# THE IMPACT OF TRANSPORTATION RELIABILITY ON SUPPLY CHAIN EFFICIENCY AT UAE MARITIME INDUSTRY

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### **ABSTRACT**

The objective of this research is to consider the transportation reliability and its impact on supply chain performance in maritime industry UAE. A systematic review of literature has focused to find the relationship and dependency of the variables. The research findings can be summarized in order to meet the needs of the shipper, service provider, and consignee, supply chain efficiency in transport logistics should include not only operational efficiency criteria but also measures of service efficacy. It must be focused on the various parties participating in the transport logistics operations and the entire supply chain efficiency rather than just on specific functional areas.

Keywords: Transportation Reliability, Supply Chain efficiency, Maritime Industry.

# 1. INYRODUCTION

The demand for the products that the maritime industry carries and transports makes it one of the largest industries in the world, and as a result, the demand for the maritime industry does not wane over time [1], [2]. Globally, the maritime sector has established a strong reputation. The use of the

water and the ocean for transportation has become the norm for many global marketplaces [3]–[5]. Many businesses acknowledge the significance of controlling their supply chains for quick product launch and service developments to the markets as a result of the development of the global economy and increased competition [6].

Furthermore, many businesses have used supply chain management to boost organizational effectiveness and reach objectives including higher customer value, better resource utilization [7], [8], and increased profitability in order to compete more effectively [9]–[11]. Therefore, this research focused to analyze the transportation reliability on supply chain efficiency that can control a business operations and enhances the growth in order to achieve market competitive advantage [12], [13]. This research includes two variables independent is transportation reliability and supply chain efficiency to be assessed as dependent variable by targeting maritime industry UAE.

### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

# 2.1. Transportation reliability and supply chain

[14]–[16] explained that importance of transportation in the supply chain industry is huge because the markets will actually never work if the transport is not there and that's why people will have to suffer [12], [17]. Think of a vegetable shop or a meat shop which sells vegetables and meat to people [18]–[20]. The shop's business will be affected if the transport is not efficient because it will affect the business in a way that the shop will not be able to get the required products on time and that's why transportation is an important concept [21], [22].

The transport and logistics industry works together because there are many different modes of transport in different industries [23], [24]. Think of logistics because if the transport is not reliable, the products will get affected. The reliable transport will help the companies get an approach to the extensive markets [25], [26] and thus it will increase the span of the company in the market [27], [28]. A well-planned and a proper transport facility will allow the company to reach out to a wider region in the market and offer the products to the local markets and thus it will increase the revenues overtime for the companies in the local markets [29]–[31].

[32], [33] has explained the mobility of labor could be easily done with the help of transport in the supply chain industry [34]. Labors need to be extensively moving along with their products and that's why a reliable transport will help the movement in a perfect manner because if there is not

a reliable transport system, labors will not be able to be moved and thus the company might have to bear a lot of losses [35]–[37]. Also, the concept of economies of scale is there for companies with an efficient supply chain system because when companies start to face losses [38]–[40], they go for economies of scale where they penetrate deeply into the market and offer their products [41], [42]. Thus this increases the lifespan and revenues of the organizations [43]–[45]. The per unit cost of the products goes down because an efficient supply chain helps the companies reduce their costs [46]. It would not have been possible for these industries to procure raw materials [47], [48], gather large number of workers and sell the finished goods, without the efficient facilities of transport [49].

The purchasing power of parity also increases for the customers with a reliable transport facility in the supply chain industry and that's why this is a big benefit for them [50], [51]. A reliable transport option in the supply chain industry also increases the employment opportunities in the region [52], [53] because a lot of people get their jobs and other employment options in the transport industry [54], [55]. The trucking industry in the United States is perhaps the biggest transportation industry around the globe [56] and that's why it has employed millions of people [57]–[59]. Also, if the commodities are easily and flexibly transported, the local producers will be unable to charge the prices on their own [60], [61]. This will help in raising the competition and lowering down the monopoly in many certain regions around the global markets [62]–[66].

# 2.2. Transportation reliability and maritime industry

[67]–[69] explain that maritime industry is one of the biggest industries around the globe because of the demand of the products the maritime industry carries and transports and that's why the demand for maritime industry does not go down with the passage of time [70]–[72]. The maritime industry has earned a huge name around the globe [73]–[75]. The ocean and sea transports have become a common norm for many markets around the world [76], [77]. There have been several disputes as well due to the maritime industry [78]–[80]. One of the biggest disputes which ever occurred was in South China Sea where the Chinese government had several disputes with its Taiwanese and the US counterparts, and the Hong Kong government too had disputes with the Chinese government [81], [82]. The maritime industry has a lot of advantages overtime because the products being transported through sea and ocean freights have a lot of huge demand in the markets [83]–[85]. The perfect example of a maritime industry transport is when someone sitting in Pakistan orders something from Amazon, the product gets delivered through maritime transport

and that's why it has a huge demand in the global markets [86], [87]. However, it is crucial for maritime industries to have reliable and efficient means of transport [88]–[91]. The reliability should be there because customers always prefer to compromise on price but they do not prefer to wait for the products for long and they want the product to be delivered on time because everyone wants to have the product as soon as possible [92], [93]. This is because of the reason that reliability in transportation in the maritime industry is highly important [94], [95]. A reliable transport allows product delivery flow in a perfect and smooth manner and that's why maritime industry has a huge reliability on transport [96].

The employment opportunities in the maritime industry are high too because a lot of people have been employed in the maritime industry [97], [98] and that's why their employment in the maritime industry gets affected if the transport is not reliable and thigs get affected [99]–[102]. For example, if a delivery service does not deliver the products on time, the reputation may be tarnished. The era of social media is here, and people go frenzy and that's why a company's reputation gets tarnished and people might lose jobs too [103], [104]. This is the reason reliability in the transport in maritime industry is of huge importance [105]–[107]. Transporters make sure that there are no delays because if there are delays then there are certain complications [108] and it will be difficult for the company to regain its reputation and that's why things will be severely difficult to be controlled [109]–[111]. For this reason, the transportation in the maritime industry has a high value so that there are no losses for companies overtime on their balance sheets [112]–[114]. This is the reason effective companies in the maritime industry make sure that there are no delays in the transportation of the products [115].

## 2.3. Transportation reliability on supply chain efficiency at Maritime industry

[116]–[118] explained that the significance of transportation in the supply chain operations is tremendous on the grounds that the business sectors will not be able to operate work if the transport isn't there and that is the reason companies always thrive [119], [120]. Think about a vegetable shop or a meat shop which offers vegetables and meat to individuals. The supply chain operations of the shop will be affected due to the disturbance in the transportation [121], [122].

The supply chain industry cooperate in light of the fact that there are a wide range of methods of transport in various enterprises [123], [124]. Consider the companies which are in the supply chain markets, in such a case that the vehicle isn't solid, the items will get influenced [125]–[127]. The

supply efficiencies are highly regarded throughout the world [128] and that's why the global companies around the world are doing everything to support their transportation and that's why they have hired highly qualified transport employees to efficiently coordinate with their workplaces [129]–[132]. The bigger companies around the world have marked their name and reputation because they have retained a consistent transportation in their markets and people have long applauded their functions because of the reliable transport they have retained and that's why these companies have even seen a surge in their profits even during the time of deadly pandemics [133]–[135].

The portability of work could be handily finished with the assistance of transport in the store network industry [136], [137]. Works should be widely moving alongside their items and that is the reason a solid vehicle will help the development in an ideal way since, in such a case that there is certifiably not a dependable vehicle framework, works won't be moved and consequently the organization may need to bear a ton of misfortunes [138].

## 2.4.General Research Model



Figure 1: Conceptual Research Model

## 3. DICUSSION

A systematic review helped to figure out various aspects supporting the significant impact of transportation reliability on supply chain efficiency. Similarly, different businesses use a variety of transit methods the supply chain industry collaborates. The businesses involved in the supply chain with high involvement as if the truck isn't substantial, the goods will be impacted. The value of supply efficiency is widely recognized, thus multinational corporations everywhere are doing everything they can to assist their transportation. To effectively coordinate with their workplaces, they have also engaged highly qualified transport staff [139].

Additionally, the supply chain business might readily facilitate workforce mobility with the aid of transportation. Labors could be moved widely together with their products, that is why a reliable transport system will facilitate the movement perfectly. Without a reliable transportation, labors will be unable to be moved, which could result in significant losses for the business. Additionally, the idea of economies of scale exists for businesses with effective supply chains because, when businesses begin to lose money, they turn to economies of scale, where they expand their market penetration and sell their products.

## 4. CONCLUSION

In the end to conclude the article, it is evident from the fact that supply chain has a lot of factors, but transportation is one of the most important factor in the supply chain industry. And that's this makes supply chain as one of the most important tools in the logistics industry. The supply chain operations are always efficient if the transportation is reliable because the supply chain operations are highly dependent on transportation. Companies are always better off if their transportation is up to the mark and there is consistency in the transportation activities. And that's why a lot of big companies i.e. Alibaba and Amazon have top notch transportation to support their supply chains and that's why the disturbance in their supply chain is highly rare and for this reason they have grabbed a huge market around the globe.

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