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Strikes at DPW Ports Across Australia Exacerbating Empty Box Shortage

Dock worker strikes across Australian ports operated by DP World are amplifying the Red Sea crisis equipment crunch being felt largely in Asia.

Following shipping delays caused by diversions from the Red Sea, empty-container shortages have been reported on high-yielding trades from Asia.

Peter Sundara Swamickannu, head of global ocean freight product at Visy Global Logistics, said: "I think equipment shortage is hitting many of us... Especially in China, we require these containers, but most of the surplus is in Europe.

Dock workers throughout Australia have been striking since October in a pay dispute against port operator DP World, which estimated the cost to the Australian economy at A\$86m (\$56m) a week.

The Maritime Union of Australia has extended its strike action to February 10.

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

Rail and Truck Updates

6 Trends Seen Among this Year's Best Fleets to Drive For Finalists

Judging for this year's Best Fleets to Drive For program revealed fleets that were cost-conscious in a down market yet still resourceful and creative in improving driver programs, often in ways that didn't require a significant monetary investment.

"This was a year of fleets circling the wagons and retrenching on their core elements and focusing on optimizing what they've been doing rather than implementing a whole lot of broad experiments and trying a whole bunch of new things," said Mark Murrell, co-owner of

CarriersEdge, the online training firm that runs the program. “It’s been sort of a retrenching year.”

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