

CANADA Daily News and Updates September 10th 2024

Air Updates

- Air Canada Prepares for Orderly Shutdown to Mitigate Customer Impact Resulting from Labour Disruption

Ocean Updates

- New Strings Attached – Shipping Shapes Up for 2025 with Premier Alliance Launch

Air Updates

Air Canada Prepares for Orderly Shutdown to Mitigate Customer Impact Resulting from Labour Disruption

Air Canada on Monday said that it is finalizing contingency plans to suspend most of its operations. Talks between the company and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), representing more than 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge, continue, but the parties remain far apart. Unless an agreement is reached, beginning on September 15, either party may issue a 72-hour strike or lock-out notice, which would trigger the carrier's three-day wind-down plan.

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

Ocean Updates

New Strings Attached – Shipping Shapes Up for 2025 with Premier Alliance Launch

The structure of the global container shipping alliance next year is set for a further shake-up after MSC unveiled its new standalone east-west service network and revealed it has concluded a vessel-sharing agreement (VSA) with THE Alliance, covering nine Asia-Europe services.

The pivot point is February 2025, when the 2M partnership of MSC and Maersk is set to disband, while at the same time Hapag-Lloyd will depart THE Alliance to form the Gemini Cooperation with Maersk – at which point, the remaining three THE Alliance carriers – ONE, Yang Ming and HMM – will rebrand as the Premier Alliance and enter into a slot-share agreement with MSC covering the Asia-Europe trades.

In a parallel development, MSC has also signed a three-year VSA with Zim on the transpacific trade.

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