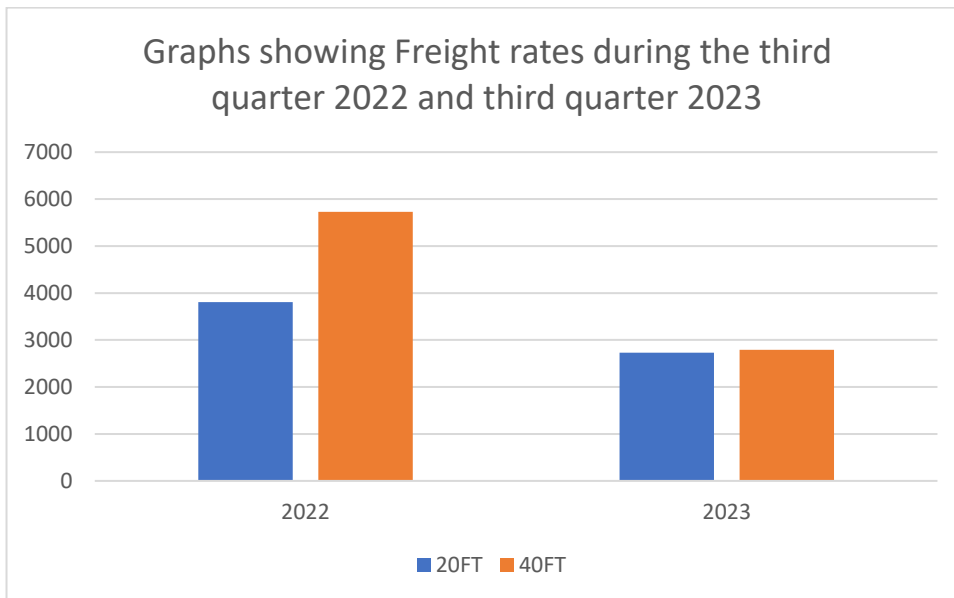




FREIGHT RATE ANALYSIS AND REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER (JULY-SEPTEMBER) 2023

1.0 INTRODUCTION

According to Drewry Supply Chain Advisors, the key global freight rate index decreased by \$130 or 7% between August and September to \$1,824 for a 40ft container, which is 64% lower year on year. Rates on the index were on a downward trajectory for 18 months until August when they spiked but are now spiralling down again. The rate is just 3% or \$47 higher than in pre-pandemic 2019. Drewry expects freight rates to remain stable next month.



	20FT	40FT
2022	\$3,807	\$5,730
2023	\$2,728	\$2,790

2.0 INTERPRETATION OF THE ABOVE TABLES/GRAPHS:

The tables and the graphs show graphically the freight rate charged on 20 and 40 teu's on Nigeria's trading route for the period from the third Quarter 2022 to third Quarter 2023. The Blue coloured graph represents a 20foot container while the Red one is for a 40footer. The graphs show that during the 3rd Qtr. 2022 freight rate for 20teu was \$3,807 while that for 40 teu was \$5,730. In the corresponding period in 2023, freight rate for 20teu was \$2,728 (41% decrease from that of 2022) and that for 40teu stood at \$2,790 (169% decrease from that of 2022).

The decreases in rates from 3rd Quarter 2022 to the 3rd Quarter 2023 which is very high, was as a result of continues economic slowdown resulting in contracted demand globally, inflation seems to be curtailing demand at major consumption hubs in the world and the Panama Canal is still working under restrictions.