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## Air Updates

### Shippers Urged to Plan for Peak as Air Cargo Could Overheat

Shippers have been urged to secure space and make contingency plans as the air cargo market is facing capacity shortages out of key Asian markets during the peak season, according to speakers on a webinar from Xeneta and Tiaca.

Xeneta airfreight analyst Wenwen Zhang pointed to statistics showing that dynamic load factors – factoring in weight and volume – from Asia Pacific to Europe were at 86% and to North America were at around 88% in July – in what is supposed to be a quieter point of the year.

The capacity situation is expected to get tighter during the peak due to the usual rise in general cargo volumes, the ongoing surge in e-commerce and the continuing disruption to ocean shipping.

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

## **Foreign Airlines React to Sudden New U.S. Rule Tightening Air Cargo Security**

Foreign airlines are said to have reacted strongly to an emergency security change to U.S. Customs regulations on airfreight, at least one carrier reportedly suspending cargo services as it seeks more clarity on the sudden additional requirement.

According to sources, an emergency amendment – with restricted access – has been passed by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requiring carriers to submit additional details of shippers and consignees to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency.

The new requirement became effective on August 21.

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

## **Ocean Updates**

### **Union Pact Averts India Port Strike**

A strike at India's ports that further threatened the global supply chain was called off Tuesday after workers agreed to a new five-year contract.

The indefinite walkout by almost 20,000 workers across India's biggest ports was scheduled for Wednesday.

Unions, which had first demanded a pay raise of around 10.6%, agreed to an increase of 8.5% over five years at negotiations in New Delhi, Reuters reported.

Negotiations had been ongoing since 2021. The previous pact expired in December of that year.

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

### **Panama Canal Eases Limits That Caused Shipping Bottleneck**

The Panama Canal is lifting restrictions that caused a global shipping bottleneck as water levels normalize after a severe drought.

The Panama Canal Authority increased the draft in the waterway to a maximum 50 feet and will allow 36 vessels a day to transit after recent rains lifted water levels at an artificial lake that forms part of the canal system, administrator Ricaurte Vasquez told

reporters August 26. The agency expects rains to continue through November, further lifting water levels, he said.

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

## Rail Updates

### **Train Movements in Canada Close to Normal, 'Complete Recovery to Take Several Weeks'**

Train movements at Canadian National Railway Co. and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd. are almost back to normal after a short lockout of unionized workers, according to RailState, a provider of real-time rail data.

Canadian National train movements were at 96% of pre-lockout levels as of Tuesday, while Canadian Pacific was at 95%, RailState said.

The data doesn't necessarily indicate that the volumes of goods shipped are close to normal. Train movements are indications of trains in motion, including those with empty cars; the figures don't provide information on the loads being transported. RailState based its average daily volume on train movements between August 1 and 21.

"Our recovery plan is underway," CN Railway said in an emailed statement. "We expect complete recovery to take several weeks to catch up the impact that supply chains have been dealing with since April." CPKC did not provide any details on operating levels.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).