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Express Firms Shift from price-for-volume; H1 Profit Growth Outpaced Parcel Growth
China's Jan-July social logistics value rose 5.0% to RMB 214.5 trillion ($31.92 trillionT), equipment and high-tech up 12.3% and 16.9%. August China's Logistics Industry Prosperity Index (LPI) was 51.5%, up 0.5 percentage points month-on-month. Jan-Sep the cumulative volume is estimated to reach 145.08 billion pieces (+17.2%), the unit price +2.4% month-on-month against the backdrop of "anti-involution". **(Sina Finance)**

Guangzhou Celebrates Decade of China-Europe Freight Train Services
Guangzhou marked ten years of China-Europe freight train operations, dispatching its 2,364th train. Over the past decade, total cargo value exceeded €14.1 billion (110 billion yuan). The rail service now operates 24 routes connecting over 40 Eurasian cities, with high-value products like electronics and new-energy vehicles making up 70 percent of exports. **(China Daily)**

Shanghai Port Congestion Drives Up Export Freight Rates
Container traffic at the Port of Shanghai experienced severe congestion in August, driven by shipping capacity shortages and diverted global routes. The Port Congestion Index surpassed pandemic-era levels, exacerbating supply chain bottlenecks. Consequently, shipping lines face rising operational costs, pushing average ocean freight rates for Chinese exports to Northern Europe to roughly €7,580 per container. **(Global Logistics Media)**

Sany Electric Heavy Trucks Break Export Record
Sany Truck shipped over 880 electric heavy trucks from Guangzhou Port, China's largest single new energy heavy-truck export, exceeding the industry's full 2025 total of 877 units. The order for an overseas industrial operator cuts annual costs by about 150 million yuan ($220.9 million) and carbon dioxide by 80,000 tons, marking a shift from pilots to fleet adoption. **(China Daily)**

Typhoon Disruptions Drive Chinese Port Congestion and Rate Hikes
Multiple typhoons striking China have driven global container port congestion to new highs, idling over 4.3 million TEU. These severe weather disruptions and resulting capacity shortages have pushed Shanghai export spot rates upward, with US West Coast and East Coast rates reaching approximately €6,088 ($6,765) and €8,730 ($9,700) per 40-foot container, respectively. **(The Loadstar)**