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"DUNKRUS": FIRST CALL AT DUNKIRK

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On 11 and 12 November 2012 the container carrier ALSTERDIJK called at the Flanders Terminal of Dunkerque-Port on the regular weekly "DUNKRUS EXPRESS" line.

France's foremost port for containerised fruit imports, Dunkirk has reinforced its existing services for the 2012/2013 campaign. To help develop the export of citrus fruits and other fresh produce to Europe, the CMA CGM Group has started up a new shipping line, the "DUNKRUS EXPRESS", linking Casablanca, Agadir, Dunkirk and St Petersburg with a combination of services which guarantees an extremely competitive transit time. Transshipment towards Russia takes place on Sundays at Dunkirk, the first port of call in Northern Europe, where CMA CGM's Baltic Service takes over the same day for St Petersburg. This considerably improves the service between Morocco and Dunkirk (4.5 days from Agadir to Dunkirk) and means a total transit time of 10.5 days between Morocco and Russia.

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France's third-ranking port, Dunkirk is well known as a port handling heavy bulk cargoes for its numerous industrial installations. It has also built its reputation in other sectors such as cross-Channel RORO traffic to Great Britain, containers, fruits, etc. Classified as the seventh port of the North Europe Range which extends from Le Havre to Hamburg, Dunkirk is also the leading French port for ore and coal imports, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports, and the country's second-ranking port for trade with Great Britain.