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Air Canada Comments on the End of Federal Conciliation in Negotiations with Air Line Pilots Association

Air Canada yesterday issued the following update on its ongoing contract negotiations with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA).

Air Canada's intention remains to reach a negotiated settlement with its pilots, one that recognizes their professionalism and contributions to the airline. During the talks, there has been significant progress and the three-week cooling off period gives the parties more than sufficient time to address any outstanding issues. Air Canada is fully committed to bargaining meaningfully throughout the period.

For more information about Air Canada's ongoing contract negotiations with the ALPA, go to <https://media.aircanada.com/labour-relations>.

Read more in a [press release from Air Canada](#).

Forwarders and Shippers Push for Longer-Term Air Cargo Deals

Freight forwarders and shippers are continuing to push for longer-term air cargo deals as they look to avoid potential rate hikes due to the risk of supply chain disruption.

A half-year market report from analyst Xeneta shows that contracts of more than six months accounted for 54% of the market in the second quarter of 2024 compared with 30% a year earlier.

Spot deals (one-month contracts) in the second quarter accounted for 10% of the market against 12% for the period in 2023, three-month deals are at 18% of the market compared with 23% last year and six-month deals are at 18% compared with 35%.

The analyst said the move towards longer-term deals has been ongoing since last year, but the motivation for doing so has evolved.

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

Ocean Updates

National Longshore Strike May Hit All of India's Major Ports on Wednesday

After nearly three years of wage negotiations, India's longshore unions are on the verge of a strike, and they could stage a walkout as early as 0600 hours Wednesday morning if last-ditch talks fail to produce a compromise.

On Tuesday, the Centre of Indian Trade Unions will meet with the state-run India Ports Association for a final round of discussions. If the talks do not work out, strikes could hit all 12 major Indian seaports, including Kandla, Jawaharlal Nehru, Kochi, Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, Tuticorin and Mumbai.

The walkouts will cover about 20,000 longshoremen and harbour tug operators, the union consortium said. The participation of tug crews in the strike means that even privately operated, non-union terminals in the 12 affected ports may not be able to dock and undock vessels.

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

Threat of More Strikes at German Ports as Workers Reject 'Inadequate' Offer

German trade union ver.di has rejected the Central Association of German Seaport Operators' (ZDS) collective agreement offer, sparking strike fears.

In the fourth round of negotiations for a new collective agreement for the 11,500 employees of the German North Sea ports last month, ZDS submitted an offer that contained two variants with different durations.

However, a ver.di member survey last week resulted in both variants being rejected as insufficient, and employees voting for renegotiation.

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