



Merger Review in the Container Liner Shipping Sector

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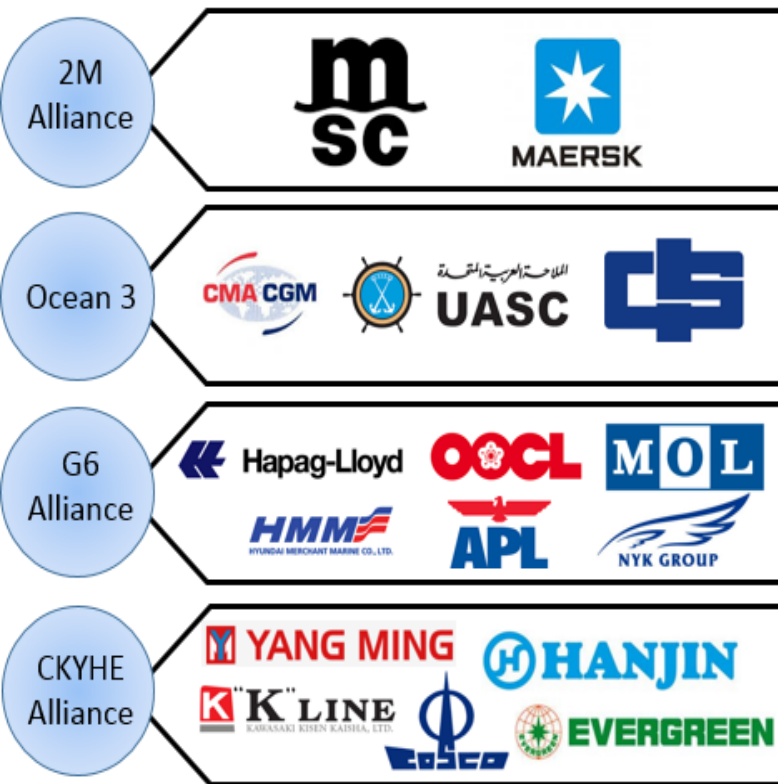
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Does liner shipping still need a special competition law regime?

- ❑ Conferences were exempted from Article 101 and still are in many parts of the world, like in the USA and in China
 - Conferences allowed the fixing of rates, i.e. prices, and conditions of carriage, incl. capacity
 - Abolished in the EU as of 18 October 2008
- ❑ Consortia are still exempted from Article 101
 - EU prolonged its Block Exemption Regulation until 2020
 - Market share threshold of 30%
- ❑ Consortia BER still needed or overtaken by events?
 - Global alliances down to three
 - Consolidation through mergers

Global Alliances Reshuffling

Current Vessel Sharing Agreements



New Vessel Sharing Agreements, Effective April 1 2017



The Consortia BER 906/2009

- Entered into force 2010
- Expired 2015
- Prolonged in 2014 until 25 April 2020
- Review needed
- Possible outcomes are
 - Further prolongation
 - Amendment
 - Let it lapse

3rd Merger Wave 2014-2017

Chart of the week

