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Air Updates

U.S. Forwarders Brace for Kickback on Larger Shipment Screening Rules

U.S. freight forwarders are bracing for shipper kickback on recently implemented security requirements for larger shipments.

At the end of October, shippers wishing to fly cargo that cannot be screened due to size or volume restrictions – such as aircraft engines, oil drums, or oil field drilling equipment – were required to be enrolled in the Transport Security Administration (TSA)'s authorized cargo security programs in order to move the shipments.

Brandon Fried, executive director of Airforwarders Association, explained that there are only three options since October 31: join one of the cargo programs, use seafreight instead of airfreight, or don't ship the larger cargo at all.

Read more in an [article from Air Cargo News](#).

Ocean Updates

Update: Negotiations at Port of Montreal

The Maritime Employers Association (MEA) has provided an update on negotiations at the Port of Montreal toward a new labour agreement. The current agreement will expire on December 31.

The MEA filed an essential services request to the CIRB. CUPE Local 375 executives were granted until November 17 to respond. The MEA has 10 days to respond to the union's submission, bringing the next steps in the request process to around November 27.

The CIRB has three options:

- Reject or accept the request.
- Decision.
- Hearings.

The MEA, union and conciliators have met three times and have four meetings scheduled in the coming two weeks.

The MEA said its objective remains a negotiated collective agreement.

Rail and Truck Updates

CPKC Reviewing Mexico's Draft Decree on Passenger Rail

Canadian Pacific Kansas City has responded to the Mexican government's draft decree concerning potential passenger-rail service operating on certain existing freight-rail corridors.

"As required by our concession, CPKC de Mexico will work closely with the Mexican federal government to evaluate passenger service on that corridor," CPKC officials said.

"The draft decree emphasizes that freight-rail service will be respected and, as such, we do not expect an adverse impact on our concession," they added. "CPKC has extensive experience hosting passenger-rail services in multiple locations across its network in the United States and Canada while efficiently managing freight service."

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

Drivers on Edge as Thieves Across the U.S. Target Delivery Trucks

Across the U.S., delivery drivers are fearing for their safety after reports of large groups ambushing delivery trucks and running off with packages.

Watch video on [NBC News](#).