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CBSA Issues Information on Transport Canada's New Security Measures

On Friday, the CBSA shared information on the new security requirements that Transport Canada implemented effective August 29. The message was:

Please be advised that recent cargo incidents involving incendiary devices, including a fire at a logistics hub in Leipzig (originating from a package), have heightened awareness of potential threats within global supply chains. Transport Canada has implemented new measures: All cargo arriving from a list of fifty-five (55) European and Central Asian countries will not be accepted on an aircraft unless there is an established business relationship with either the carrier, the freight forwarder or their known agent.

This applies to commercial cargo flights and/or combined cargo and passenger flights carrying commercial cargo and casual goods, with the exception of mail.

Potential Impacts:

- Ports may see a decrease in air volumes while industry is adapting to the new requirement

- Ports may notice an increased numbers of cancelled shipments or shortage report

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) operational staff have been advised to remain vigilant in the handling and examination of packages and utilize all resources available to mitigate health and safety risk when conducting examinations.

Ocean Updates

Demurrage Income Driving Carriers into 'Hurry-Up-and-Wait' Scenario

The ability of container carriers to levy high demurrage charges on shippers is holding back progress solving one of the biggest shipping bugbears – the “hurry-up-and-wait” scenario, in which box ships increase speed to catch up on schedules, only to end up anchored outside their destination port waiting for a berth.

Some estimates conclude this is increasing container shipping’s CO2 emissions by 15%.

Ships can only unload cargo when there are berthing slots allowing them to dock, and the inverse square law means they can realize outside reductions in fuel consumption and emissions by sailing slower to the destination if there are no berths available.

But flying in the face of decades of insistence that the problem is a ‘low-hanging fruit’, neither the application of VSAT broadband, nor digitalization, machine learning or AI have been able to make so-called ‘smart-steaming’ – which could be achieved with a telephone call – a reality.

Instead, ‘hurry-up-and-wait’ stubbornly persists, with Linerlytica showing that queues of more than a dozen vessels are routine at the world’s largest ports.

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

Report Reveals Digital Transformation Progress in Container Shipping Industry

The Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA) has released its “State of the Industry Report 2024,” highlighting significant advancements in digitalization within the container shipping sector.

The report reveals growing adoption of digital tools and standards, while also identifying areas for improvement. Key findings indicate that 86% of cargo owners view digitalization as a means to enhance operational efficiency. Ports and terminals emphasize its role in enabling scalability, while banks point to its potential for risk reduction. The report also notes that digital standards are crucial for seamless operations across the supply chain.

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