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Air Updates

Forwarders and Shippers Bracing for Anticipated Q4 Hike in Air Cargo Rates

Airlines are looking ahead to air cargo’s fourth-quarter peak season to decide how best to maximize returns from capacity out of Asia as spot rates are predicted to go sky high.

With a backdrop of more demand and less capacity, industry analyst Xeneta has warned that shippers and forwarders seeking capacity during the fourth quarter may find themselves “at the mercy of the market,” especially if they looking to move shipments out of Asia Pacific.

Peak season surcharges and major increases in spot rates are expected, said Niall van de Wouw, chief airfreight officer at Xeneta. “There’s a consensus it will be a hot Q4 for air cargo in many Asian markets.”

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

Ocean Updates

ILWU Local 514 Issues Strike Notice, CIRB Determines It Contravenes Canada Labour Code

ILWU Ship & Dock Foremen Local 514 (ILWU Local 514) on Saturday provided formal 72-hour notice of intended strike action against DP World (Canada) Inc. to commence on July 8.

Later on Saturday, the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) requested urgent interim intervention by the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB). Specifically, it asked the Board to declare proposals and strike action of ILWU Local 514 contrary to the Canada Labour Code.

CIRB met on Sunday to address this request. It determined that ILWU Local 514's declaration of strike action against DP World (Canada) Inc. is in contravention of the Code. CIRB found that the union failed to bargain in good faith when it conducted a strike vote amongst employees of only one member employer of the BCMEA and issued a strike notice based on that strike vote. Accordingly, CIRB directed the union to rescind the strike notice of July 5 and advise members that it is rescinded.

Furthermore, CIRB found that the union's Nanaimo dispatch proposal was illegal because it consists of a receding horizon in bargaining and amounts to a failure to bargain in good faith. Therefore, the Board directed the union to withdraw its proposal.

Read more in [BCMEA's bargaining updates](#).

U.S. Court of Appeals Calls FMC “Illogical,” Awarding D&D Fee Win to Evergreen

Evergreen won an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. in a case over the application of detention and demurrage fees (D&D) that could be a significant blow in the long-running battle between shippers and carriers over the hotly contested fees. While on face value the case was over \$510 in fees, the court found that the Federal Maritime Commission was “illogical in its position,” siding with the Taiwan-based carrier that the government regulator had a “myopic focus” and was acting in an “arbitrary and capricious” manner.

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

Rail and Truck Updates

Potential Outages to CPKC Service in Texas Due to Hurricane Beryl

CPKC is monitoring Hurricane Beryl as it approaches the southern Texas coast in the area between Corpus Christi and Houston for potential impact to its network and surrounding communities.

According to the National Hurricane Center, strong winds and heavy rainfall were expected to commence early today. As a precautionary action, CPKC response teams are in place to respond quickly to potential outages.

As a safety measure, the temporary suspension of joint trackage operations on the Union Pacific-controlled Brownsville subdivision is planned for Sunday evening through Monday.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the CPKC Customer Solutions team.

CPKC Service Interruption on Carrington Subdivision

As of July 6, 1:45 pm ET

The CPKC track outage on the Carrington subdivision, northwest of Enderlin, North Dakota, continues to impact its mainline train operations in the area. CPKC teams continue around-the-clock response efforts at the site.

While there is no line-clear estimate at this time, some customer carload traffic is being rerouted through CPKC's Winnipeg-to-St. Paul corridor. Customer shipments may experience some delays.

Sustainability

Going Green Gives Forwarders 'a Competitive Edge' – But It Can Be Costly

Increased competitive advantage is reported as the primary benefit for freight forwarders 'going green', according to a recent report by the British International Freight Association (BIFA) and emissions calculation platform Pledge.

However, many companies are yet to see the benefits.

BIFA policy advisor for environmental issues Mike Jones noted that the three main issues for a forwarder considering a sustainability initiative were moral, legal and commercial.

And the most significant reported benefit from a study of 83 freight forwarders was "increased competitive advantage."

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

Climate Groups Say Carbon Offsets Undermine Emission Reduction Targets

A group of organizations focused on environmental and social issues are questioning the role carbon offsets play in climate mitigation and actual emissions reductions.

Over 80 organizations argue that allowing entities to meet climate commitments through carbon credits is "likely to slow down global emission reductions," according to a joint statement released last week. The group said relying on carbon credits will also reduce the scale of funding and urgency needed to develop systems that hold emission-intensive sectors accountable and assist regions disproportionately impacted by climate change, such as the Global South.

The group called on companies and governments to slash their carbon footprint by phasing out the production and use of fossil fuels, in addition to investing in initiatives that "ensure profound changes" within corporate supply chains and economic systems, instead of counting on carbon credits.

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