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- **Air Updates**

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- WestJet Cargo has appointed Awesome Cargo as its U.S. sales agent for capacity out of the U.S. The Aerocharter GSA-owned firm will market cargo capacity on the airline's passenger and freighter flights operating from the U.S. to Canada and Mexico.

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- The two companies have been working together on the airline's services out of Mexico since November.

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

Ocean Updates

As Navies Focus on Red Sea Houthis, There Are Worrying Signs Somali Pirates Are Making a Comeback

With western navies focused on trying to quell Houthi militants' attacks on merchant shipping in the Red Sea, Somali pirates are quietly showing signs of making a comeback.

In December, they hijacked their first ship in six years when the commodity carrier Ruen was boarded and taken to a port in the east African country, according to the International Maritime Bureau, a piracy watchdog. Figures from the European Union Naval Force show there have been further attempts since then, and this week the UK Navy issued an advisory to shipping cautioning that pirates are operating in the Indian Ocean.

For the maritime industry, the incidents are a chilling reminder of a period – a little over a decade ago – when Somali pirates menaced ships across swaths of the Indian Ocean.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).

Rail and Truck Updates

Mexico's Truckers Hold One-Day Nationwide Strike Against Cargo Theft

Truckers across Mexico planned to go on strike yesterday to protest rising cargo theft and violence against freight transporters on the country's roadways.

The strike was set to begin around 7 am Monday and might have included thousands of drivers representing up to 15 trucking industry organizations.

Organizers said they are seeking more patrols from Mexico's National Guard on roads with a high incidence of theft, tougher penalties against cargo thieves and more support for the families of truckers hurt or killed by thieves.

Recent data from Mexico's National Public Security System said cargo theft cases increased 4% year over year in 2023 to 9,181 incidents, including 7,862 cases that involved violence.

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

Caltrans Issues Emergency Declaration After Orange County Landslide

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) last week issued an emergency declaration after a landslide in San Clemente halted service on a portion of the nation's second-busiest intercity rail corridor.

The declaration calls for immediate work and remedial measures to repair and restore track damaged by the landslide, which occurred January 24.

Freight trains have used the rail at reduced speeds of 10 mph during late night hours when crews aren't working.

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

Customs Regulatory

IE Canada CARM 2024 Implementation and Preparation Advisory

IE Canada has issued an [advisory bulletin](#) about the coming CARM R2 system revision, scheduled for May 13. It includes information on important dates, potential challenges and contingency recommendations.