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New ConTex 2026: Strategic Expansion and Modernization of Vessel Classes

Effective 16 January 2026, VHBS will release a comprehensively updated and enhanced New ConTex following an in-depth review by the New ConTex Broker Panel. In response to the ongoing structural transformation of the global container tramp fleet, the panel has resolved to modernize and expand the index composition. As vessels in certain size segments are progressively disappearing from the active market, the 1,700 TEU class will be formally discontinued and replaced by a modern 1,800 TEU benchmark class (6/12 months). Furthermore, in a significant broadening of market coverage, the 5,700 TEU and 6,500 TEU classes (12/24 months) will be newly incorporated into the New ConTex for the first time.

New ConTex Group	6 mos	12 mos	24 mos
1100 teu	6,0%*	5,0%*	-
1800 teu	6,0%*	9,0%*	-
2500 teu	-	9,0%*	4,0%*
2700 teu	-	7,5%*	5,5%*
3500 teu	-	5,0%*	5,0%*
4250 teu	-	6,0%*	10,0%*
5700 teu	-	4,0%*	7,0%*
6500 teu	-	4,0%*	7,0%*

[%]* = New Index weight for the New ConTex 2026

The revised weighting system is firmly anchored in market reality, reflecting the relative share of each vessel class within the global tramp fleet and proportional relevance in the overall chartering activity. With these targeted and forward-looking adjustments, the New ConTex Broker Panel will make the index ready for the changes to come.

The details of the new types are:

Vessel class	1,800 TEU modern	5,700 TEU	6,500 TEU
Charter duration	6 / 12 months	12 / 24 months	12 / 24 months
Nominal Capacity	min. 1,700 TEU, max. 1,990 TEU	min. 5,500, max. 6,000 TEU	min 6,400 TEU, max. 7,000 TEU
Homogeneous Capacity at 14t	min. 1,200 TEU, max. 1,400 TEU	min. 3,900 TEU, max. 4,400 TEU	min. 4,500 TEU, max. 5,200 TEU
Reefers	min. 220 TEU	min. 500 TEU	min. 500 TEU
LoA (all abt.)	about 120 m	about 277 m	about 300 m
Beam (all abt.)	min. 27,40, max 28,40 m	about 40,00 m	about 40,00 m
Draft scantling	min. 9,5 - max. 10,00 m	min. 13,5 - max. 14,50 m	min. 14,00 - max. 15,00 m
	Gearless (no cranes) No Scrubber, no AMP fitting	Gearless (no cranes) No Scrubber, no AMP fitting	Gearless (no cranes) No Scrubber, no AMP fitting

Background Information

The New ConTex (Container Ship Time Charter Assessment Index) has been published by the Hamburg and Bremen Shipbrokers' Association since October 2007. Compared with other indices, the New ConTex is the only global, company-independent index for containership chartering. The current panel comprises 11 recognized shipbrokers in Hamburg, Copenhagen, London, Paris, and Singapore. Further details for all types are published on the Association's webpage: www.vhbs.de.

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