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Air Updates

Air Canada Cargo – Shipment Impacts of ALPA Labour Negotiations: Temporary Acceptance Policy for Specific Commodities

Recent news updates regarding Air Canada Cargo's labour negotiations with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) may cause concerns about shipping. However, operations are currently not affected and flights are operating as scheduled.

To avoid any risk of disruption during the shipment process, the airline has temporarily implemented new acceptance dates for specific commodities.

Read more in an [alert from Air Canada Cargo](#).

Ocean Updates

MSC Boxship Becomes Third in 2024 to Lose Boxes Overboard off South Africa

For the third time this winter season, a containership has lost boxes overboard and incurred damage due to stormy weather off South Africa.

MSC Antonia (85,760 dwt) encountered bad wintry weather conditions along the coast while transiting the Indian Ocean. The vessel was approximately 29 nautical miles northeast of Port Saint Johns, South Africa.

The initial survey shows that approximately 46 containers were believed to have been lost into the ocean. In addition, approximately 305 containers were damaged but remained aboard the vessel. The containership, which was sailing from Colombo, Sri Lanka bound for New York, diverted. As of September 2, it was on the dock in Cape Town.

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

Global Schedule Reliability Drops by 2.1 Percentage Points in July

In July 2024, global schedule reliability dropped by 2.1 percentage points month over month, to 52.1%. Schedule reliability in July was almost at the same level as it was at the start of the year and was keeping in line with the trends seen so far in 2024, with reliability largely within 50% to 55%. On a year-over-year level, schedule reliability in July 2024 was 12.0 percentage points lower.

Maersk was the most reliable top-13 carrier in July 2024, with schedule reliability of 54.6%. There were another three carriers above the 50% mark, with the remaining nine carriers all in the 40% to 50% range. Wan Hai was the least reliable carrier, with reliability of 41.3%.

Read more in an [article from Sea-Intelligence](#).

U.S. Port Talks Kick Off in Effort to Avoid Strike

The union representing East and Gulf coast dockworkers kicked off a two-day meeting on September 4 in New Jersey to discuss wage demands with port employers under the threat of a strike that would disrupt maritime trade gateways from Houston to Boston.

Negotiations on a labour contract covering six of the 10 busiest U.S. ports have stalled since June, when the International Longshoremen's Association called off high-level wage talks with the United States Maritime Alliance, a group known as USMX that represents ocean carriers and terminal operators.

About 45,000 workers and three dozen ports in total could be affected in the event of a strike. And with less than a month before the September 30 deadline, U.S. retailers are renewing their plea to the White House to help break the impasse.

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