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European shipping stakeholders are up in arms over a proposal to limit temporary storage at EU ports to three days – a significant reduction from the current 90-day allowance.

Non-EU goods imported into the union are held in temporary storage, controlled by Customs, from the moment they arrive until they are placed under a customs procedure or re-exported, which currently must happen within 90 days.

If this is not done, customs authorities may “take any necessary measures to regularize the situation,” which could include confiscation and sale, or destruction, of the goods.

However, in its May 2023 customs reform proposal, the EC suggested the temporary storage period be reduced to three days or, in the case of an authorized consignee, six days. This is currently being discussed by the European Parliament.

The proposal has been met by uproar from the European shipping community, which has dubbed the three-day plan “anti-competitive.”

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

A Technology Support Program to Thwart Auto Theft

As part of the National Summit on Combatting Auto Theft, the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) yesterday announced the launch of an innovative program to support technological initiatives to thwart the theft of vehicles susceptible to being fraudulently shipped abroad through Port of Montreal territory. For several years, the MPA has been working closely with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), law enforcement agencies and private-sector partners against these criminal activities.

Through this program, the MPA will provide its support and expertise, free of charge, to companies that offer tracking systems recognized by the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC). These companies will be able to receive considerable help in assessing optimal locations, installing antennas to make independent use of their technology easier, and accessing the territory to maintain their equipment.

“This act, we hope, will be followed by other actions to further contribute to make an effort which, to offer concrete results, must be collective both upstream and downstream,” said Geneviève Deschamps, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer.

National Summit on Combatting Auto Theft

On February 8, the government held a National Summit on Combatting Auto Theft that brought together leaders from key jurisdictions and sectors to ensure a coordinated response to this major issue.

Read more in a [press release from the Port of Montreal](#).

PM Hints at Tougher Penalties for Car Thieves as Feds Seek Ideas at National Summit

The Liberal government will consider tougher criminal penalties for people who steal vehicles, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Thursday as he kicked off a daylong summit aimed at confronting the scourge of auto theft.

“The rise over the last years has been alarming,” Trudeau told the gathering of cabinet ministers, law enforcement officials, border authorities and insurance and automaker emissaries.

He described how Canadian vehicles are turning up in places like Ghana and Nigeria, with one particular family having their SUV stolen on three separate occasions.

Read more in an [article from CP24](#).