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Air Updates

Transport Canada Appears to Change Date of Implementation for PACT Program

As we have noted in previous eBulletins, Transport Canada's Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT) Program was scheduled to launch in November.

While we have not seen notification of a change to that date, the [PACT webpage](#) now says that the new regulations will come into force on April 1, 2025.

Australia Regulatory Alert: Reintroduction of Increased Air Cargo Security Measures

In response to ongoing security threats, Australia's Department of Home Affairs (DoHA) has issued a new Special Security Direction (SSD) for air cargo operations, as communicated by the International Freight and Cargo Brokers Association Australia (IFCBAA) following the recent Air Cargo Security Industry Advisory Forum (ACSIAF) meeting on October 18. DoHA announced it intends to revoke the previous SSD directive issued on October 11, due to the heightened global security threats.

This update lists the expected key points of the new Special Security Direction.

Read more in an [update from FIATA](#).

Ocean Updates

BCMEA–ILWU Negotiations Update: Parties to Meet with FMCS This Week

In follow up to the [Canada Industrial Relations Board's decision](#) last week, the BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 514 are scheduled to meet with the assistance of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) on Tuesday, October 29, and continue as necessary on October 30 and 31.

Contract Negotiations to Resume for U.S. East Coast Dockworkers

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) will resume their contract negotiations in November to resolve a new master contract for container and ro-ro operations at 36 U.S. ports along the East Coast and Gulf Coast. Earlier this month, the two sides extended the master contract after a three-day strike.

"The ILA and USMX welcome the opportunity to return to the bargaining table and get a new agreement in place as soon as possible," the two sides said in a joint statement released on October 25. The two sides also pledged not to discuss details of negotiations with the media before these meetings, after having waged a war of words in the media leading up to the strike that began on October 1.

Under pressure from the White House, and the Labor and Transportation departments, the two sides reached a tentative agreement on wages on October 3 that includes a 62 percent increase over the six-year contract.

The master contract was extended until January 15, 2025, with the sides set to return to the bargaining table.

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

Rail Updates

Arbitrator Tabbed for CPKC-TCRC Rail Contract Talks

There is progress in contract negotiations between Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and its largest union.

Teamsters Canada Rail Conference says the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service has appointed William Kaplan as the arbitrator in its collective bargaining with the railway.

Kaplan is also serving as arbitrator for the TCRC's contract negotiations with Canadian National, the union said in a news release Thursday.

A schedule has not been set for mediation.

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