

## **Re-Globalization: Reshaping Trade for a Resilient Future**

The shift in U.S. trade policies is driving a transformation in global supply chains, known as re-globalization. Businesses are adapting by nearshoring and friendshoring to enhance resilience and reduce geopolitical risks. Companies that embrace strategic supplier diversification, technological innovation, and operational optimization can turn these disruptions into competitive advantages. Case studies highlight significant cost savings and efficiency gains through proactive supply chain management. The key to long-term success lies in flexibility, sustainability, and a data-driven approach to global trade.

*Source: Supply Chain Brain*

### **Trump's New Monroe Doctrine: A Push for US Dominance in the Western Hemisphere**

President Donald Trump's geopolitical ambitions, including a renewed focus on the Monroe Doctrine, emphasize US dominance in the Western Hemisphere while countering China's influence. His administration's vision, backed by Project 2025, sees economic self-sufficiency and regional supply chain integration as key to US security. While the Western Hemisphere is economically powerful, its lack of internal trade integration and political resistance from some Latin American countries pose challenges. Critics warn that Trump's coercive approach and push for regional spheres of influence could destabilize global trade and politics, particularly for allies like Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Ukraine.

*Source: Chatham House*

### **Strategic Approaches to Trade Shifts: Optimizing Supply Chains Amid Tariff Volatility**

Tariffs and trade restrictions are reshaping global supply chains, requiring businesses to rethink sourcing, logistics, and cost management. Strategies to mitigate risks include reshoring, supplier diversification, and tariff engineering. Leveraging Free Trade Agreements, Foreign Trade Zones, and duty drawback programs can help reduce tariff costs. Financial strategies like pricing adjustments and supplier negotiations are crucial for managing cost impacts. Long-term resilience requires scenario planning, stakeholder engagement, and technology integration to navigate ongoing tariff volatility.

*Source: Supply Chain Management Review*

### **EU Unveils Clean Industrial Deal Amid Industry and Environmental Debate**

The European Commission has introduced the Clean Industrial Deal to keep the

### **Saudi Arabia Approves Feedstock for Two New Petrochemical Complexes in Jubail**

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy has

chemical sector competitive while cutting carbon emissions. Industry leaders, including Cefic, largely support the policy, urging its swift adoption to ease regulatory burdens and high energy costs. However, Ineos chairman Jim Ratcliffe warns that without stronger support, Europe's petrochemical sector risks extinction. Environmental groups criticize the deal for focusing on decarbonization while overlooking broader pollution concerns.

*Source: C&EN*

approved feedstock allocations for two new petrochemical complexes in Jubail. Sipchem and LyondellBasell will develop a complex with a mixed feed cracker producing 1.5 mn t/yr of ethylene and 1.8 mn t/yr of polymer derivatives, with Sipchem holding a 60% stake. Separately, Tasnee received approval for a complex targeting a Q4 2030 launch, with a 3.3 mn t/yr capacity for polyethylene, MTBE, and specialty chemicals.

*Source: Argus Media*

### **Adapting to Global Trade Shifts: Strategies for Supply Chain Stability in 2025**

Global businesses are navigating a complex trade environment in 2025, marked by rising tariffs, trade barriers, and geopolitical instability. Supply chain disruptions—driven by extreme weather, cyberattacks, and conflicts like the Red Sea crisis—are compounding the challenges. Companies are responding by reassessing sourcing strategies, enhancing compliance efforts, and building resilience through risk-mitigation planning and trade intelligence tools to sustain growth amid uncertainty.

*Source: Supply Chain Brain*

### **France Bans PFAS in Cosmetics and Clothing, Pushing for Stronger EU Action**

France has passed a new law banning PFAS in clothing and cosmetics, marking a major step in limiting exposure to harmful "forever chemicals" linked to cancer, immune disruption, and reduced fertility. Despite opposition and industry lobbying that removed cookware from the ban, the law introduces a fee on companies emitting PFAS. France joins Denmark in leading PFAS restrictions, but advocates stress the need for an EU-wide ban to ensure broader protection across Europe.

*Source: Chem Trust*

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