



# Loss of solar container equipment

<div class="df\_qntext">How many containers are lost at sea a year?

The World Shipping Council (WSC) estimates that an average of 1,500 to 2,000 containers are lost at sea each year, though some years see higher numbers due to major incidents.

<div class="df\_qntext">What happens if a shipping container is lost at sea?

Every year, thousands of shipping containers are lost at sea, posing significant risks to marine ecosystems and global supply chains. While most shipping containers remain safely stowed during voyages, rough seas, severe weather, and vessel instability can cause containers to be swept overboard.

<div class="df\_qntext">What is WSC's container lost at sea report?

WSC's Containers Lost at Sea report is based on direct input from member companies representing approximately 90% of the global container vessel capacity. Data is extrapolated to provide an industry-wide estimate, assuming comparable performance from non-participating carriers.

<div class="df\_qntext">What are the new mandatory reporting requirements for containers lost at sea?

Mandatory Reporting of containers lost at sea: New mandatory reporting requirements for containers lost at sea were recently adopted by the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 108), and will take effect on January 1, 2026.

<div class="df\_qntext">Is the reduction in containers lost at sea a positive development?

"The reduction in containers lost at sea in 2023 is a positive development, but it does not diminish the urgency of our work. Every container lost at sea represents a potential hazard, and our commitment to preventing these incidents must be unwavering," said John Butler, CEO of the World Shipping Council.

<div class="df\_qntext">Why are container losses rising in 2024?

Despite continued loss-prevention efforts by the industry, the necessary rerouting of vessels around the Cape of Good Hope, one of the world's most difficult and weather-intensive passages, has introduced new challenges. These conditions have contributed to the rise in container losses in 2024.

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