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## Air Updates

### Shippers Opt for Longer Air Cargo Contracts as the Global Market Stays Flat

The air cargo market may be “finding its feet again” – but it may take time.

Latest data suggests Q3 23 saw a 6% rise in shippers committing to airfreight contracts of six months or longer, now at 34% compared with 28% in Q2.

Xeneta says this is a result of “the industry [coming] to terms with a new baseline for the general air cargo market.”

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

## Rail and Truck Updates

### Lane Reduction May Affect Entry into Racine Terminal

MGT informed CIFFA yesterday that road work being done near the Racine terminal has reduced two lanes to one.

MGT does not know how long the lane reduction will be in effect.

### Three Ways to Recognize Double Brokering

Double brokering is on the rise, and it carries the potential for financial losses and legal troubles that could devastate your business. This, along with other fraud risks in the freight market, can quickly jeopardize your business and your reputation if you're not careful.

Double brokering can be prevented, but it requires careful attention to detail when verifying contact information, credentials and documentation. Rushing the process is always a bad idea, but sometimes it can't be avoided. However, there are indicators that should alert you to dig deeper.

This article describes three warning signs of double brokering.

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

Read CIFFA's [Double Brokering in the Canadian Trucking Industry](#) for more information on this topic.

### CN Publishes Winter Plan for 2023-2024

CN has published its [2023-2024 Winter Plan](#). The document outlines the actions CN has taken to meet customer demand safely and efficiently during the winter months ahead.

This year's plan is focused on working safely, collaborating to meet the demands of customers, improving network performance and enhancing network resiliency.

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

## Canadian Business/Government

### Fall 2023 Canadian Trade and Customs Outlook: Customs Compliance and Compliance with Prohibitions on Forced and Child Labour

2023 has proven to be another dynamic year under the Government of Canada's trade agenda, which showed no signs of slowing over the summer. From May to August 2023, the government passed into law novel supply chain transparency legislation and introduced amendments and legislative proposals that are impacting, or will impact, compliance with Canadian customs, export controls and economic sanctions legislation.

This article looks at the following key customs and forced labour developments throughout the remainder of 2023:

- Customs: CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) Release 2; Proposed amendments to the *Valuation For Duty Regulations*; and Canada Border Services Agency's (CBSA) updated verification priorities.
- Forced labour: Implementation of the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*; and investigations initiated by the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE).

Read more in an [article from Baker McKenzie](#) on Lexology.

### **Canada's National Supply Chain Office a Reality**

Canada's national Supply Chain Office is now a reality, an audience at the Chamber of Shipping's 100th anniversary conference learned on September 27. Robert Dick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Pacific Region, Transport Canada and the person who heads the ongoing development of the new federal office, said Canada's reputation as a reliable trade partner requires that the nation's supply chain be made more efficient and resilient.

The new office, to be located in Vancouver where Mr. Dick is assigned, will also include staff in other parts of the country. "It won't be concentrated in only one part of the country," he said. "I need staff in Ottawa to do the government thing, and I need people in Winnipeg, Montreal and in Halifax. We'll take expertise where we can get it. I want people who have done logistics, and we hope to get them from industry as well."

Mr. Dick said the office will oversee the finalization and implementation of an end-to-end supply chain strategy – an idea that came out of the National Supply Chain Task Force arising from a National Supply Chain Summit hosted by the Minister of Transportation in 2022.

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

## **International Business/Government**

### **Boxed Railfreight Attracts Peak Season Surcharge in India for First Time**

Indian exporters and importers face a major escalation in logistics costs after it was announced that from October 1 the traditional “busy season surcharge” would now include containerized railfreight.

Traditionally, container railfreight has been exempt from October-to-June peak season surcharges, say industry sources, and the sudden and unprecedented introduction of the new tariff was a shock to the sector.

The 10% surcharge will run until further notice, said Indian Railways (IR).

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

## **Technology**

### **AI Is Launching the Transportation Industry Forward**

Human centricity was the focal point of the conversation during a panel discussion on how artificial intelligence is launching the transportation industry forward at a recent tech conference. The panel discussed how AI applies to the transportation industry with its many use cases, how it should be implemented and the effects it will have on trucking businesses.

Read more in an [article from Commercial Carrier Journal](#).