

# CANADA Daily News and Updates January 9th 2024

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European exporters to Asia are being hit with a double-whammy of transit disruption surcharges for containers already shipped, and huge rate increases for new bookings.

Moreover, ocean carriers are invoicing customers extra fees for shipments as far back as November, when most vessels were still being routed via the Suez Canal.

Meanwhile, on the transpacific, U.S. maritime regulator the Federal Maritime Commission has agreed to requests from a number of Asia-U.S. carriers to exempt them from the required 30-day notice before they are allowed to impose diversion surcharges, due to the “extraordinary circumstances” of the Red Sea crisis.

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

## Rail and Truck Updates

### Feds Invest \$5 Million to Ease Peace Bridge Border Crossing Wait Times for Trucks

The federal government recently announced a \$5-million investment in the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority to install non-intrusive inspection technologies for commercial vehicles that will facilitate more efficient processing and reduced wait times for trucks entering the U.S.

Vance Badawey, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced the funding from the National Trade Corridors Fund at the Peace Bridge to implement “Pre-Arrival Readiness Evaluation 3.0,” according to a news release. It claims

the project will speed up the process for the more than 1.1 million trucks that cross the bridge into the U.S. each year.

Read more in an [article from Today's Trucking](#).

### **New Procedures and Digital Shift at Port of Montreal's Termont Terminals**

After several months of testing with partners in the trucking sector, terminal operator Termont will launch its RDV (rendez-vous) system on January 15.

The company says it wants to offer a user-friendly digital tool and bring added value to the logistics chain, in particular by adding decision support modules and giving more visibility on the average waiting time at its terminals.

Weekly training sessions will be available.

On January 22, the online gate system (Sherpa) will go offline. It will be replaced by a mobile app available on Android and iOS a few days later.

Mandatory use of the RDV system is scheduled for March 4.

Read more in an [article from Transport Routier](#) (translated from French).