August 2026 Reliability in Asia at 32.3%

Amidst severe regional port congestion, container vessel schedule reliability in Asia dropped to 32.3% in August 2026, with the average delay for late vessel arrivals rising to 7.28 days.

Fig. 1: Container Vessel Schedule Reliability Breakdown on a Country Level (Asia)

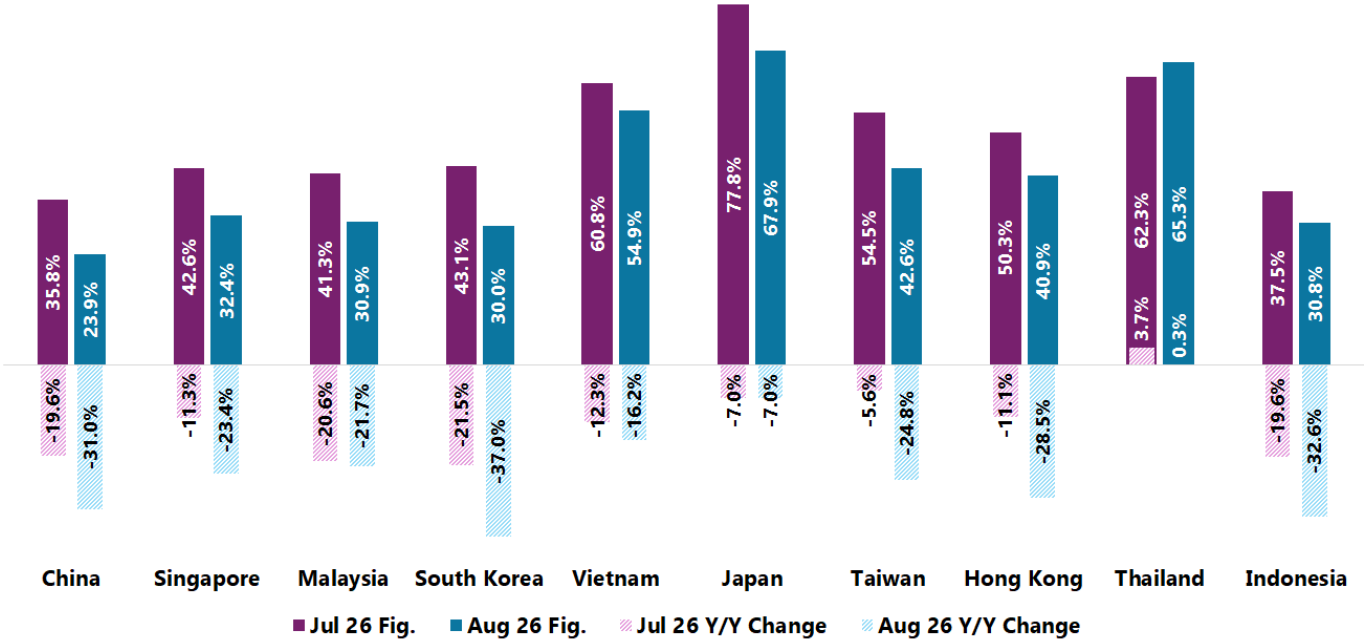

Figure 1 shows the country-level vessel arrival schedule reliability for both July and August 2026, along with the Y/Y changes in each month. For nearly all countries, schedule reliability in August was lower than an already poor July, with the M/M declines ranging from -5.9 percentage points (pp) in Vietnam to -13.1 pp in South Korea. This shows that congestion is not a localised issue but is spread region-wide. Thailand was the only country not to record a M/M decline in August, with its August 2026 figure 3.0 pp higher M/M. China was the most impacted in August, with the vessel schedule reliability in the country dropping to just 23.9%. Shanghai and Ningbo, which are the two largest ports in the country, saw their schedule reliability plummet to 12.2% and 16.9%, respectively.

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