2024 Global Shipping Challenges

War and drought have created shipping bottlenecks around the world, adding delays and increasing costs of maintaining supply chains. As container volume increases and labor concerns persist, healthcare distributors remain vigilant for impacts on the medical supply chain.

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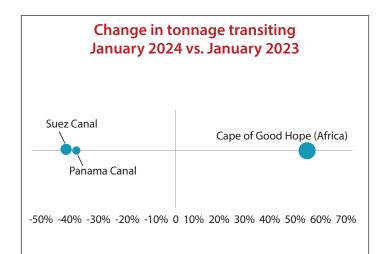
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West Coast Trends:

Volume Spikes: In January 2024, West Coast ports saw a 17.7% year-over-year increase in container volume. The Port of Long Beach experienced a 23.5% surge.

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East Coast Trends:

Labor Uncertainty: Contracts between 36 East Coast ports and 70,000 union dockworkers expire in September 2024.

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