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Air Updates

FIATA Endorses IATA Cargo Handling Manual

Freight forwarder association FIATA has given its backing to IATA's Cargo Handling Manual in a move they hope will create efficiencies in airport operations through the use of a consistent set of global standards.

The two groups said that the endorsement of the manual comes after a year-long process of discussions, review and collaboration.

By adopting these standards, freight forwarders, airlines and ground handlers will "better align their operations, by leveraging their respective expertise in order to improve efficiency across the supply chain," IATA and FIATA said.

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

Ocean Updates

Update: Labour Negotiations, Port of Montreal

While the Maritime Employers Association and the Longshoremen's Union CUPE Local 375 are still in mediation, supported by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the union will hold a strike vote on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25.

No pressure tactics can be exercised before a 72-hour notice is given to the Minister of Labour. A strike mandate is valid for 60 days.

Montreal Gateway Terminals Partnership Emergency Notice

Message from MGTP, 3:40 pm ET Monday

On Monday afternoon, an incident at Racine Terminal resulted in the full evacuation of all personnel and truck drivers. Emergency response teams are currently on site to manage the situation. While the teams work to control the site, all operations and services will be suspended until further notice.

Cast Terminal remains open but could experience some service delays due to the evacuation process.

Residents Near Port of Montreal Warned to Stay Indoors Due to Lithium Battery Fire

Posted 7:30 pm ET Monday

Firefighters are working to extinguish thousands of kilograms of lithium batteries that are on fire at the Port of Montreal.

In a Facebook post, the Mercier–Hochelaga-Maisonneuve borough says a lockdown notice is in progress in a sector adjacent to the port due to the fire.

The batteries are in a shipping container, but firefighters say there is no risk that the second-alarm fire will spread to other containers.

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

Port of Vancouver Update

Grain Workers Union Local 333 ILWU served 72-hour strike notice to the Vancouver Terminal Elevator Association (VTEA) on the weekend, with possible strike action impacting Port of Vancouver bulk grain operations starting 0700 PT today, September 24.

The strike would impact six terminals at the port: Alliance Grain Terminal (AGT), Cargill Terminal, Cascadia, G3 Terminal, Pacific Elevators and Richardson International. The strike action is not expected to affect other grain handling terminals at this time, including Fraser Grain Terminal (FGT).

All anchorage vessel class assignments remain fluid; however, vessel delays and heightened anchorage demand are expected at the port if there is an ongoing disruption to bulk grain exports.