due to ongoing maintenance. Meanwhile, our shipping data suggests Novatek's Yamal LNG is going to load six cargoes amounting to 0.46mmt this week.

Middle East

Finally, we are expecting a total of 26 Middle Eastern cargo liftings totalling 2.06mmt by Sunday, most of which (1.61mmt) would take place at Qatar's Ras Laffan LNG complex, inter alia via the Al Aamriya and the Al Bahiya. Market visibility currently also suggests to us Oman is looking to load four cargoes amounting to 0.27mmt via the Hanjin Sur, the Ibra LNG, the LNG Mars and the Trinity Arrow. In addition, we are seeing ADNOC LNG's Das Island plant in the UAE shipping two cargoes (0.12mmt) via the Al Hamra and the Mubaraz this week. Finally, we are currently anticipating an export by Egypt's Idku LNG via the LNG Ogun amidst no indication of an imminent export from Damietta SEGAS LNG.

The current schedule therefore suggests peak loading activity of 24 cargoes on Tuesday, followed by 18 on Wednesday, whilst Sunday is looking to be least active with 13 liftings ◆

Expected Cargo Liftings (MMt)

Country	Plant	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Algeria	Arzew	-	0.06	-	-	-	0.06	-
	Skikda	-	0.03	-	0.03	-	0.03	-
Angola	Angola LNG	-	-	-	-	-	0.07	-
Australia	Australia Pacific LNG	-	0.08	-	-	0.08	-	-
	Darwin LNG	-	-	0.08	-	-	-	-
	Gladstone LNG	-	-	-	-	0.07	-	-
	Gorgon LNG	-	-	-	0.14	-	-	-
	Ichthys LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NWS LNG	0.07	0.07	-	0.13	0.06	-	-
	Pluto LNG	-	-	-	-	-	0.08	-
	Queensland Curtis	-	0.08	-	0.08	-	0.08	-
	Wheatstone LNG	0.06	-	0.08	-	0.07	0.07	0.20
	Prelude FLNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brunei	Brunei LNG	-	-	-	-	0.07	-	-
Cameroon	Cameroon FLNG	-	-	-	-	0.08	-	-
Canada	Tilbury LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	EG LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	Damietta SEGAS LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Idku LNG	-	0.07	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesia	Bontang	-	0.06	-	-	-	-	-
	Donggi-Senoro LNG	-	0.06	-	-	-	-	-
	Tangguh	0.07	-	-	0.07	0.07	-	-
Malaysia	Malaysia LNG	0.13	-	0.19	-	0.06	0.07	0.06
	PFLNG Satu	-	-	-	-	-	0.07	-
	PFLNG Dua	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	Bonny Island	0.07	0.07	0.21	-	0.08	0.15	-
Norway	Snøhvit LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oman	Oman LNG	0.07	-	-	0.07	0.13	-	-
Peru	Pampa Melchorita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	PNG LNG	-	0.07	-	-	-	-	0.08
Qatar	Ras Laffan	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.16	0.24	0.19	0.24
Russia	Sakhalin-2 LNG	0.06	-	0.13	-	-	0.07	-
	Yamal LNG	0.08	0.15	-	0.15	0.08	-	0.08
Singapore	Singapore LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trin. & Tobago	Atlantic LNG	-	-	-	0.07	-	-	-
UAE	Das Island	0.06	-	0.06	-	-	-	-
United States	Elba Island LNG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cove Point LNG	-	0.08	-	0.08	-	-	-
	Cameron LNG	-	0.21	0.08	0.06	-	-	-
	Freeport LNG	0.08	0.08	0.08	-	0.08	-	0.07
	Sabine Pass LNG	-	0.17	0.12	0.22	0.15	0.08	0.14
	Corpus Christi LNG	-	0.16	-	-	-	-	0.07
	Total	1.00	1.74	1.31	1.27	1.30	1.01	0.94

Source: LNG Journal

Trade Last Week

Global LNG trade stood at 6.20mmt last week

Last week's global LNG flows stood at 6.20mmt, having thus decreased by 1.00mmt (-14pct) from 7.20mmt the week prior.

Summary

The Pacific ended last week with 2.24mmt in exports, resulting in a 0.42mmt (-16pct) trade decrease from 2.66mmt recorded for the week before last. This in turn translated into capacity utilisation of 69pct, a decrease of 13pp. Meanwhile, week-on-week demand in the Pacific region - including domestic re-exports in Malaysia, Indonesia and China - grew only marginally by 0.01mmt (0.2pct) from 5.15mmt to 5.16mmt. As a result, last week's Pacific import capacity utilisation remained broadly steady at 66pct.

Atlantic Basin

Concurrently, trade in the Atlantic Basin had amounted to 2.29mmt by midnight on Sunday, a 0.30mmt (-12pct) decrease compared to the 2.59mmt recorded for the prior week. This in turn translated into regional export capacity utilisation of 71pct for last week, a decrease of 9pp week-on-week. The Basin's imports, meanwhile, had decreased by 0.59mmt (-27pct) to 1.57mmt by Sunday. As a result, Atlantic import capacity utilisation stood at 33pct for the week, a decrease of 12pp over the week prior.

Middle East

As for the Middle East, the region's exports had seen negative weekly trade growth of 0.28mmt to 1.67mmt by midnight on Sunday. This represented a 14pct reduction from the 1.95mmt seen the week before last. As such, regional export capacity utilisation also decreased to 76pct for the week, down 13pp over the week before. Meanwhile, Middle Eastern imports saw negative weekly growth, decreasing by 0.12mmt (29pct) to 0.30mmt. The region's import capacity utilisation thus stood at (49pct) for the week, constituting a decrease of 20pp over the prior week.

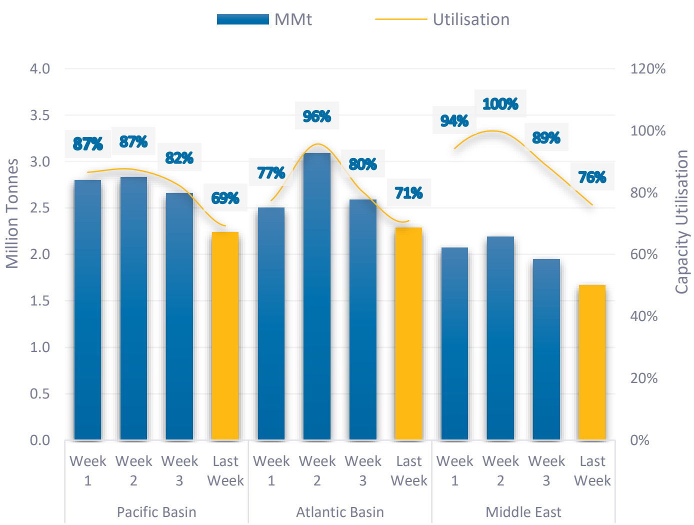
Pacific Exports – Australia

The Pacific Basin's most significant exporter by volume - Australia - shipped 1.09mmt last week, decreasing exports by 0.29mmt (-21pct) from the 1.38mmt shipped the week prior. On a year-on-year basis, the country thus also reduced LNG shipments slightly by 0.28mmt (-20pct) from 1.37mmt.

Southeast Asia

Meanwhile, the Pacific's second largest exporter by capacity - Malaysia - shipped 0.48mmt last week, and thereby decreased exports by 0.17mmt (-26pct) week-on-week, whilst its neighbour Indonesia saw an increase of 0.08mmt (47pct) to 0.25mmt over the same period. On a year-on-year basis, however, Malaysia's exports still increased robustly by 0.29mmt (153pct) from 0.19mmt whilst Indonesia's year-on-year shipments decreased by 0.05mmt (-17pct) from 0.30mmt. Concurrently, in the north of Kalimantan, LNG shipments from Brunei LNG amounted to 0.14mmt, increasing by 133pct from the 0.06mmt seen the week before last. On a year-on-year basis, Brunei LNG thus kept exports steady.

Exports & Capacity Utilisation Last Week



Other Pacific Exporters

Meanwhile, the remaining Pacific LNG exports had amounted to 0.26mmt by the end of last week compared to 0.40mmt the week prior, resulting in a 0.14mmt (-35pct) reduction week-on-week. Russia's Sakhalin-2 LNG decreased its weekly exports by 0.08mmt (-31pct) to 0.18mmt, whilst Papua New Guinea's PNG LNG decreased LNG exports by 0.06mmt (-43pct) from 0.14mmt to 0.08mmt. Meanwhile, Singapore's LNG terminal and Peru's Pampa Melchorita LNG did not import LNG last week, unchanged from the week prior.

Far Eastern Demand

In contrast to lower weekly Pacific exports, Pacific demand increased marginally by 0.01mmt (0.20pct) last week, which was led by a 0.19mmt (15pct) offtake increase from 1.23mmt to 1.42mmt in Japan. Consequently, the country's demand was also up by 0.71mmt (100pct) year-on-year. Japan's busiest LNG terminal last week was the Futtsu facility with 0.16mmt, followed by the Himeji terminal with 0.14mmt. Concurrently, LNG demand in India grew by 0.12mmt (46pct) from 0.26mmt to 0.38mmt last week, which also meant that on an annual basis the country's offtake was up by 0.03mmt (9pct). India's offtakes were led by the Dahej terminal with 0.27mmt, followed by the Ennore LNG facility with 0.07mmt. However, South Korea saw week-on-week demand decline of 6pct, down by 0.06mmt to 0.87mmt from 0.93mmt the week prior. On a year-on-year basis, the country's imports were nonetheless up by 0.26mmt (43pct) from 0.61mmt. Also subtracting from the overall demand increase was China, which saw weekly imports reduce by 0.09mmt (-5pct) from 1.71mmt to 1.62mmt. Nevertheless, the country's imports had increased robustly by 0.25mmt (18pct) year-on-year. Further tempering the weekly increases was a demand reduction in Taiwan last week, where offtakes were cut by 0.20mmt (-45pct) to 0.24mmt from 0.44mmt the week prior. Accordingly, Taiwan's imports still decreased by 0.11mmt (-31pct) year-on-year from 0.35mmt.

Smaller Pacific Buyers

Meanwhile, the roster of smaller Pacific Basin buyers typically consisting of Chile, Singapore, Mexico, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Bangladesh had decreased their collective weekly imports by 0.06mmt (-10pct). Although Bangladesh, Malaysia and Singapore increased their combined offtakes by 0.23mmt last week, demand reductions totalling 0.29mmt in Chile,

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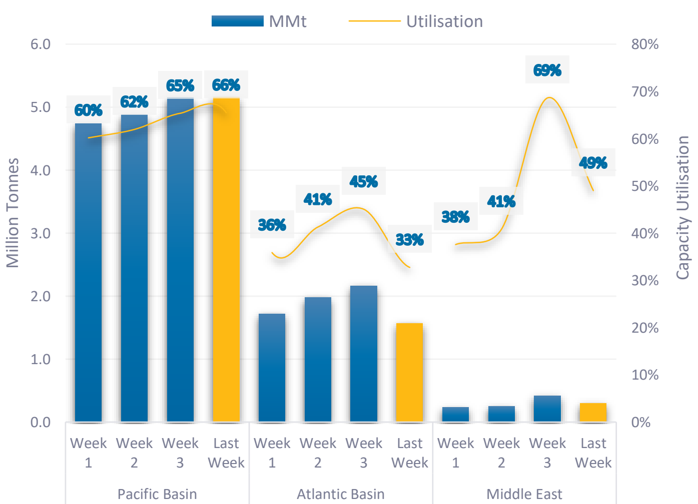

Thailand and Indonesia weighed on overall demand. Nevertheless, the roster's overall imports still increased slightly by 0.01mmt (2pct) year-on-year.

Atlantic Exports – West Africa

In the Atlantic Basin, West African exporters increased their overall shipped volumes by 0.06mmt (11pct) last week. Nigeria decreased shipments by 0.05mmt (-18pct) to 0.23mmt from 0.28mmt the week prior whilst Algeria increased exports by 0.12mmt (86pct) to 0.26mmt. Accordingly, a relatively small net export reduction by Equatorial Guinea and Angola of 0.01mmt (-7pct) as well as no exports of by Cameroon did not change the overall picture.

United States

In the United States, export plants saw the total of shipped LNG volumes contract by 0.23mmt (-15pct) from 1.44mmt to 1.21mmt last week. US LNG export performance was mainly due to a slashing of shipments by 0.22mmt (-50pct) to 0.22mmt at Freeport LNG, followed by a decrease of 0.07mmt (-54pct) to 0.06mmt at Cove Point LNG. Cameron LNG also decreased exports by 0.05mmt (-19pct) to 0.21mmt last week. As such, export growth of 0.02mmt (8pct) to 0.27mmt at Corpus Christi LNG did not change the overall picture for US LNG last week. Broadly steady exports of 0.45mmt from Sabine Pass LNG and no exports from Elba Island LNG equally did not tip the balance. US LNG shipments nonetheless outperformed their year-on-year equivalent of 0.63mmt, showing a net improvement of 0.66mmt.

Other Atlantic Exporters

Further south, Atlantic LNG on Trinidad saw shipments contract significantly by 0.05mmt (-18pct) from 0.12mmt to 0.16mmt whilst in the Arctic, Novatek's fleet lifted 1.29mmt via three shipments from Yamal LNG. Russian LNG exports in the Atlantic Basin thus decreased by 0.23mmt (-15pct) from 0.38mmt week-on-week. Meanwhile, Snøhvit LNG in Norway did not export a cargo due to ongoing maintenance.

European Demand

European buyers increased European buyers curtailed imports by 0.58mmt (-71pct) to 1.40mmt last week. Fundamentally, Spain, the United Kingdom and Belgium saw a significant combined weekly demand decrease of 1.11mmt (-42pct). Concurrently, Turkey and Italy subtracted combined demand of 0.08mmt last week. As such, the demand increment totalling 0.22mmt by the Netherlands, France, Poland and Lithuania did not turn around Europe's overall demand decrease last week. Among European terminals, imports in northern Europe were led by France's Dunkerque Le Clipton terminal with 0.22mmt whilst in the south the country's Fos-sur-Mer terminal was in the lead on 0.17mmt.

Other Atlantic Buyers

Meanwhile, Atlantic buyers in Meanwhile, Atlantic buyers in North- and South America as well as the Caribbean reduced imports by 0.01mmt (-6pct) from 0.18mmt to 0.17mmt last week. These reductions were led by the United States where demand was absent last week, down 0.03mmt (-100pct) week-on-week. This was followed by Puerto Rico's absent demand with imports down 0.02mmt (-100pct) from last week, whilst Argentina only showed demand of 0.06mmt, down 0.01mmt (-14pct). Only the Dominican Republic partially compensated through an increment of 0.05mmt.

Middle Eastern Exports

In the Middle East, Qatar shipped 1.37mmt and thereby decreased its weekly exports by 0.07mmt (-5pct) from the 1.44mmt seen the week prior. The country thereby slid below its exports of 1.42mmt seen a year ago by 0.05mmt (-5pct). Its fellow regional exporters, the UAE and Oman, also saw weekly exports plummet by 0.17mmt to 0.24mmt (-41pct) overall. Egypt, meanwhile, exported only one cargo of 0.06mmt via Damietta SEGAS LNG and the GasLog Savannah last week.

Middle Eastern Demand

Completing the Middle East's LNG trade picture last week were Pakistan and Kuwait, which comprised total regional imports of 0.30mmt via five deliveries. The region's week-on-week demand thus decreased by 0.12mmt (-29pct) from the 0.42mmt seen the week prior ◆