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Air Transport Updates

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Air Canada and United Airlines to Offer More than 260 Daily Transborder Flights and Two New Routes this Summer

Air Canada and United Airlines announced on February 24, 2023 that through their enhanced transborder joint business agreement, they will offer industry leading capacity and new routes between Canada and the U.S. for summer 2023 – including a new United-operated flight between Washington-Dulles and Calgary and a new Air Canada-operated flight between Washington-Dulles and Vancouver. The carriers have collaboratively optimized their schedules, subject to applicable government and regulatory conditions, and added more flights to provide customers greater connectivity and more flexible flight times, with over 80 transborder codeshare routes and more than 260 daily flights.

Air Canada and United Airlines to Offer More than 260 Daily Transborder Flights and Two New Routes this Summer, February 24, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Porter developing modern passenger terminal at convenient Montréal Saint-Hubert Airport and launching new air

Porter Aviation Holdings Inc. is entering a partnership with Montréal Saint-Hubert Airport to develop a new terminal capable of serving over 4 million passengers annually. Construction will commence in mid-2023, with a scheduled completion by late 2024, providing a second airport for Porter Airlines (Porter) to serve the Montréal market.

Porter developing modern passenger terminal at convenient Montréal Saint-Hubert Airport and launching new air, February 27, 2023, www.flyporter.com

Toronto Pearson International Airport to limit flights during peak travel times

Toronto Pearson International Airport is set to limit the number of flights that can land and takeoff at peak travel times in an effort to improve delays. In a statement sent to Global News, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), which operates Pearson, said the move was part of a series of measures ahead of the March break and summer travel season. “These include hard limits on the number of commercial flights that can arrive or depart in any given hour along with limits on business/general aviation flights,” a spokesperson said in a statement. “In addition, measures have been applied to cap the number of passengers that can arrive internationally, or depart to the United States through each terminal, in a given hour,” the statement said. In a follow-up statement on Tuesday evening, the airport said it was working to “flatten” daily peaks.

Toronto Pearson International Airport to limit flights during peak travel times, February 28, 2023, www.globalnews.ca

Air Canada Comments on Toronto-Pearson

Air Canada on February 28, 2023 issued the following statement in response to reports about the Greater Toronto Airport Authority imposing limits on carrier operations at Toronto-Pearson airport. Air Canada was first advised of the GTAA's plans in August 2022, and so it designed its 2023 winter schedule with these limitations taken into account and anticipates no significant changes to its schedule for the March Break travel period. It subsequently received information about GTAA's plans for summer 2023 and similarly designed this coming

summer's schedule to meet those parameters. It is Air Canada's policy to work with its industry partners to meet the requirements of airports and other third parties to drive operational improvements and support the smooth running of Canada's air transport system. This includes, as in this case, adapting its schedule as required to ensure operational stability, and is a normal process.

Air Canada Comments on Toronto-Pearson, February 28, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada Named One of Montreal's Top Employers for the 10th Consecutive Year

Air Canada on March 1, 2023 was recognized as one of "Montreal's Top Employers" for 2023 in Mediacorp Canada's annual employer survey, marking the 10th consecutive year that the airline has received this award. With more than 10,000 employees in Montreal and up to 1,094 weekly flights at its Montreal-Trudeau global hub connecting Montreal to 89 destinations across Canada and internationally, Air Canada is a significant contributor to Montreal's economic success. Air Canada is Canada's largest private sector company offering bilingual services across Canada and is proud to offer services in both Official Languages, demonstrating true leadership among major Canadian companies in promoting bilingualism.

Air Canada Named One of Montreal's Top Employers for the 10th Consecutive Year, March 1, 2023, www.aircanada.ca

The Government of Canada is investing in storage capacity at the Gander International Airport in Newfoundland and Labrador to strengthen Canada's supply chains

On March 1, 2023, the Minister of Rural Economic Development, the Honourable Gудie Hutchings, and the Minister of Tourism and Associate Minister of Finance, the Honourable Randy Boissonnault, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced an investment of up to \$4.6 million under the National Trade Corridors Fund for the construction of a specialized seafood storage facility project at the Gander International Airport. This close to \$9.7 million total project will allow the Gander International Airport Authority Inc. to build a seafood storage facility that will be equipped with water treatment systems, sea water storage tanks, cold/chilled storage, and blast freezers. It will be able to store up to 75 tonnes of fresh or live seafood and will allow for rapid offloading of delivered cargo from shippers and producers. This investment will have significant economic benefits for the region and will address supply

chain bottlenecks, speed up the movement of goods, and facilitate air shipments to international markets.

The Government of Canada is investing in storage capacity at the Gander International Airport in Newfoundland and Labrador to strengthen Canada's supply chains, March 1, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

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Biden Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1B in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Funding Awarded to Meet Surging Air Travel Demand

With air traffic poised to reach or beat pre-pandemic levels this year, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is awarding nearly \$1 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 99 airports of all shapes and sizes across the country. The funding helps meet the growing demand for air travel and invests in key areas to help get travelers in and out of airports more quickly and improve the passenger experience by investing in new baggage systems, larger security checkpoints and improved ground transportation. Other projects increase terminal sustainability and improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Several grants will address the needs of aging air traffic control towers. The investments will go to airports in 47 states and two territories.

Biden Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$1B in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Funding Awarded to Meet Surging Air Travel Demand, February 27, 2023, www.dot.gov

Global Airline Community Challenges Legality of Mandatory Flight Reductions at Schiphol Airport



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and airlines are mounting a legal challenge to the Dutch government's sudden decision

to reduce Schiphol airport's capacity. Schiphol Airport is already restricted to 500,000 flights annually. The government's decree would renege on that agreement, reducing Schiphol connectivity to 460,000 flights from November 2023. IATA and the global airline community believe that this political decision by the Dutch government contravenes EU Regulation 598/2014 on noise-related operating restrictions at EU airports. It also disregards the Chicago Convention, a binding international agreement to which the Netherlands is a signatory. Annex 16 of the Convention contains provisions for The Balanced Approach to Aircraft Noise Management which states are obligated to follow when taking measures to managing the noise impacts of aviation.

Global Airline Community Challenges Legality of Mandatory Flight Reductions at Schiphol Airport, March 3, 2023, www.iata.org

said Dorothea von Boxberg, Chairperson of the Executive Board and CEO of Lufthansa Cargo.

Lufthansa Cargo achieves record result for the third time in a row, March 3, 2023, www.ajot.com

Lufthansa Cargo achieves record result for the third time in a row



Source: AJOT

In the financial year 2022, Lufthansa Cargo once again exceeded its result from the previous year. Revenue rose by 22 percent to 4.6 billion euros (previous year: 3.8 billion euros), while adjusted EBIT amounted to 1.6 billion euros (previous year: 1.5 billion euros). Overall, sales of 7.2 billion freight ton kilometers were similar compared to the previous year (7.2 billion). Average capacity utilization decreased by 9.9 percentage points year-on-year to 61.1 percent, while the supply of capacity increased by 17 percent to 11.8 billion freight ton kilometers offered. "In the past fiscal year, we achieved a record result for the third time in a row. We owe this to the high level of commitment of our employees and the trust of our customers and partners. In addition, we again had significantly more capacity in the market due to the growth in long-haul passenger traffic. We notice that our customers continue to serve their global supply chains. With more freighters and more bellies, we will continue to be a strong and reliable partner for our customers,"



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Rail Transport Updates

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Railway carloadings, total tonnage



Source: Statcan

In December 2022, Canadian railways carried 28.4 million tonnes of freight, up slightly (+0.5%) from December 2021, marking the third consecutive month of year-over-year growth. For 2022 as a whole, rail cargo volume totalled 366.4 million tonnes, up slightly (+0.5%) from 2021 levels, driven by increases in carloadings of some energy products and iron ores. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the "Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard." For the year 2022, the total volume of cargo moved by Canadian railways remained largely unchanged from 2021 to 2022, increasing slightly by 0.5% to 366.4 million tonnes, with gains in tonnage concentrated in the latter half of the year. During the first half of 2022, rail freight volumes were consistently below 2021 totals, mostly because of declines in carloadings of grains amid the depletion of stocks stemming from the drought across the Prairies in summer 2021. For instance, loadings of wheat dropped an averaged 1.25 million tonnes year over year each month from January to August

2022. However, in the last four months of the year, wheat loadings averaged over 2.5 million tonnes more each month, in large part due to a bumper harvest from more favourable growing conditions across the Prairies in 2022. In 2022, non-intermodal loadings in Canada totalled 283.5 million tonnes, down slightly (-0.1%) from 2021 levels. Similarly, intermodal freight traffic also decreased slightly, down 0.6% to reach 36.8 million tonnes in 2022. However, container volumes were particularly strong during the last six months of 2022. Finally, traffic received from the United States reached an-all time high of 46.0 million tonnes in 2022, surpassing the prior record set in 2021 by 5.6%. *Railway carloadings, total tonnage, February 24, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca*


Freight Rail Services Price Index, February 2023



Source: Statistics Canada

Data for February for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available. The index is 125.4 for February 2023 down from 129 for January 2023 and up to 113.9 from February 2022. *Freight Rail Services Price Index, February 2023, February 27, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca*

New Grain February Record Set

 CN on March 1, 2023 announced that February 2023 was the best February ever for Western Canadian grain movement on CN's network. The Company worked with its customers and supply chain partners to move more than 2.4 million metric tonnes of grain from Western Canada over the course of the month. This exceeds the previous record set in February 2021 by over 200,000 metric tonnes. CN attributes February's performance to increased collaboration between supply chain partners, enabling strong performance through operational challenges, including periods of extreme cold.

New Grain February Record Set, March 1, 2023, www.cn.ca



Source: AJOT

Minister of Transport announces projects to further reduce the impacts of climate change on the rail sector

On March 2, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced up to \$5.4 million for 20 projects across Canada under the Rail Climate Change Adaptation Program, an initiative of the Rail Safety Improvement Program. The Rail Climate Change Adaptation Program supports research, development, and implementation of innovative technologies, tools, and approaches to better identify and reduce the increasing risks and impacts of climate change on Canada's rail sector. The various recipients selected to receive funding will evaluate new designs and technologies, implement innovative technologies, and develop a better understanding of the risks and impacts of climate change on railways to address adaptation challenges such as: 1. flooding; 2. fires; 3. permafrost degradation; and 4. more extreme operational temperatures.

Minister of Transport announces projects to further reduce the impacts of climate change on the rail sector, March 2, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Rail industry pushes sensors over brakes after Ohio train crash

The train derailment that spilled toxic chemicals into a small Ohio town has revived a long-running debate about railroad safety — and some industry players think they have just the thing to resolve it. The Feb. 3, 2023 crash of the Norfolk Southern Corp. train in East Palestine, Ohio, has renewed a push for railroads to adopt electronic brakes that could help prevent a malfunctioning train from endangering people and property. Electronically controlled pneumatic, or ECP, brakes have been touted for their capacity to bring trains to a halt in shorter distances and prevent dangerous pileups. The Biden administration has blamed industry stonewalling for blocking regulations that would have mandated use of the systems on some trains — even though it isn't clear that ECP brakes would've done much to mitigate an accident similar to the one in Ohio, and the proposed rules wouldn't have applied to the train that crashed. The railroad industry has found itself in a tight spot as the political furor around the accident grows, with former President Donald Trump turning up in East Palestine, and the derailment becoming a talking point on cable news and Capitol Hill. The episode has aggravated fears about the safety of sending chemicals and other hazardous materials over the rails, and raised the spectre of new regulation at a time when railroads are coping with restive workers and annoyed customers.

Rail industry pushes sensors over brakes after Ohio train crash, February 26, 2023, www.ajot.com

BNSF Closes 2022 With Earnings Flat, Volume Down From 2021



Source: Railway Age

BNSF posted net earnings of \$5.946 billion in 2022, virtually flat with 2021's \$5.990 billion, reflecting "higher revenue per car/unit, substantially offset by lower overall freight volumes and higher fuel and other operating costs," reported parent company Berkshire Hathaway Inc. on Feb. 25, 2023. This follows 2021's net earnings' increase of 16.1% over 2020. Net earnings for fourth-quarter 2022 were \$1.469 billion, down 13% from fourth-quarter 2021's \$1.685 billion. Total volume was 2.293 million cars/units for the fourth quarter, down 9% from the year-ago period, and 9.549 million cars/units for 2022, down 6% from 2021.

BNSF Closes 2022 With Earnings Flat, Volume Down From 2021, February 27, 2023, www.railwayage.com

USDOT's Federal Railroad Administration announces new safety initiative with a focus on hazardous materials



Source: AJOT

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Administrator Amit Bose on March 1, 2023 announced a national initiative for focused inspections on routes that carry high-hazard flammable trains (HHFTs) and other trains carrying large volumes of hazmat commodities. Working with USDOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

(PHMSA), FRA will identify these routes and prioritize them for inspection beginning immediately. The inspections will start in East Palestine, Ohio, and expand to communities nationwide. FRA inspectors, using a combination of human visual inspections and Automated Track Inspection technology, will assess the overall condition of rail infrastructure as well as railroads' compliance with FRA regulatory requirements governing track. Information will be shared with railroads as well as rail labor organizations, and it will be periodically published for the public to increase transparency. "Safety is always our number one priority, and the Norfolk Southern derailment reminds us of the importance of ensuring no industry can put its profits over the safety of its workers and the communities it serves," said Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "As our investigators continue their work to support NTSB's investigation, we are also taking additional steps right now to prevent future disasters and we insist that the rail industry do the same."

USDOT's Federal Railroad Administration announces new safety initiative with a focus on hazardous materials, March 1, 2023, www.ajot.com

For February, Carloads, Intermodal Volume Decline



Source: Railway Age

U.S rail traffic in February 2023 lagged the same month last year—down 5.2% or 101,452 carloads and intermodal units, the **Association of American Railroads** (AAR) reported March 1, 2023. This follows January's 3.2% drop from the prior-year period; while carloads rose slightly during the first month of the year, intermodal experienced its worst January since 2013. According to AAR, U.S. Class I railroads in February 2023 hauled 1,849,723 carloads and intermodal units, comprising 905,744 carloads (down 1.6%) and 943,979 containers and trailers (down 8.4%). In contrast, February 2022 U.S. rail traffic experienced big year-over-year gains largely due to severe winter storms holding back volumes in 2021; February 2019 U.S. rail traffic was behind February 2018, reflecting weather and/or economic and trade-related uncertainty. For the week ending Feb. 25, 2023, Canadian railroads reported 75,994 carloads, up 7.9%, and 59,210

intermodal units, down 3.6% compared with the same week last year. For the first eight weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,111,310 carloads, containers and trailers, rising 4.5% from 2022.

For February, Carloads, Intermodal Volume Decline, Match 1, 2023,
www.railwayage.com



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Port of Vancouver backs down from truck replacement rule



Source: Inside Logistics

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has put a hold its plan to mandate phasing out older trucks operating at its facilities. The Rolling Truck Age Program was designed to phase out the oldest container trucks serving the port to reduce air emissions from trucking activities in the region. The current fleet of approximately 1,800 vehicles provides an average of 30,000 single-sided port moves per week. Some of the container trucks serving the Port of Vancouver are more than 20 years old. These old, diesel-powered trucks are a significant source of particulate matter, which is known to cause cancer and negatively impact the health of those living along trucking corridors.

Port of Vancouver backs down from truck replacement rule, February 27, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Government of Canada invests in dry bulk conveyor loop project in the Port of Belledune to strengthen our supply chain

On February 27, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, and the Member of Parliament for Acadie—Bathurst, Serge Cormier, announced an investment of up to \$12.5 million, under the National Trade Corridors Fund, for an infrastructure project at the Port of Belledune. The \$25 million project will create a dry bulk conveyor loop between two terminals that will facilitate reloading and transshipments at the Port. With this funding, the Port will install fixed conveyors linking the deep-water terminal to the staging area, renovate existing storage, and build a new warehouse and transfer tower. The project will increase the quantities of bulk cargo handled at the Port of Belledune and make it easier to move goods like forest products, minerals, and petroleum between vessels and other modes of transportation.

Government of Canada invests in dry bulk conveyor loop project in the Port of Belledune to strengthen our supply chain, February 27, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Prince Rupert Port Authority Announces Milestone on Ridley Island Export Logistics Project



Source: PRPA

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) announced on March 2, 2023 that the Ridley Island Export Logistics Project (RIELP) has reached a significant milestone with the receipt of its final determination of the Federal environmental effects evaluation review. The Federal Authorities have determined, in accordance with the requirements of Section 82 of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA), that the Ridley Island Export Logistics Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. This concludes the Federal environmental review process, which is a prerequisite for the Federal Authorities to consider the required authorizations for the project to proceed. Following receipt of required permits, early works are planned to begin in early March, with tree clearing and site preparation activities. PRPA continues to work toward making a Final Investment Decision on the project with its commercial partners, expected later this year. Planned for the southern end of Ridley Island, the export logistics complex will be an integrated ecosystem of large-scale bulk and breakbulk transload facilities, intermodal rail yard, and a container storage yard. The development will create an innovative and competitive transloading facility for commodities such as plastic pellets, cereal grains, speciality agriculture crops, lumber, and pulp to be loaded directly from rail into containers for export, creating 400,000 TEUs of export capacity in the first phase. The new export logistics facility will increase efficiencies in export supply chains, maximizing value to Canadian exporters while supporting the substantial growth of the intermodal business at the Port of Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert Port Authority Announces Milestone on Ridley Island Export Logistics Project, March 2, 2023, www.rupertport.com

US/WORLD

One year later: How Ukraine-Russia war reshaped ocean shipping



Source: Freightwaves

One year ago, Russia invaded Ukraine. Bugbee's comments, delivered at the Norwegian-Hellenic Chambers of Commerce shipping conference last month, sum up how the war has played out for shipping markets and global trade over the past 12 months. There have been a multitude of sanctions. Russia has indeed faced challenges importing and exporting. But cargo has continued to flow, like water drawn by gravity around a stone. Cargoes either take a longer route, or a replacement source steps in. Across all the major ocean shipping segments — containers, tankers, dry bulk, gas — the first year of the war has shaken up markets but hasn't stopped trade. The effect on container trade is minor but its effect on tanker trade is much bigger as it is the second major exporter of oil and its impact on LNG and bulk is also significant.

One year later: How Ukraine-Russia war reshaped ocean shipping, February 27, 2023, www.freightwaves.com

Exporters raise concerns about ocean carrier market power



Source: Freightwaves

U. S. exporters called on Congress to introduce more economic reforms in ocean transportation and increase the pressure on carriers

that abuse their market power. Representing those exporters in front of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee on February 28, 2023, Agriculture Transportation Coalition Executive Director Peter Friedmann acknowledged cargo volume surges and supply chain disruptions have dissipated and that there's currently "plenty of competition" among container ship operators for his members' shipments to overseas markets. "But things will change where we'll have to ensure there's competition, so we need to make sure there's a mechanism by the government to review ocean carrier plans so that we don't wake up in couple years and the economy turns again and there's more demand and even fewer ocean carriers around," Friedmann told the committee. Friedmann was referring to a provision he expects lawmakers to include in a new package of ocean shipping reforms being contemplated on Capitol Hill whereby the Federal Maritime Commission would be given authority to block alliance and other marketing agreements ocean carriers file with the FMC that the commission finds to be anticompetitive.

Exporters raise concerns about ocean carrier market power, February 28, 2023, www.freightwaves.com



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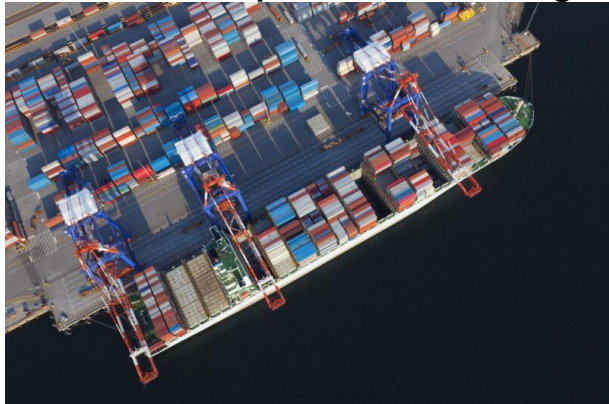
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Western IntermodeX acquires Quickload Logistics



Source: Today's Trucking

Western IntermodeX has acquired Quickload Logistics — a company that among other services offers drayage support at the Port of Prince Rupert, B.C. Western IntermodeX operates a cross dock at the Port of Vancouver Logistics Hub, under the Interhold brand, as well as multimodal transload facilities in Richmond and Prince Rupert, running under the Coast 2000 brand. The acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions.

Western IntermodeX acquires Quickload Logistics, February 24, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Transport ministers discuss labor shortage, infrastructure challenges



Source: Today's Trucking

An acute labor shortage and the threat of climate change took center stage on February 24, 2023 during a joint meeting of Canada's transportation and highway ministers. Although a related communique was silent about any emerging actions. "Over the past few years, we have all experienced transportation supply chain and trade corridor issues in addition to the impacts of extreme weather events caused by climate change," New Brunswick Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Jeff Carr said after the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety met. "This meeting highlights this fragility and emphasizes our need to continue to work with our federal counterparts to build stronger supply chains and more climate-resilient infrastructure."

Transport ministers discuss labor shortage, infrastructure challenges, February 27, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, January 2023



Source: Statistics Canada

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for January. The index is 132.3 for January 2023 down from 133.1 for December 2022 and up to 115.4 from January 2022. *Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, January 2023, February 27, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca*

For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, fourth quarter 2022

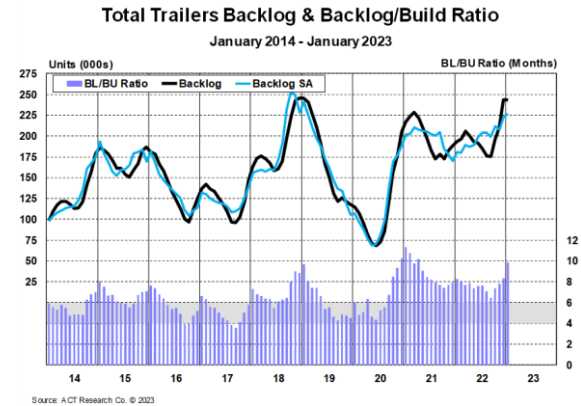


Source: Statcan

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is now available for the fourth quarter on Statistics Canada website. The truck index was 128.5 for the fourth quarter of 2022 up from 126.0 from the third quarter of 2022 and up from 104.5 for the fourth quarter of 2021. *For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, fourth quarter 2022, March 1, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca*

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Trailer demand to outstrip production all year: ACT Research



Source: Today's Trucking

Most trailer manufacturers expect demand to exceed production capacity throughout 2023, but ACT Research says some fleets appear to be splitting orders to hedge their bets. “January OEM business conditions, including 2023 demand expectations and labor, were on-par with December overall — with a bias toward the ‘better’ side of the pendulum for labor but concerns about demand and the material supply chain,” director – CV market research and publications Jennifer McNealy said, referring to related surveys. “Demand overall remains robust, and cancellations are low, but we are hearing that some orders are being made to replenish dealer stock, rather than going directly to fleet customers.” The 24,300 net orders recorded in January was nearly 58% lower than December’s intake but only 9% lower than what was seen in January 2022, ACT Research noted a week ago. Lower orders of van trailers and flatbeds were offset by increases in lowbeds and tanks. Orders for dump trailers were virtually unchanged. *Trailer demand to outstrip production all year: ACT Research, February 28, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com*



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National Travel Survey, third quarter 2022



Source: Statistics Canada

Canadian residents took 96.7 million trips within Canada or abroad during the third quarter, 9.7 million more than in the third quarter of 2021. This represents over 95% of the number of trips taken during the same quarter in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. From July to September 2022, the majority (92.6%) of trips were domestic, down from 98.9% during the same three months of 2021, while 5.7% were destined for the United States and 1.7% were destined for overseas. In the third quarter of 2022, Canadian residents spent almost three times as much on domestic trips (\$27.3 billion) as international travel (\$9.5 billion), and surpassed spending by 26.2% during the same quarter in 2019. More recent data on international travel by Canadian residents are available from the monthly "Travel between Canada and other countries."

National Travel Survey, third quarter 2022, February 27, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Transport announces new funding to strength to supply chains in Saint John, New Brunswick

On February 28, 2023, the Minister of Transport and the Member of Parliament for Saint John—Roth say, Wayne Long, announced over \$10 million in funding for two projects under the National Trade Corridors Fund. The Government of Canada will contribute: 1. Up to \$7.3 million for the remaining phases to rehabilitate the Saint John Harbour Bridge in Saint John, New Brunswick. The upgrades will extend the life of the bridge and support commercial movements. The New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure is contributing up to \$7.7 million, for a total investment of nearly \$15 million. 2. Up to \$2.8 million to provide additional space for the Canada Border Services Agency to carry out its inspection activities for cargo arriving at the Port of Saint John. The project is expected to eliminate current congestion by allowing the Port of Saint John to handle the growing volume of containers. The Saint John Port Authority is contributing \$2.8 million towards the project, for a total investment of \$5.6 million.

Transport announces new funding to strength to supply chains in Saint John, New Brunswick, February 28, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

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What's in the Northern Ireland Brexit deal? Here are top five takeaways



Source: AJOT

Three years after the UK left the European Union, the two have achieved what seemed to be impossible: They clinched an agreement on Northern Ireland's trading arrangements in an attempt to resolve the biggest obstacle left over from the bitter split. The deal adds flexibility for goods moving between Britain and Northern Ireland and includes a new mechanism for Northern Ireland to challenge amendments to existing EU law while keeping the European Court of Justice as the sole arbiter of EU regulations. The UK also agreed to shelve a controversial bill that would allow it to override the agreement. UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has promised to give MPs a vote on the new "Windsor Framework" that will likely take place next week, according to a person familiar with the plan who spoke on the condition of anonymity. Since the opposition Labour Party has said it will support the deal, it's likely to pass. While the accord still needs formal approval on both sides, it could bring the EU-UK relationship back in from the cold. Here are five key takeaways: 1. Lowering Trade Barriers with Great Britain; 2. The ECJ Still Has Oversight; 3. Stormont Brake: The New Measure of Last Resort; 4. Changes to Key Taxation Rules; and 5. All Eyes on the DUP (Democratic Unionist Party).

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