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Special Issue on

Ocean Transportation Logistics: Making Global Supply Chain Effective

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Logistics activities worldwide have intensified in the wake of globalization and increased international trade. As the same time, global supply chain networks are becoming more complex as they typically involve maritime transportation, inland waterways and onshore road and rail transportation systems. This has brought new challenges to ocean transportation logistics, from the operational-level problems such as vessel and berth scheduling, to strategic-level problems such as competition and collaboration issues. Consequently, we have witnessed emerging interests in the research on maritime logistics in recent years.

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