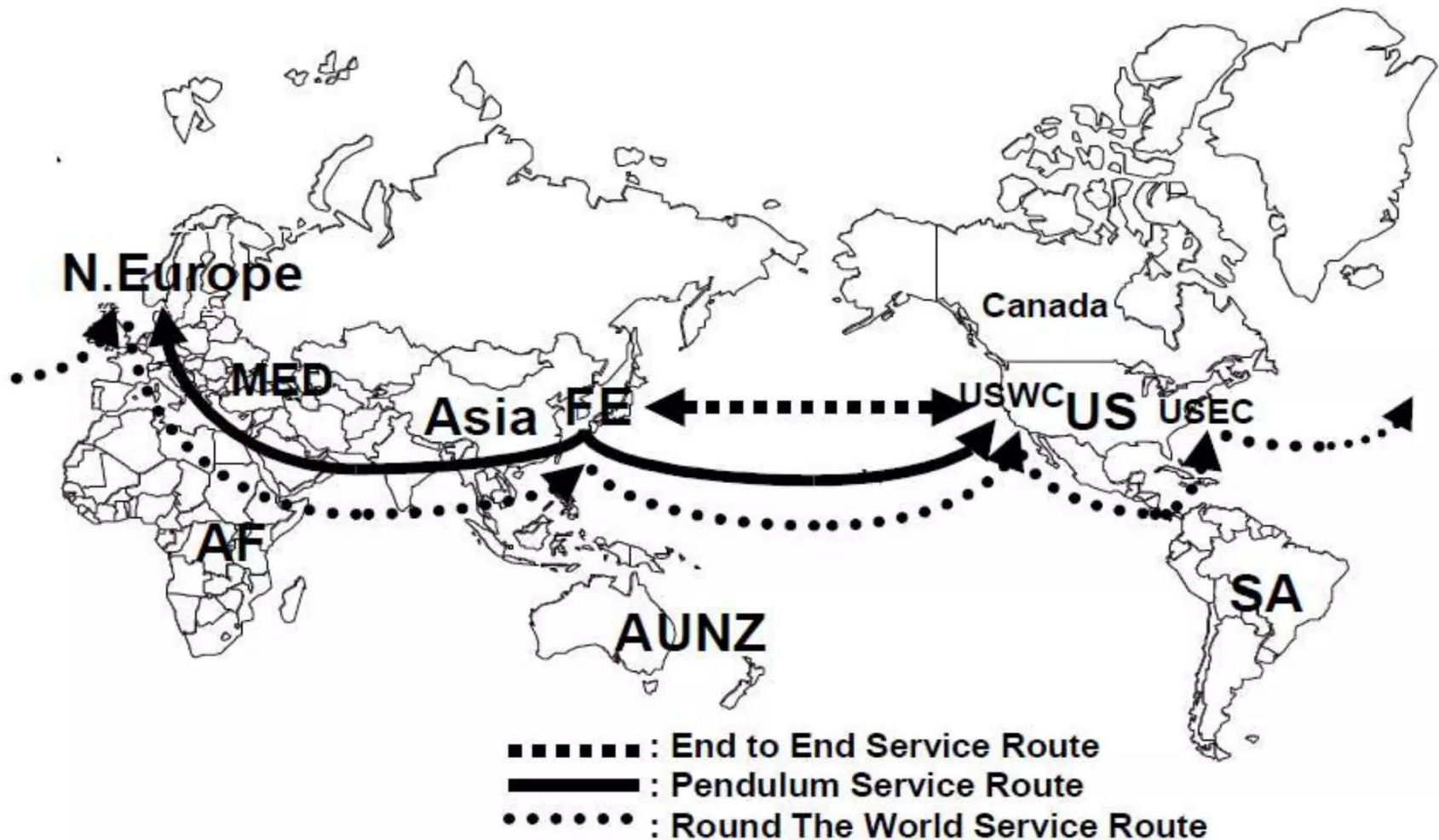




Types of liner service route



The most commonly known services offered by liners are as below:

- ✘ End to End Service
- ✘ Round The World Service
- ✘ Pendulum Service
- ✘ Hub & Spoke Service

END TO END SERVICE

- ✘ The Liner Operator has a choice to select any one type of service option or combination of more than one type.
- ✘ One of the characteristics of the liner service is that the vessel sailed from the starting point to call on the various loading ports to the discharging ports and then to return over the same route to its starting point.

ROUND THE WORD SERVICE

- ✘ This is an alternative to the end to end service.
- ✘ The ship never turns round, it just keeps sailing until it completes a circumnavigation and returns to its starting point i.e., the ship will not have to report the ports through which she has traveled for loading the cargo.
- ✘ Transatlantic, Transpacific and Far East To Europe route are the examples of such service.
- ✘ This type of services have declined in importance now day

PENDULUM SERVICE

- ✘ In its most ambitious form a pendulum service is a RTW service that omits the Panama Canal allowing the largest size of vessel to be used. It would operate from the Eastern Seaboard of USA (ECUS) via Europe to the Far East and vice versa.
- ✘ Compared with an RTW service it loses the ability to carry cargo between, for example, ECUS and the Far East because its transit time is too long.
- ✘ Pendulum differs from End to End in that it combines two or more main trade routes.

HUB & SPOKE SERVICE

- ✘ It is a type of service that is offered between the hub port and the gateway port.
- ✘ The mainline ship will call at key ports (hubs) on its route. From these hubs, it will operate feeder services to other local areas and 'spoke' services to serve other accessible trade routes.
- ✘ This concept is used to allow east / west service vessels to link to north / south trades.
- ✘ Almost all deep sea container services today use the hub and spoke concept to some extent and the major players support their worldwide services by this method.