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Air Canada Cargo Notice of Upcoming Ground Handling Charge Adjustments in Canada and the U.S.

As a result of increases in global costs, effective September 1, Air Canada Cargo is updating ground handling charges in select U.S. stations and in Canada.

Air Cargo Players Want 'Cohesion and Consistency' in How Aviation Reports Emissions

Current CO2 air cargo emission calculating methodology has been compared with the VW emissions scandal, with a lack of standardization allowing passenger 'greenwashing' at the expense of cargo.

The disparity between IATA and ICAO's baseline figures for calculating air cargo emissions could be resulting in false sustainability data, making passenger operations look cleaner and contributing to global warming.

Calculating emissions from a given flight is done by dividing fuel burn by the weight, attributed to passengers and cargo, and distance of a flight. Fuel burn is then multiplied by a conversion factor to equate to CO2 produced.

Shippers can work out their share of emissions by the weight of their cargo as a percentage of the flight's overall cargo weight. The resulting CO2 output can then be factored into their sustainability reports – which are becoming increasingly important to customers, and therefore shareholders.

However, the weight of the aircraft and onboard infrastructure also need to be considered when calculating overall emissions, particularly on a passenger flight, as there is more associated additional weight that shippers with cargo in the belly-hold are not responsible for.

Read more in an article from The Loadstar.

Ocean Updates

BCMEA Local 514 Bargaining Update

Last week, the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 514 continued with the Canada Industrial Relations Board hearing to address the union's DP World (Canada) Inc. pay and manning proposal, which the BCMEA alleges to be illegal, constituting the union bargaining in bad faith.

The CIRB hearing has concluded for the week and additional dates are required. The parties will participate in a case management call this week.

At time of writing (August 12, 1:30 pm PT), neither party has issued 72-hour notice of strike or lockout, nor have there been any labour disruptions. Regular cargo and passenger operations at British Columbia's ports continue uninterrupted.