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Air Updates

TIACA Strengthens Cooperation with ACI with MoU

The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) and Airports Council International (ACI) announce the signature of an MOU aimed at strengthening cooperation for the benefit of each of the associations members and the industry.

The primary objective of the MoU is to improve the overall level of safety, efficiency and sustainability of cargo operations within the airport ecosystem for the benefit of the aviation industry and its related stakeholders.

Key points of the MoU focus on:

- Development of joint advocacy programmes in the context of ICAO events, aimed at facilitating the sustainable growth and development of the aviation industry, with a focus on cargo;
- Cooperation in the establishment of joint programmes or mutual support of industry initiatives, in particular in the domains of aviation workforce and social sustainability;
- Mutual support for and collaboration across actions and initiatives aiming to achieve the industry agreed goal of Net-zero 2050;
- Participation in each other's working groups and committees as necessary, to provide industry expertise and strategic orientation where appropriate;

- Collaborating on the establishment of relevant industry guidance material and technical recommendations on topics of use for the respective memberships;
- Cross-promotion of relevant activities, such as events or publications, to each other's membership or relevant governance bodies;
- Sharing of relevant documents, data and information as needed in the context of the Parties work programmes.

Read more [here](#).

Ocean Updates

Marine insurer: Risks to maritime industry changing at unprecedented speed

The waterway superhighway has been altered many, many times to ensure freight arrives at its final destination as safely and with as much certainty as possible. This year, the most obvious challenge is the Red Sea diversions. The safety of seafarers is the priority for the maritime industry. While a handful of ocean carriers continue to traverse the waterway, most are taking the longer route to ensure the safety of their crews and cargo.

In the Safety and Shipping Review 2024 by marine insurer Allianz Commercial, Capt. Rahul Khanna, global head of marine risk consulting, explained that the maritime industry's increased risk is changing at unprecedented speed.

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New cases of crew abandonment look set to smash annual records once again this year

International regulators are at a loss on how to tackle one of shipping's darkest scourges. Under international law – the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended – seafarers should be paid at least once per month. Crews owed two months or more of pay or who are not provided with sufficient food, water and fuel are considered to have been abandoned.

Data from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) highlights the huge rise in abandonment cases. In just 10 years, known cases have soared from little more than a dozen a year to 143 in 2023 with more than 100 cases already reported in 2024.

Guidelines on how to deal with seafarer abandonment were adopted by a joint ILO and IMO tripartite working group in late 2022, although the continued rise in crew abandonment cases in the intervening 18 months shows how intractable the problem is.

Read more [here](#).

Technology

Government of Canada invests in digital infrastructure projects across Canada

The Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, has announced up to \$51.2 million for 19 digital infrastructure projects under the National Trade Corridors Fund

"Strong supply chains help make the cost of living more affordable for Canadians. This technological innovation will help make supply chains faster and more resilient. With these investments, we're making sure crucial knowledge and information can be shared and acted on for the benefit of Canadian consumers, workers and businesses," said The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Transport.

The BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) has been granted \$2.2 million from Transport Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund (NCTF) to accelerate the launch of WaterfrontWorks, an innovative data exchange program. WaterfrontWorks aims to improve longshore workforce planning by using advanced data analytics to predict labor shortages. This funding will support the development of a cutting-edge digital solution that enhances coordination and efficiency in Canada's supply chain, ultimately facilitating the smoother movement of goods to market.

Other notable federal funds allocated include:

- Vancouver Fraser Port Authority - Vancouver Gateway Optimization and Forecasting - \$9.2M
- Vancouver Airport Authority - Cargo Situational Awareness Tool - \$7.2M
- Canadian National Railway Company - Application Programming Interface Program - \$6.2M
- PSA Halifax - Container Terminals Digitalization Project - \$3.7M
- Port of Montreal - Port Community System Platform - \$3.3M
- WTC Group Inc - Digital Transloading Systems - \$2.4M
- Western Canadian Shippers' Coalition - Western Canada Rail Visibility and Metrics - \$2.2M