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Ocean Updates

Port of Vancouver Operations Update – November 4

A coast-wide labour dispute involving the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 514 (ILWU Local 514) and BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) began to impact operations at some Port of Vancouver terminals as of Monday, November 4.

The Port of Vancouver remains open. Directly impacted terminals at the port are BCMEA member terminals where Local 514 labour is employed.

- *Auto sector:* Operations impacted
- *Breakbulk sector:* Operations impacted
- *Bulk sector:* Grain operations and operations at the Westshore coal terminal are not affected by the labour dispute and will continue. Operations for other commodities impacted
- *Container sector:* Centerm, Deltaport, Fraser Surrey and Vanterm container terminals impacted. For supply chain data, including the Container Vessel Line-Up Report that includes vessels at anchor and dwelling outside of port authority jurisdiction, visit the [port dashboard](#).

Rail

Embargoes in place. Contact your railway directly for information regarding the latest embargo information and impacted traffic.

Marine operations

There is currently limited anchorage capacity at the port due to recent inclement weather and seasonal demand, including grain exports being in their peak shipping period.

Labour Minister Comments on B.C. Ports Labour Negotiations

Canada's [Minister of Labour Steven MacKinnon](#) posted on Saturday on X, as follows: [PDI](#) Today, I spoke with the BCMEA and ILWU 514 on the negotiations for their new collective agreement. Federal mediators are on site, ready to assist the parties.

"It is the responsibility of the parties to reach an agreement. Businesses, workers, and farmers are counting on them to get a deal."

Spain's Port of Valencia Slowly Gets Back to Work After Floods from Rainstorms

Valencia Port is limping back to cargo activity after it was forced to halt operations in the aftermath of severe rainstorms that lashed the country's south-eastern region last week. The devastation from what was said to be the severest flash-flooding in Europe over the past five decades, is reported to have claimed some 100 lives.

Container lines have reported work resumption at Valencia on a "restricted scale," as multiple landside challenges persist.

Hapag-Lloyd told customers the rain had caused significant disruption to its operations at the port, but added it was making every effort to regain its operational pace as soon as conditions permitted.

"Terminals have resumed gate and yard activities with reduced staffing, as road closures and access restrictions continue to affect the region," Hapag-Lloyd said. "All depots in the area are temporarily closed due to electricity outages and accessibility challenges."

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

Carriers Drop Calls at Hamburg After Congestion Builds at Terminal

Congestion issues continue to plague Hamburg's flagship automated Container Terminal Altenwerder (CTA), due to operator HHLA's modernization program, forcing carriers to drop sailings into Germany's largest port.

Jan Kolditz, director of IT and terminal development of HHLA, said that CTA is replacing its entire fleet of ship-to-shore cranes.

"All 14 are being replaced as they have come to the end of their working lives – they have been operating CTA since it opened in 2002. The oldest are being dismantled and the new units are coming in," he explained.

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

Rail and Truck Updates

CPKC Customer Advisory: Port of Vancouver Work Stoppage Update – November 4

As a result of the work stoppage at the Port of Vancouver, an embargo for shipments routing to the below locations is effective immediately. The embargo applies to all shipments originating in Canada, the United States and Mexico that are billed to the following:

- Neptune Terminals
- Neptune Bulk Terminals Canada
- Neptune Bulk Terminals LTD
- Global Agriculture
- Columbia Containers
- Pacific Coast Terminals
- West Coast Reduction
- Lynnterm

The embargo is a temporary measure pending an agreement between the ILWU and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and can be rescinded at any time. During the embargo period, CPKC's network will remain open to accept permits in order to accommodate rail traffic as capacity allows.

Follow this [link](#) to access the Railinc site for embargo details.

International intermodal customers should continue to monitor FastPass notifications for updates on local container acceptance conditions. There is no impact to domestic intermodal customers.

For up-to-date information on specific impacts to your shipments or other problem-resolution inquiries, contact Customer Service at 1-888-333-8111, customer_service@cpkcr.com or through the Log an Issue tool on Customer Station.

CN Update on Port of Montreal Strike

Effective today, November 5, at 7:00 am ET, Montreal Gateway Terminal (MGT) rail operations at both Cast and Racine facilities will be suspended until further notice. This action is due to operational constraints and uncertainty arising from the ongoing renewal of the Montreal Longshoremen collective agreement.

As a result, CN will suspend and remove all capacity at its inland terminals for exports destined for Cast and Racine until further notice.

If you have any questions or need further information, contact CN's Customer Experience team or your CN Account Manager.

FMCSA to Extend Broker Financial Compliance Deadline

Three major provisions of a rule aimed at protecting trucking companies against unpaid claims from brokers will have to be pushed back a year due to a delay getting a new online registration system up and running.

The rule, “Broker and Freight Forwarder Financial Responsibility,” which took effect in January, contained five provisions: Two had a compliance deadline set for January 16, 2026, and three had a compliance deadline of January 16, 2025.

But because the new registration system is not expected to be available before January 16, 2025, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will need to extend the compliance date for the three early provisions to meet the January 16, 2026 compliance date instead, “to provide regulated entities time to begin using and familiarizing themselves with the system before compliance is required,” according to [a notice](#) posted by FMCSA on Friday.

The new registration system is expected to be ready sometime in 2025.

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