

# New Kochi-China weekly schedule to save cost, time

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Close on the heels of its successful commencement of service to Europe last month, the International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam witnessed the introduction of another weekly direct NCS/NCX service of MOL ,OOCL and Samudera to China.

The first vessel of this service, the 222-m, 2,824-TEU capacity, *m.v. Irenes Reliance*, called at ICTT on Sunday. With a transit time of 15 days, this service will offer a faster connectivity to China from Kochi, a press release said.

The mainline service connects Singapore, Port Kelang, Hong Kong, Shanghai and other Chinese ports. With faster transit to/from China and Far East, key south Indian markets such as Bangalore, Coimbatore, Tirupur, Pollachi, Erode and Salem, will have a faster cost-effective connectivity, a release added.

The service also accepts containers from Kochi to the US west coast, Australia and South America offering multiple connectivity from Singapore and Shanghai.

“This new service will prove to be a boon for traders in the region by saving them time and cost.,” Mr K. Krishnadas, Chief Executive Officer, ICTT, Kochi, said.