

Kilde 1: Take the Arctic Corporate Shipping Pledge. Forfattet af Ocean Conservancy, en international miljøorganisation, der har stiftet 'det arktiske løfte':

As companies who ship goods across the globe, we acknowledge that greenhouse gas emissions from global shipping are jeopardizing the Arctic and will continue to do so even if we avoid Arctic Trans-shipment Routes. As such, we will continue to explore ways to reduce emissions from global shipping. As companies who care deeply about climate risks already impacting or threatening Arctic peoples, sea life and ecosystems—we refuse to add to the risk of greater impact and pledge to:

1. Avoid Arctic Trans-shipment Routes

a. For Consumer Goods Companies: Recognizing the potential impacts, we voluntarily agree not to intentionally allow our product to be trans-shipped on vessels via Arctic Trans-shipment Routes, as shown in the map below. Similarly, no ocean carrier or freight forwarder retained by us may have our product on a vessel sailing or intending to sail these Arctic Trans-shipment Routes.

b. For Logistical Service Providers: Recognizing the impacts, we voluntarily agree not to intentionally sell services or allow our vessels to use Arctic Trans-shipment Routes as shown in the map below.

2. Promote Precautionary Arctic Shipping Practices

a. In addition to our pledge to avoid Arctic Trans-shipment Routes, and recognizing that some companies may refuse to make that pledge, we support the development of precautionary Arctic shipping practices to enhance the environment and human safety of current and future Arctic shipping. These practices may include a ban on heavy fuel oil use and carriage in Arctic waters, designation of the Central Arctic Ocean by the International Maritime Organization as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area, evaluation of low impact shipping corridors that protect important ecological and indigenous cultural areas, and adoption of strict pollution controls.

Climate change and the impacts on the Arctic are not an opportunity to exploit new shipping routes, but instead a global issue we all must take action to address.

Kilde: <https://oceanconservancy.org/protecting-the-arctic/take-the-pledge/>

Kilde 2: CMA CGM will not use the Northern Sea Route.

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the CMA CGM Group, announce a major decision impacting the future of the maritime industry: The CMA CGM fleet will not use the Northern Sea Route

The CMA CGM Group thus reasserts its role within the maritime transport industry as a leader in protecting the environment. Today, the Northern Sea Route, which runs the length of the Siberian Coast, connects Asia to Europe. It has been made navigable due to the effects of global warming. Rich in its unique and largely unexplored biodiversity, the Arctic plays an essential role in regulating ocean currents and global climate patterns. The use of the Northern Sea Route will represent a significant danger to the unique natural ecosystems of this part of the world, mainly due to the numerous threats posed by accidents, oil pollution or collisions with marine wildlife. To avoid posing a greater threat to this fragile environment, Rodolphe Saadé has decided that none of the CMA CGM Group's 500 vessels will use the Northern Sea Route along Siberia, which is now open due to climate change. With this decision, CMA CGM makes the resolute choice to protect the environment and the planet's biodiversity despite the major competitive advantage this route represents for shipping companies.

Kilde: <https://www.cmacgm-group.com/en/news-medias/CMA-CGM-will-not-use-the-Northern-Sea-Route>

Kilde 3: Statement by Nike by Hilary Krane, Chief Administrative Officer & General Council 23.10.2019

Last summer, I had the incredible opportunity to visit Arctic Alaska. It is a region that's as vast as it is beautiful. It is also an area that's critical for the health of our planet. Often referred to as "the world's refrigerator," the Arctic plays an essential role in regulating global temperatures and counteracting climate change.

But, the Arctic is in trouble.

Experiencing accelerated effects of climate crisis, it is warming at twice the rate as the rest of the globe. And a melting Arctic should alarm everyone. These dramatic shifts are further destabilizing temperatures around the world, and threatening one of the most vital and pristine ecosystems on the planet. Incredibly, for some, the diminishing sea ice opens new opportunity. For the first time ever, there exists the possibility of cargo traffic through Arctic sea routes that were previously unnavigable. The draw is decreased transit times compared to traditional routes. While not yet a regular service offered by ocean container carriers, transit through the Northeast Passage is a very real possibility. Test voyages completed by some ocean carriers and studies estimate the Northern Sea Route could be used for approximately 8% of total container trade between Asia and Europe by 2030, increasing to ~10% of such trade by 2050. We do not have to accept that outcome.

The science is clear. Even with regulation, substantial and irreversible risk to the environment exists in the form of oil spills, emissions, vessel strikes and invasive species, which not only impact marine life, but also the human populations that rely on a healthy Arctic ecosystem for their livelihood. Beyond that, it's estimated that carbon emissions from shipping via the Northeastern Passage would be significantly higher due to the need for smaller, less efficient vessels and increased fuel requirements.

It shouldn't be an option for anyone.

At Nike, we exist to serve athletes. That means protecting the future of sport by helping to protect the planet and taking climate action through Move to Zero, Nike's journey towards a zero carbon, zero waste future. We know climate change impacts how and where our athletes train and play, and whether they get to enjoy sport at all. If there is no planet, there is no sport.

For Nike, this means thinking about how we design and make our product all the way through to how our products are delivered all over the world – and we've made a clear choice – it won't be through the Arctic. We've made a commitment to not intentionally allow our products to be shipped on vessels via any Arctic sea route. And, we're partnering with Ocean Conservancy, a leading advocate for the oceans and waterways, to encourage all companies and industries to make the same commitment through the Arctic Shipping Corporate Pledge ("Pledge").

We're joined in making this Pledge by Bestseller, Columbia, Gap Inc., H&M Group, Kering, Li & Fung, PVH Corp., and ocean carriers CMA CGM, Evergreen, Hapag-Lloyd and Mediterranean Shipping Company, all companies who are helping to preserve the Arctic through their commitment.

Together, we can all protect the Arctic. It's critical to everyone's future.

Kilde: <https://purpose.nike.com/arctic-pledge>

Kilde 4: Presidential Address by Vladimir Putin to the Federal Assembly 1.3.2018

...The Northern Sea Route will be the key to developing the Russian Arctic and Far East. By 2025, cargo traffic along this route will surge tenfold to 80 million tonnes. Our goal is to make it a truly global and competitive transport route. Let me remind you that the Northern Sea Route was used more actively in Soviet times compared to how we have been using it so far. We will definitely develop this route and reach new horizons. I have no doubt about it.

We will continue our proactive policy to attract investment and create social and economic growth centres in Russia's Far East. We will create all the conditions to ensure a people-friendly living environment, so that people move to this region and its population grows.

A number of large-scale industrial projects have been launched in the Arctic. They comply with the highest environmental standards. We are strengthening the research, transport, navigation and military infrastructure, which is expected to guarantee Russia's interests in this strategic region. Russia builds cutting-edge nuclear icebreakers. We have had the most powerful icebreaker fleet in the world, and this will remain so...

Kilde: <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/56957>