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### “Get Back to the Table,” O’Regan Tells Seaway and Union

Labour Minister Seamus O’Regan took to social media to tell the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) and Unifor they need to resume bargaining. O’Regan posted on X, saying he had taken calls with both sides, and they need to resume talks.

Over 350 Unifor workers are on strike at the Seaway, shutting down the waterway to commercial traffic since October 22.

Read more in an [article from Inside Logistics](#).

### Seaway Negotiations to Resume on October 27

Talks between the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) and Unifor are planned to resume on Friday morning, October 27, confirmed by the Government of Canada’s Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services.

Read more in a [press release from SLSMC](#).

### Complaints to FMC Over Shipping Industry Tripled in Two Years

The number of complaints to the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission over the shipping industry’s business practices, and mostly detention and demurrage fees, have more than tripled in the past two years, according to a new report in the Financial Times. The newspaper reports that, according to data from the FMC, shippers have filed nearly 400 complaints in the 14 months since the Ocean Shipping Reform Act became law in July 2022.

Read more in an [article from The Maritime Executive](#).

## Ports Not Prepared for IMO Single Window Mandate

Almost a third of global ports are not going to be ready for the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Maritime Single Window (MSW) mandate, which becomes compulsory worldwide from the beginning of January 2024.

A recent survey of 200 ports by Kale Logistics Solutions revealed that 30 percent are not prepared to make the transition. This study examines the technological initiatives taken by ports and their willingness to digitize.

Kale highlighted the urgency for the industry to speed up its digital transformation as it unveiled the survey results, which also cited high implementation costs, long timelines and varying levels of digital readiness as leading factors hindering regulatory compliance.

Read more in an [article from Inside Logistics](#).

## Evergreen Declares 'Force Majeure' for Israel Stop

Taiwanese container shipping line Evergreen Marine Corp. has declared force majeure on a shipment to the Israeli port of Ashdod, with its Ever Cozy vessel diverted to Haifa due to safety concerns.

This is one of the first force majeure declared since Hamas launched attacks on Israel on October 7 and amid preparations by Israel's military to launch ground operations into Gaza in retaliation.

While the smaller Ashkelon port, which is the closest terminal to Gaza, has shut, Ashdod has remained opened with restrictions on the transport of hazardous goods, including flammable and explosive materials.

In a note to customers dated Monday, Evergreen said: "As the situation is beyond Evergreen Line's control, we are formally declaring force majeure. All cargoes which were originally destined for Ashdod, Israel, will be discharged at Port of Haifa, Israel. Thereafter, the subject contract of carriage is treated as terminated and all carrier's responsibilities shall cease."

Read more in an [article from Taipei Times](#).

## Technology

### Fighting Back in a Cybersecurity World Where Bad Guys Are Getting Bolder

One hundred and seventy five million dollars.

That's the figure Shelly Thomas of the cyber practice at insurance provider Marsh presented when the topic of ransomware came up at a conference sponsored by the National Motor Freight Travel Association.

Thomas, speaking Monday on the opening panel of the Digital Solutions Conference, said that \$175 million was the largest ransomware demand she had seen this year. While the end figure the unidentified victim paid was “negotiated down” to an unspecified level, the sheer size of the original number “kind of shows you the depth and breadth of those ransom demands.”

Read more in an [article from FreightWaves](#).