



TOP 3 WAYS TO IMPROVE CONTAINER (RE)POSITIONING

Why your containers might be moving more than they're delivering.

THE CHALLENGE

Every day, empty containers are repositioned across ports, terminals, and countries - costing time, money, and emissions. Some containers circle the globe empty... multiple times. Others are shipped to a location they were just pulled from. It's not just inefficient - it's a sign of disconnected planning.

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Anticipate Repositioning Needs by Leveraging Historical Demand

Most empty moves happen when decisions are made in silos.

Build scenarios that account for:



Upcoming demand hotspots



Seasonal flows and promotional surges



Container type and availability mismatches

Don't react to imbalances. Plan for the future based on movements of the past.

Balance Storage with Movement Costs

Storing containers in the wrong place can trigger unnecessary moves.



Leverage inland or cheaper storage only when it aligns with future routes



Avoid multiple re-handlings that increase stacking delays and labor costs



Understand how storage affects downstream moves and activities

Remember: smart storage isn't always the lowest-cost - it's the highest return.

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Weave in Supporting Activities

Empty assets often skip steps like cleaning, customs prep, or safety checks — only to be sent back later.



Combine repositioning with cleaning when necessary



Align customs and regulatory processes with planned flows



Avoid surprises: build supporting activities into your planning model

Empty doesn't mean idle - make every move count.



Ready to optimize all your moving parts?



Let's walk through your multimodal planning challenges together. No demos. No pressure.

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