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### CIFFA Letter to Labour Minister Regarding Port Work Stoppages

CIFFA wrote to federal Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon, urging him and the federal government to consider classifying the key port work forces as “essential,” thereby ensuring that a different and more reliable mechanism can be employed to resolve labour/management negotiations.

### Glitches in New Terminal Operating Systems Spark Delays at South India Ports

Cargo stakeholders using Adani Group container terminals at the south Indian ports of Kattupalli and Ennore are reporting growing delays, impacting productivity levels for vessels.

Amid historical infrastructure bottlenecks at Chennai, Kattupalli and Ennore had become the focal points for liners serving India’s east coast.

According to industry sources, the roll-out of new terminal operating systems by Adani had featured glitches in applications that typically connect vessel, yard and gate operations, hobbling the entire supply chain system.

Customs brokers serving the gateways said the delays had reached “alarming proportions,” with no tangible results from a series of meetings with various authorities, including Customs.

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

### Panama Canal Could Double the Number of Containers Transiting, Says Chief

The Panama Canal Authority could double in coming years the number of containers that move through the commercial waterway that links the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans, said the canal’s chief.

The authority, which has an [\\$8 billion investment plan](#), is putting in place a water conservation strategy following a severe drought that forced ships between late 2023 and early 2024 to take alternative routes between the United States and Asia.

As part of that, it is encouraging shippers to consolidate cargoes so less water is used for vessels to pass, particularly container ships, said canal chief Ricaurte Vasquez.

The canal is also planning to use its west bank lands to expand Panama's cargo transfer capacity, which allows shippers to offload containers, move them via rail, truck or vessel, and then reload them onto ships, he said.

That would allow the canal to move at least an additional 5 million containers per year by 2045, from the current 8.3 million containers, Vasquez said. Container ships are its most important business segment.

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