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Air Updates

UN Commission Examines the Creation of Negotiable Cargo Documents for Air Cargo

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) is looking at the creation of a negotiable cargo document that could be used in air cargo to transfer ownership of goods while in transit.

Unlike ocean bills of lading, transport documents issued by rail, road and air carriers, which are often known as consignment notes or air waybills in the case of air cargo, are not used as documents of title and cannot be transferred to another party during transport.

The negotiable cargo document under development at UNCITRAL is intended to serve as a document of title to fill this gap in multimodal and unimodal transportation not involving a maritime leg.

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

Ocean Updates

Ready for EC's New Import Rules for Maritime? ICS2 11 Working Days Away

Are you ready for ICS2? Global and European associations are trying urgently to alert forwarders, shippers and carriers about the new Import Control System (ICS2), which will be introduced in the EU on June 3 – 11 working days away.

Specific details on any goods entering the EU, Norway, Switzerland or Northern Ireland by sea, road or rail must be provided to the EU before loading or arrival at an EU border. The requirements, introduced for airfreight last year, will extend to sea freight on June 3, and to road and rail next year.

The “extensive” new data requirements include six-digit HS codes for each item in the consignment and an “acceptable” description, as well as detailed buyer and seller information.

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

Centre of Expertise in Port Logistics Launched in Quebec

The creation of a new logistics expertise centre was announced in Quebec, and will operate with the goal of carrying out applied research projects for the industry, as well as develop competitive, intelligent and sustainable logistics chains.

The Centre of Expertise in Port Logistics will help improve supply chain efficiency and benefit the maritime and port industries, the research community and Quebec as a whole.

“To maintain this competitiveness and stand out on a global scale, the ports will have to overcome challenges requiring collective efforts in research and innovation, and the pooling of expertise and resources,” said Gaétan Boivin, board chair. “It was with this in mind, and because no other organization had yet taken on the exclusive mission of responding to port development issues, that the Centre of Expertise was created.”

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

Rail Updates

CN Presents Simplified Offer to TCRC

In an attempt to avoid a work stoppage and end the unpredictability for Canada’s supply chains, CN has tabled a new offer to the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC).

CN said the offer respects Duty and Rest Period Rules and is aligned with scientific fatigue management practices.

Read more in a [press release from CN](#).

Update on CPKC-TCRC Collective Bargaining Negotiations

CPKC and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) leadership will resume meeting on May 17, with the assistance of federal mediators in an effort to achieve new collective agreements for train and engine (T&E) and rail traffic controller (RCTC) employees.

On Wednesday, CPKC voluntarily offered to enter binding arbitration to avoid a work stoppage, however, the TCRC declined.

Read more in a [press release from CPKC](#).

Customs Regulatory

Customs and Immigration Union Strike Vote Period Extended to May 23

The Border Services (FB) bargaining unit, which consists of over 9,000 Public Service Alliance of Canada–Customs and Immigration Union (PSAC-CIU) members at the CBSA, has added two more national strike vote sessions – on May 21 and 23 – to ensure that all members have an opportunity to vote. The voting period closes May 23 at 10:00 pm ET.

Workers at CBSA have been without a collective agreement for two years.