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Air Updates

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The threat of strike action by unionized mechanics at WestJet has been dropped after both sides agreed to return to the bargaining table.

A statement says the air carrier appeared before the Canadian Industrial Relations Board to discuss arbitration options with its Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and Tech Ops employees. CIRB officials say more information is needed from both sides before deciding whether arbitration is the best way to reach a first-time collective bargaining agreement.

In the meantime, the parties have jointly agreed to return to the bargaining table and continue working towards a resolution.

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

Ocean Updates

Shipping Industry Calls for Action After *Tutor* Sinking in Red Sea

The international shipping industry has voiced its outrage and concern following the reported sinking of the *M/V Tutor*. One crew member is feared lost.

This incident is the second sinking of a commercial vessel by the Houthis, an Iranian-backed terrorist group, since their attacks on merchant ships commenced in November.

The Houthis also recently attacked the *M/V Verbena* with two missiles, causing fires and extensive damage. The Palauan-flagged, Ukrainian-owned, Polish-operated bulk carrier has since been abandoned. One civilian mariner was severely injured and later airlifted for medical treatment.

The *Tutor's* sinking comes seven months after the Houthis seized the *Galaxy Leader* car carrier and its 25 crew members, who are still captive onboard off Yemen.

The count of civilian seafarers killed in these attacks has risen to four, following the deaths of three crew members on the *True Confidence*, struck by an anti-ship ballistic missile in the Gulf of Aden in early March.

In response to these attacks, various shipping industry groups have issued a joint statement, expressing their horror and calling for action. The consortium condemned the assaults as direct violations of freedom of navigation and extended their condolences to the families of the fallen seafarers. They also called for immediate action to halt these attacks and for regional powers to ensure the safety of innocent seafarers.

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

UK Port of Felixstowe Intermodal Services Partially Blocked by Train Derailment

A train derailment on Tuesday partially blocked intermodal services at the UK port of Felixstowe and could disrupt traffic for a week.

Local media quoted a spokesperson for Greater Anglia train company confirming a freight service at the port's north terminal had derailed, and images show the derailed train appears to have caused considerable damage to infrastructure.

The port's south rail terminal is working normally and has increased bookings for hauliers to help mitigate the impact.

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

Customs Regulatory

EU Import Control System 2 Release 3 Live as of June 3, Deployment Windows Vary by User Type

Economic operators carrying goods by sea, inland waterways, road and rail in the EU will have to submit a complete entry summary declaration (ENS) dataset to ICS2. This includes postal and express carriers who transport goods using these modes of transport as well as other parties, such as logistics providers issuing transport documents to their clients, and in certain circumstances also final consignees established in the EU, will have to submit ENS data to ICS2.

Until September 1, 2025, economic operators are to connect to ICS2 during their dedicated time-limited deployment window:

- June 3, 2024 to December 4, 2024: maritime and inland waterways carriers

- **December 4, 2024 to April 1, 2025: maritime and inland waterways house-level filers**
- April 1, 2025 to September 1, 2025: road and rail carriers

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