
Cost of grid-connected folding containers used on Russian islands

Are foldable containers effective in repositioning empty containers?

Foldable containers are considered an effective solution to deal with the endemic imbalance in the repositioning of empty containers. Several foldable containers were commercialized without clear breakthrough in the market and most current researches are still limited to small pilot projects.

How many foldable containers are needed for the Inland network?

Out of a total of about 5000 containers, an estimated fleet and critical mass of just 695 foldable containers are required for the inland network under study (and the rest of the containers being conventional ones), with a 71% load factor on the back haul.

How will foldable containers affect exporters?

Despite the increase in operational complexity, one foreseeable impact of foldable containers is that the availability of empty containers for exporters should logically improve, since carriers would find it cheaper to rebalance stocks of foldable containers between IPI locations, as represented in Leg F of Fig. 2.

Why are foldable containers so controversial?

One main reason for this controversy is the high purchase cost of the foldable container. The current purchase cost of the developed foldable container is currently set to US\$20,000 but will be lowered to US\$10,000 in case of mass production, which is still significantly higher than the purchase price of US\$5,000 of a standard 40-foot container.

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However, this does not generate revenue and incurs container management costs (CMCs). Some container carriers may use foldable containers (FLDs), such as four-in-one ...

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