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Navigating the Complexities of Nearshoring in Today's Global Supply Chain

Nearshoring, once seen as a cost-effective solution due to cheaper labor and shorter supply chains, is now more complex amid rising labor costs, trade uncertainties, and global disruptions. While it offers advantages like reduced lead times and less reliance on long shipping routes, challenges such as sourcing raw materials and tariff volatility still pose risks. Companies must carefully assess the trade-offs based on their specific products and risk exposure, as geopolitical shifts and logistics issues continue to evolve the nearshoring landscape.

Source: Supply Chain Brain

Global Economic Outlook: Navigating Trade Tensions and Policy Uncertainty

The global economic system is undergoing a significant shift, with rising tariffs and heightened policy uncertainty slowing growth. The US has imposed new tariffs, causing a decline in global trade forecasts and economic output, while major economies like China and the EU face varying impacts. The IMF calls for trade policy stability and international cooperation to navigate this uncertainty and ensure sustained economic growth.

Source: We forum

Staying Ahead of Regulations with Smarter ERP Systems

Modern ERP system replacements are on the rise in highly regulated industries like healthcare and insurance due to increasing compliance demands. These advanced systems help organizations manage complex regulations, reduce non-compliance risk, and improve operational efficiency through centralized, real-time data and automation. Middle-market companies especially benefit, as ERP systems ease the compliance burden on limited teams.

Source: Forbes

Health Risks in Hand: BPS Found in Major Retail Receipts

A U.S. watchdog has filed legal action against 32 major retailers, including Subway and Forever 21, after finding high levels of bisphenol S (BPS)—a harmful endocrine-disrupting chemical—in their receipts. BPS, often used as a BPA substitute, poses serious health risks, including reproductive issues and hormone-

Canada Pauses Corporate Climate Disclosures Amid Economic Uncertainty

Canada has paused mandated corporate climate disclosures, citing economic uncertainty and the impact of recent U.S. tariffs, including a 25% tax on steel, aluminum, and goods linked to the fentanyl crisis. While the move aims to reduce burdens on domestic businesses, over 1,300 Canadian firms still face EU reporting

related cancers, prompting calls for broader bans and consumer caution.

Source: Chem Trust

requirements.

Source: Trellis

Optimizing IT Strategies for a Resilient and Innovative Supply Chain

The logistics and supply chain industry faces rising costs, trade complexities, and labor challenges, with IT maintenance consuming budgets that could otherwise fund innovation. To address this, businesses should shift to flexible IT models, prioritize ERP optimization, and adopt vendor-neutral applications. By streamlining IT costs, optimizing existing systems, and investing in transformative technologies like AI and IoT, companies can build more resilient, efficient supply chains

Source: Supply Chain Brain

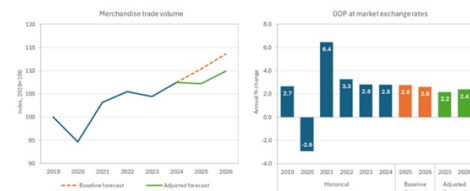
Gas Supply Disruption Halts Operations at Two Fatty Alcohol Plants in Malaysia

Two fatty alcohol plants in Selangor, Malaysia, operated by Edenor Technology and KLK OLEO, have been shut down for nearly a month due to a gas supply disruption caused by a pipeline fire on 1 April. Gas Malaysia Energy Services reported that 192 plants were affected by the incident. Edenor has informed clients that the restoration of the gas supply has been delayed until 1 July, further impacting production and deliveries.

Source: ICIS

Chart 1: World merchandise trade volume and GDP growth, 2019-2026

Notes: 2020 GDP and annual % change



Note: Trade refers to average of exports and imports. Figures for 2025 and 2026 are projections. Source: WTO for historical trade statistics, WTO secretariat estimates for trade forecasts. Commerce estimates based on data from OECD, World Bank, IMF, UN, national statistics and WTO calculations for GDP.

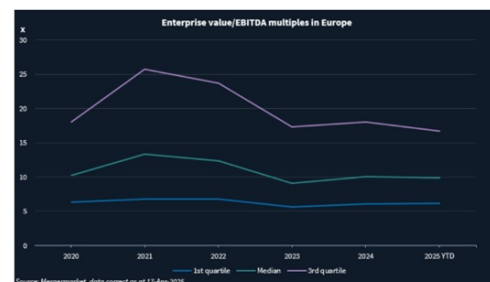
WTO forecasts decline in 2025, a reversal of 2024's trade growth.

Image: World Trade Organization

Global Trade Decline Expected in 2025 Amid Rising Tensions and Tariff Volatility

Global trade is expected to decline by 0.2% in 2025, with North America facing a 12.6% drop in exports due to rising tensions and tariff volatility, according to the WTO. The decline could worsen if tensions escalate, particularly in light of the reactivation of US tariffs. Meanwhile, global finance leaders are meeting to address trade concerns, with the US tariff policy and its impact on developing countries' economies taking center stage.

Source: We forum



Buyers Push Down European Deal Values Amid Trump Tariff Fallout

European M&A valuations are under pressure as bidders exploit market volatility stemming from U.S. President Donald Trump's trade policies to push for lower prices. Despite stable underlying fundamentals, buyers are leveraging economic uncertainty to justify discounted offers, with some bids falling significantly below initial expectations. The European Central Bank's recent interest rate cut and a deteriorating growth outlook further contribute to this cautious investment climate.

Source: Ion Analytics



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