

# CANADA Daily News and Updates March 12th 2024

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## Ocean Updates

### **Fire on Board Container Ship: MSC Sao Paulo V Towed to Quebec City**

The container ship MSC Sao Paulo V had to be towed from the Saguenay Fjord to the Port of Quebec on Saturday afternoon, following a fire the weekend before that prevented it from continuing on its way.

No pollution has been observed by the environmental response team following the event.

Read more in an [article from le Journal de Québec](#) (translated from French).

### **Finnish Port Workers Start Two-Week Strike, Anticipate Delays and Disruptions**

The Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions last week instructed its member unions to engage in industrial action following unsuccessful negotiations with the government regarding employee rights and social security.

Among the participating member unions is the Finnish Transport Workers' Union, which predominantly represents workers in the stevedoring industry and has announced a port strike. The strike was scheduled to start on Monday, March 11 at 6 am and will continue until Monday, March 25 at 6 am.

Consequently, disruptions in operations are anticipated across all container ports, resulting in vessel loading and unloading delays.

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

## Customs Regulatory

### Notice of Publication of CARM Regulatory Package in Canada Gazette, Part II

The CARM Regulatory package was recently approved by the Treasury Board Secretariat and will be published in *Canada Gazette, Part II* on March 13.

Regulatory updates were made to:

- offer trade chain partners electronic self-service access to the CARM Client Portal (CCP);
- allow trade chain partners to provide the CBSA with:
  - a security deposit electronically or
  - an electronic confirmation that they have security to meet requirements under the *Customs Act*; and,
- introduce simplified billing cycles and payment due dates

The link to the *Canada Gazette, Part II* will be available to all trade chain partners on March 13.

### CARM NRI Webinar – March 20

The CBSA is hosting a webinar for Non-Resident Importers (NRIs) – businesses located outside of Canada that ship goods to customers in Canada and are responsible for customs clearance and other import-related requirements – about Registering on the CARM Client Portal for Non-Resident Importers.

*Webinar registration (in English)*

Wednesday, March 20, 1:00 to 2:00 pm ET – [Register](#)

[If the link above does not work, watch for an update on the [CARM webinars webpage](#).]

### Philippine Retailers Frustrated as Customs Backups Delay Imports

Philippine customs snarls causing import delays that can last a year are giving retailers headaches.

Importing goods into the Philippines has long been a hassle. Goods often are stuck waiting for customs clearance during periods of high consumer spending like Christmas, and it's common to be unable to receive merchandise even though it has arrived at port.

One company said recently its best-selling skin care products had arrived at port in February 2023, but it was still unable to receive them a year later. Companies are charged warehouse storage fees during this period, resulting in lost sales opportunities and increased costs.

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

