

Development milestones



On 25 April 1880, the Moscow steamer arrived in Vladivostok from Odessa. It was operated by the Russian Volunteer Fleet (Dobroflot), which had been established to promote maritime trade. This was the first regular voyage made between the European part of Russia and the Far East. Aboard the ship came an agent of Dobroflot who opened the company's first representative office in the Russian Far East. This marked the beginning of FESCO's history.

1880

Dobroflot agency established in Vladivostok

1935

The Company renamed to State Far-Eastern Shipping Company

1941–1945

The vessels of State Far-Eastern Shipping Company became key carriers of strategic cargoes. During the war years, the Company's steamers transported almost half of all cargo delivered to the USSR by the Allies

1973–1990

The country's largest transportation company

1971

Container transportation launched

1967

State Far-Eastern Shipping Company adopted its international name – Far-Eastern Shipping Company (FESCO). FESCO Indian Line, the first international regular service, was launched.

1991

Far-Eastern Shipping Company registered as a state enterprise

1992

The state enterprise transformed into a joint stock company

2003

Dalreftrans LLC acquired, refrigerated containers segment entered

2016

Project and comprehensive 3PL logistics solutions added to FESCO's range of services; railway assets optimised, with the Group's fleet now predominantly consisting of fitting platforms

2011–2012

Transition to asset management by business segment completed; FESCO Integrated Transport designated as the Group's single intermodal operator; FESCO's shipping business solidified as the linchpin of the Liner and Logistics Division

2008

Commercial Port of Vladivostok PJSC acquired

2006

Firm Transgarant LLC acquired, segment of railway rolling stock entered

2017

FESCO Fast Forward project launched to significantly reduce the average cargo transit time from Southeast Asian countries to Moscow

2019

Transit services from Asia to Europe expanded; MY.FESCO customer's personal account launched; regular railway routes expanded to encompass 45 destinations

2020

Commercial Port of Vladivostok emerged as the largest container port in Russia; regular railway routes expanded to encompass 50 destinations

2021

New vessels added to FESCO's asset portfolio, and 11 new services introduced on export, import, and domestic routes

2022

Representative offices opened in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, regular shipping lines launched from Novorossiysk to Turkey and from Vladivostok to ports in Vietnam

2026

Our history continues

2025

FESCO became the market leader in diversification of container routes between Russia and friendly countries, ranking No. 1 in Russia's maritime transportation segment. As part of its strategy to tap into new markets, the Group launched services between Russia and the port of Durban (South Africa), while also starting to make direct vessel calls to Bangkok (Thailand) and Pasir Gudang (Malaysia). The Group deployed the second vessel on the domestic shipping line between St Petersburg and Kaliningrad, and introduced the third container vessel on the FIL-W route between Novorossiysk and Indian ports. Container trains were launched from China to Minsk and St Petersburg via land border crossings

2024

FESCO emerged as the market leader in maritime international transportation volumes to Russia, also ranking 36th in the global rating of maritime container carriers

2023

Shipping services launched on the deep sea route from ports in China and India to St Petersburg and Novorossiysk, and FESCO's first domestic line launched in the Baltic Sea; eight vessels added to the Group's fleet, and the container fleet ramped up to 170 thousand TEU¹ with nearly 5 thousand refrigerated containers

¹ Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit.