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Ocean Updates

Port of Montreal Longshoremen to Refuse Overtime

The longshoremen's union at the Port of Montreal is announcing further pressure tactics: They will refuse to work overtime from 7 am on Thursday for an indefinite period.

A mediation session between the parties was held last Friday in the presence of two federal mediators after the longshoremen resumed their activities.

Management of working hours and work-life balance were among the main issues in dispute.

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

MEA Negotiations Update

In response to the announcement above from the Port of Montreal longshoremen's union, the Maritime Employers Association said in an update that the complete cessation of overtime has a significant impact on deployed crews and the tasks required for operations.

As a result, the MEA has decided that employees assigned to shifts with incomplete crews will not be paid, saying that incomplete shifts will cause imminent slow downs or even halt operations at the port.

The MEA has formally asked the union to withdraw this strike notice.

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

Update on Import Control System 2 (ICS2) Release 3: OOCL

OOCL has posted an update on its website related to ICS2 requirements.

Entry summary declarations (ENS) filing into ICS2 for all shipments imported to or transshipped via EU countries, plus Norway, Switzerland and Northern Ireland, will commence on or after November 4.

The update includes the ENS data elements that are to be included.

If shipping instructions are not received on time, the carrier will not be able to complete the advanced filing of customs declarations as required by the regulations. OOCL will be unable to load shipments without a valid movement reference number (MRN) from EU Customs.

Find more information on [OOCL's website](#).

Levels at Amazon Port Hit 122-Year Low amid Drought

The river port in the Amazon rainforest's largest city of Manaus on Friday hit its lowest level since 1902, as a drought drains waterways and snarls transport of grain exports and essential supplies that are the region's lifeline.

Below-average rainfall – even through the rainy season – has plagued the Amazon and much of South America since last year, also feeding the worst wildfires in more than a decade in Brazil and Bolivia. Researchers say climate change is the main culprit.

“This is now the most severe drought in over 120 years of measurement at the Port of Manaus,” said Valmir Mendonca, the port's head of operations, who said the river level is likely to keep falling for another week or two.

With the region never fully recovering due to weaker-than-usual seasonal rains, many of the impacts of the drought last year look set to repeat or reach new extremes.

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

International Business/Government

India Takes Apparel Market Share from Strife-Ridden Bangladesh

Indian apparel industry stakeholders appear to have tasted some early incremental gains from the turmoil plaguing Bangladesh trade after the recent political upheaval that dethroned the government.

According to the latest data, India's ready-made garment (RMG) exports, by value, in August surged 12% year on year, the highest monthly expansion in the fiscal year that began in April.

In contrast, Bangladesh's export trade, which historically thrives on RMG verticals, seems to have slowed after the domestic crisis hit the business community badly.

According to available data, Chittagong Port has seen fewer export containers in the past two months, a sign that RMG exports were under stress, as global importers remained wary of shouldering the risk of unpredictable production schedules and delivery commitments from the political tension.

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