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Port of Vancouver Operations Update Related to Potential Rail Disruptions

The Port of Vancouver expects disruption to its rail service starting at 12:01 am PST on Thursday, August 22, with CN Rail and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) issuing 72-hour lockout notices, and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference union issuing 72-hour strike notice to CPKC.

The port's goal is to maintain port fluidity, ensure the safe movement of vessels and manage anchorage capacity for terminals partially affected or unaffected by strike/lockout activity.

To keep operations as fluid as possible, the port authority has:

- requested that ship operators calling the Port of Vancouver take the necessary actions, such as slow steaming, to practice near-time arrival whenever possible; and
- temporarily changed how it assigns anchorages to prioritize vessels calling on non-impacted or partially impacted terminals.

Read the [full update](#).

Maersk to Stop Accepting Some Canada-Bound Cargo Ahead of Possible Rail Strike

Maersk said on Monday it would stop accepting some Canada-bound shipments ahead of a possible rail strike that could start as early as Thursday.

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

Cargo Backlog at Bangladesh Eases as Carriers Bring in More Ships

Container lines serving strained Bangladesh supply chains are making every effort to clear up the cargo backlogs at Chittagong Port.

The cargo chaos began amid recent political upheaval that brought businesses across the country to a standstill.

A few carriers have deployed additional vessels to lift stranded exports at Chittagong, according to industry sources.

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

Maersk Joins Study of Nuclear-Powered Box Ships

Danish shipping line A.P. Moller-Maersk is participating in a joint assessment to research the regulatory feasibility of a nuclear-powered container ship.

Vessel classification society Lloyd's Register and Core Power, a maritime nuclear energy specialist, announced that they signed a joint development project agreement to investigate requirements for updated safety rules along with improved operational and regulatory understanding that is needed for the application of nuclear power in container shipping.

It's the latest foray into greener, alternative fuel by Maersk.

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

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CN Negotiations with TCRC: Embargo Status, August 19

As of August 19, the following embargoes were in place in preparation for the earliest possible date of a work stoppage, August 22 at 00:01 ET. This message summarizes all embargoes currently in place.

Carload

New: Effective August 22 at 00:01 ET, CN will be embargoing:

- All commodities originating in Canada.
- All commodities originating in the U.S. destined to Canada.
- All carload traffic destined to Canadian interchange.

CN has embargoed all RSSM commodities, PIH/TIH destined to all points in Canada from U.S. origins or U.S. interchange, effective August 12 at 08:01 ET.

- The schedule and a full list of these commodities can be found at www.cn.ca/TCRCinfo.
- The embargo includes residue empty cars.

CN has embargoed all RSSM, PIH/TIH commodities (and residue empties) from all Canadian origins, effective August 15 at 00:01 ET.

Traffic from U.S. origins to the U.S. and Mexico will continue to move per normal operations.

No permits will be allowed.

Intermodal

New: Effective August 22 at 00:01 ET:

- CN will be restricting ingates on all remaining intermodal traffic in Canada, which includes U.S. and Mexico traffic from Canada.
- CN will also be restricting all remaining U.S. intermodal traffic destined to Canada.

CN is restricting ingates for all temperature-controlled intermodal traffic across its network, effective August 15. Exact timing is dependent on origin and destination.

CN is restricting ingates for all intermodal hazmat traffic across its network effective August 15. Exact timing is dependent on origin and destination.

Intermodal (domestic and international) origin/destination timing can be found [here](#).

CN has embargoed all intermodal interchange traffic from the U.S. destined to all points in Canada, effective August 16 at 00:01 ET.

The embargo schedule can be found at www.cn.ca/TCRCinfo.

All U.S. to U.S. intermodal shipments will continue to move per normal operations.

Refer to www.cn.ca/TCRCinfo for information and the latest updates.