

Maersk to send container ship through the Arctic

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The world's largest shipping company, Maersk, will soon be the first to send a container ship through the Arctic along Russia's Northern Sea Route, the High North News of Norway reported Monday.

The Venta Maersk, capable of carrying 3,600 containers, is part of a new generation of 1A feeder container ships Maersk had designed to ply the icy waters of the Baltic Sea. It will be among the largest ice-class ships to operate year-round.

The vessel is slated to leave St. Petersburg, Russia in early September, travel west along the NSR and arrive in Europe around Sept. 20.