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Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Expanded Canada-United Arab Emirates air transport agreement to allow more flights between both countries

On April 5, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced the conclusion of an expanded air transport agreement between Canada and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which is Canada's largest air transport market in the Middle East. The expanded agreement allows 21 flights per week for each country. This will permit 50 per cent more flights than the maximum number previously possible, facilitate new routes, and give airlines greater flexibility to accommodate changes in market demand. This significant move will better accommodate the growing Canada-UAE air transport market, improve Canada's global connectivity, and support tourism and trade activity between the two countries.

Expanded Canada-United Arab Emirates air transport agreement to allow more flights between both countries, April 5, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Air France-KLM and CMA CGM officially launch their long-term strategic air cargo partnership

Air France-KLM and the CMA CGM Group announced on April 3, 2023 the effective launch of the long-term strategic air cargo partnership they made public in May 2022. This partnership will have an initial duration of 10 years and will see Air France-KLM Martinair Cargo, part of Air France-KLM Group, and CMA CGM Air Cargo, part of the CMA CGM Group, combine their complementary cargo networks, full freighter capacity and dedicated services to build an even more compelling offering thanks to their unrivalled knowhow and global footprint. This agreement has received all the mandatory regulatory

approvals from the competent authorities. The highlights are: 1. a commercial joint-venture that combines both groups' complementary air cargo offerings with extended freighter capacity, a broader network of destinations and tailor made solutions. 2. A compelling offering for customers, delivered via an unrivalled distribution network as well as a digital one-stop shop accessible 24/7. 3. A shared ambition to invest in and shape the future of air cargo with game-changing solutions.

Air France-KLM and CMA CGM officially launch their long-term strategic air cargo partnership, April 3, 2023, www.ajot.com

SATS completes acquisition of Worldwide Flight Services



Source: AJOT

SATS Ltd. ("SATS") today announced it has completed its acquisition of global air cargo logistics provider Worldwide Flight Services ("WFS") for €1.3 billion (equivalent to approximately S\$1.8 billion) from an affiliate of Cerberus Capital Management ("Cerberus"), representing an enterprise value of €2,250 million as previously announced. The acquisition received an overwhelming support of 96.8% approval from

SATS' voting shareholders in January 2023 and obtained regulatory approvals in all relevant jurisdictions in February 2023. With effect from completion, WFS becomes a fully owned subsidiary of SATS, which is headquartered in Singapore. WFS will continue to be headquartered in Paris and operate as Worldwide Flight Services. Craig Smyth, CEO of WFS, will continue to run the company and report to Kerry Mok, President & Chief Executive Officer of SATS, and an advisory board. *SATS completes acquisition of Worldwide Flight Services, April 3, 2023, www.ajot.com*

✈️ Court Decision to Halt Schiphol Airport Flight Cuts is 'Reprieve' for Passengers, Airlines, and the Dutch Economy



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) reacted positively to the decision by the Dutch court to uphold the legal challenges lodged by IATA, KLM and other airlines against the Dutch government's 'experimental regulation' to cut Schiphol airport's flight limit to 460,000 from November 2023. IATA Director General Willie Walsh said: "We welcome the judge's decision. This case has been about upholding the law and international obligations. The judge has understood that the Dutch government violated its obligations in shortcutting processes that would bring scrutiny to its desire to cut flight numbers at Schiphol. This decision gives vital stability for this year to the airlines using Schiphol airport and maintains the choice and connectivity passengers value. Winning this vital reprieve is good news for Schiphol's passengers, Dutch businesses, the Dutch economy and airlines. But the job is not done. The threat of flight cuts at Schiphol remains very real and is still the stated policy of the government. Schiphol airport themselves yesterday announced night flight cuts without consultation. Airlines understand the importance of resolving issues such as noise. The Balanced Approach is the correct, EU and global legally-enshrined

process for managing noise impacts. It has helped airports around the world successfully address this issue."

Court Decision to Halt Schiphol Airport Flight Cuts is 'Reprieve' for Passengers, Airlines, and the Dutch Economy, April 5, 2023, www.iata.org

✈️ Lufthansa Cargo adds new destinations to its short- and medium-haul network

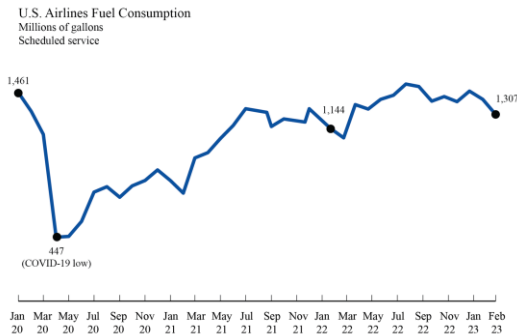


Source: AJOT

Starting in April 2023, Lufthansa Cargo is adding new destinations to its European route network and thus successively expanding it further. The new freighter destinations include Larnaca (Cyprus), Athens and Milan. In total, Lufthansa Cargo will serve twelve destinations in the intra-European short- and medium-haul network on more than 50 weekly flights with Airbus A321 freighters. As of April 12, Lufthansa Cargo's summer flight schedule will be expanded to include two weekly connections to Larnaca on Cyprus in a combined routing with the Greek capital Athens, offering customers a fast connection for their cargo on a direct route to the hub in Frankfurt with onward transportation to destinations worldwide. In addition, a weekly connection to Milan complements the service and in this way links the economically strong region of Lombardy in northern Italy with Central Europe and the rest of the world.

Lufthansa Cargo adds new destinations to its short- and medium-haul network, April 4, 2023, www.ajot.com

✈️ U.S. Airlines' February 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Down 1.7% from January 2022; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 1.3% from Pre-Pandemic February 2019



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today released U.S. airlines' February 2023 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.307 billion gallons of fuel, 7.5% less fuel than in January 2023 (1.413 billion gallons) and 1.3% more than in pre-pandemic February 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in February 2023 (\$3.23) was down 5 cents (1.7%) from January 2023 (\$3.28) and up \$1.25 (63.1%) from February 2019. Total February 2023 fuel expenditure (\$4.22B) was down 9.0% from January 2023 (\$4.63B) and up 64.6% from pre-pandemic February 2019. Fuel cost and consumption statistics are not adjusted for inflation or seasonality. Year-over-year increases in fuel consumption and cost for February 2023 include 10.6% in domestic fuel consumption, 38.9% in domestic fuel cost, and 25.6% in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 6.7% from January 2023 to February 2023, while increasing 3.7% from February 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' February 2023 Fuel Cost per Gallon Down 1.7% from January 2022; Aviation Fuel Consumption Up 1.3% from Pre-Pandemic February 2019, April 5, 2023, www.bts.gov

✈️ Air cargo demand and pricing stabilizing



Source: Inside Logistics

Preliminary figures for March 2023 indicate that global air cargo demand and pricing may be starting to stabilize, with average rates holding firm at around 50 percent above pre-Covid levels. Year-over-year (YoY) tonnages fell eight percent in March 2023 – compared with double-digit percentage declines in the final quarter (Q4) of 2022 and in early 2023, according to WorldACD Market Data. Initial WorldACD figures indicate that Q1 2023 is looking at an 11 percent YoY drop in tonnages, compared with 13 percent for Q4 2022, with March's eight percent YoY decline pointing towards a deceleration of the recent pattern of YoY volume decline. Despite softening in the last 12 months from the exceptionally high demand and pricing levels the previous year, the international air cargo market remains relatively strong in historical terms, with early 2023 worldwide revenues still the third-highest achieved in the last 15 years, figures and analysis from WorldACD reveal.

Air cargo demand and pricing stabilizing, April 5, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

✈️ As runway near-misses surge, radar that keeps planes apart is aging and unreliable



Source: AJOT

A crucial safety system that's relied on to avoid potentially fatal collisions at major US airports is aging and plagued by outages that have left travelers unprotected for months at a time. At some airports, it hasn't even been installed. The technology — which tracks vehicles on or near runways to alert controllers before impending crashes — often uses decades-old radar equipment for which spare parts are difficult to find, according to government data and the president of the union representing air-traffic controllers. Keeping track of ground traffic at airports is particularly important at a time when runway-safety incidents appear to be surging. This year, there have been at least eight incidents involving airliners that aviation regulators ranked as severe, or that prompted probes by US accident investigators. That's almost double the average for each full year since 2018. While none of those near collisions have been directly linked to an outage of Airport Surface Detection Equipment-Model X, or ASDE-X, gaps in service can leave the aviation system vulnerable. With no clear alternative available, advocates are pushing to add the system — which is highly effective when it's functioning well — to more landing strips after some of the most serious incidents happened at airports without the technology. “They are the last line of defense in preventing a massive collision between two airliners,” said Jeff Guzzetti, former head of accident investigations at the Federal Aviation Administration. “I’m shocked that it hasn’t been put in more airports.”

As runway near-misses surge, radar that keeps planes apart is aging and unreliable, April 6, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Rail Transport Updates

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Railway carloadings, January 2023



Source: Statcan

In January 2023, the volume of freight carried by Canadian railways reached 31.7 million tonnes, up 18.7% from January 2022 levels, marking the ninth consecutive month of year-over-year increases. Canadian grain shipments were the largest contributor to the year-over-year increase in January 2023, partly reflecting lower volumes in January 2022 attributable to the drought across the Prairies in the summer of 2021. The overall freight volume was much higher than normal for this time of year, exceeding the five-year monthly average of 30.4 million tonnes. To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the "Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard." January's growth in total freight carried was entirely driven by domestic non-intermodal loadings (mainly commodities), as intermodal loadings (mainly containers) and freight traffic from connections with American railways both fell.

Railway carloadings, January 2023, March 31, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Class I Briefs: CN, UP



Source: Railway Age

Derek Gaston, CN's Terminal Manager, Intermodal/Multimodal Operations at Taschereau Yard, is leading a pilot project to retrofit light trucks to run on propane and gas to reduce emissions. CN retrofits light trucks to run on propane and gas, as part of its transition plan to a low-carbon economy. Also, Union Pacific (UP) debuts new hazmat-response training railcars built at its De Soto, Mo., shop. Led by Derek Gaston, Terminal Manager, Intermodal/Multimodal Operations at Taschereau Yard in Montreal, CN in spring 2021 launched a pilot project to test the use of propane as an alternative fuel for fleet vehicles. "We were looking for ways to improve our trucking fleet as a team, so we researched ways to retrofit two vehicles to help CN reduce its impact on the environment in the short term," Gaston said. According to CN, the team reached out to companies that had already retrofitted their fleets through conversion systems that enable gasoline vehicles to also operate on propane. Most kits add fuel-specific supply lines and storage components, and then recalibrate the engine or make software adjustments to the electronic engine control system, the railroad reported.

Canadian railways say federal budget measures will increase costs

The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) calls the federal government's move to resurrect the failed policy of extended regulated interswitching misguided and harmful to Canada's supply chains. "This policy will cause Canadians to pay more for virtually everything that moves by rail," says Marc Brazeau, the RAC's president and CEO. "With Budget 2023, at a time when inflation remains at 40-year highs, extending regulated interswitching – even on a temporary basis – will incentivize congestion in our supply chains while disincentivizing private investment." The association said previous attempts at interswitching resulted in slowing down the movement of goods by one to two days, or almost 25 percent, and adds costs as well as increasing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Canadian railways say federal budget measures will increase costs

Canadian railways say federal budget measures will increase costs, April 3, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

The path to a zero-waste experience: VIA Rail implements key changes

Since the unveiling of its sustainability plan in April 2022, VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) has made steady progress towards its objective to offer a zero-waste experience on its new Corridor fleet by 2025 by focusing on the reduction of packaging and materials in Business and Economy classes and the improvement of waste collection on board its trains and in its facilities. As we are determined to have an immediate impact on our overall waste reduction, improvements that can be applied on the existing fleet will be implemented right away. As such, our passengers can already experience various changes related to packaging and plastic use on our current Corridor fleet. Amongst key changes recently implemented as part of its journey towards offering a zero-waste experience on its new Corridor fleet, VIA Rail: 1. Changed plastic cups, resulting in a 25% decrease in plastic use; 2. Reduced sandwich packaging, one of our top-selling products, saving the equivalent of more than six tons of waste annually in Economy class; and 3. Completed in-class training of more than 70% of employees working on board trains to improve recycling and prepare for zero-waste objective.

The path to a zero-waste experience: VIA Rail implements key changes, April 3, 2023, www.viarail.ca

Rail transportation, 2021



Source: Statcan

Rail industry revenues rose in 2021, as business activities resumed following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Indeed, railways reported operating revenues of \$17.1 billion, up 3.7% from 2020, but not quite reaching the record \$17.5 billion posted in 2019. The Canadian rail industry is comprised of two mainline freight carriers, several short line freight railways, along with passenger rail companies. Freight movements continued to dominate industry activity in 2021, accounting for 9 of every 10 dollars of operating revenues (\$15.6 billion) and increasing 5.5% from 2020. Although the volume of cargo moved by rail remained flat in 2021, revenue tonne-kilometres edged up to 423.9 billion tonne-kilometres. Although passenger rail services remained affected by the impacts of the pandemic in 2021, passenger rail revenue rose to \$132 million in 2021, an increase of 36.6% from 2020. At the same time, government contributions towards passenger rail services decreased by 11.3% to \$424 million in 2021, as the impacts of the pandemic started to taper off.

Rail transportation, 2021, April 5, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

RFPs Issued for Ontario Line Major Works



Source: Railway Age

Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and Metrolinx have issued Requests for Proposals (RFP) to six shortlisted consortiums for two Ontario Line major-works contracts in Toronto: **Pape Tunnel and Underground Stations**, and **Elevated Guideway and Stations**. The packages are being delivered using a “Progressive Design-Build” delivery model, IO and Metrolinx noted. “Shortlisted teams were selected based on criteria identified in the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) process that began in November 2022, which included their design and construction experience.”

RFPs Issued for Ontario Line Major Works, April 5, 2023, www.railwayage.com

For March, Carloads, Intermodal Volume Continue Decline, April 5, 2023, www.railwayage.com

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For March, Carloads, Intermodal Volume Continue Decline



Source: Railway Age

U.S. rail traffic in March 2023 dropped from the same month last year—down 7.6% or 192,349 carloads and intermodal units, the [Association of American Railroads \(AAR\)](#) reported April 5. This follows February’s 5.2% drop from the prior-year period. According to AAR, U.S. Class I railroads in March 2023 hauled 2,323,708 carloads and intermodal units, comprising 1,164,052 carloads (down 1.2%) and 1,159,656 containers and trailers (down 13.3%). For the week ending April 1, 2023, U.S. Class I railroads hauled 467,430 carloads and intermodal units, down 7.4% compared with the same week last year. Total carloads came in at 233,413, down 0.4%, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 234,017 containers and trailers, down 13.4% compared with 2022. Canadian railroads reported 85,070 carloads for the week, up 5.4%, and 58,855 intermodal units, down 19.2% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 13 weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,817,017 carloads, containers and trailers, up 2.0%.



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Marine Transport Updates

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Detroit-Windsor truck ferry in danger of imminent closure



Source: Today's Trucking

The Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry, a mainstay since Earth Day 1990, hauling hazmat and oversize loads between Windsor and Detroit, could close in the next few months without government funding. Ferry operator Gregg Ward, an American, said traffic has taken a plunge since 2019, a factor he's hard pressed to account for. The ferry closed for just the first two months during Covid-19 lockdowns and the pandemic hasn't really played a role in reduced traffic. "It's just been a general decline," he said, adding "if trucks are following the law" there's "no logical reason" for the drop in traffic. The ferry exists because hazmat and oversize loads are banned from the Ambassador Bridge. They will be allowed on the new Gordie Howe International Bridge, due to open in late 2024. Anecdotally, there have been reports that some trucks try to cross the Ambassador despite the hazmat restrictions. *Detroit-Windsor truck ferry in danger of imminent closure, April 3, 2023, www.todaysgtrucking.com*

BCTA says ferry rate stability key as commission eyes 9.2% hike



Source: Today's Trucking

The B.C. Trucking Association (BCTA) said while it recognizes the inflationary challenges we are all faced with, B.C. Ferries' rate stability and transparency is critical to support the efficient movement of goods. Last week, the British Columbia Ferry Commission announced its preliminary decision on the price cap, which if finalized, would allow average ferry fares to increase by a maximum of 9.2% annually from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028. A final decision – which will take into account recently announced additional provincial funding of \$500 million – will be confirmed on Sept. 30.

BCTA says ferry rate stability key as commission eyes 9.2% hike, April 5, 2023, www.todaysrucking.ca

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UN maritime agency raises concerns about shadow oil tanker fleet

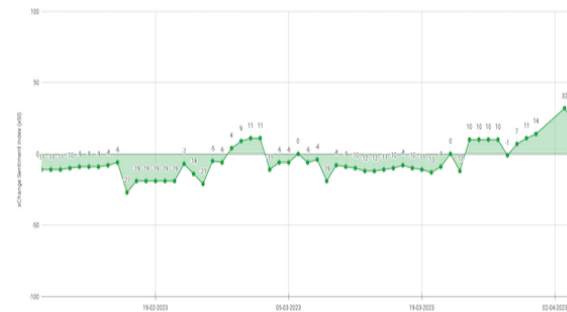


Source: AJOT

A United Nations agency that oversees shipping raised concerns about the shadow fleet of tankers that has emerged to transport oil amid sanctions, calling for more steps to boost safety. States that become aware of ships going dark — or turning off their transponders — should be subject to more inspections, according to the legal committee of the International Maritime Organization. The panel also took issue with the practice of ship-to-ship transfers of oil on the open ocean, saying that it heightens the risk of pollution for coastal states. Countries including Spain, Australia, the U.S. and Canada are part of a push at the IMO to increase oversight of the murky activities in oil trading that have emerged within the last year. Russia's invasion of Ukraine — and subsequent sanctions by Western governments — upended shipping routes for the world's most traded commodity. Spain, which has witnessed a surge in the activity off its north African enclave of Ceuta, said it plans to call for stronger rules governing ship-to-ship transfers of oil at the IMO's assembly meeting later this year. The topic is especially sensitive for the country because it suffered one of the worst oil spills in European history when a tanker called the Prestige split in half, leaking almost all its cargo of heavy fuel oil into the sea off the country's coast.

UN maritime agency raises concerns about shadow oil tanker fleet, April 3, 2023, www.ajot.com

Shipping industry professionals anticipate market improvements already in Q2 2023



Source: AJOT

The supply chain industry is hopeful of a better peak season this year and expects freight demand recovery in the Q2 of 2023, according to the recently published monthly container market forecaster for April by the online logistics platform, Container xChange. The container price sentiment index (xCPSI), a sentiment analysis tool by Container xChange that concurrently surveys supply chain professionals on their short-term price expectations, continued to show negative readings until mid-March. But the results consistently turned positive, reaching an all-time high at the beginning of April, when the index started showing confidence building for the coming quarter. While the industry sentiment is gradually turning positive, there have been many headwinds in the shipping sector in Q1. “The global container logistic ecosystem is like a spider’s web. One disruption does not linearly impact the knot. Instead, every disruption reverberates across the web—sometimes in unexpected directions. The increase in FED rates, the banking sector crisis, the strikes might seem concentrated in one region, but they have their impact across all trade lanes.” shared Christian Roeloffs, cofounder and CEO, of Container xChange as he commented upon the current state of the container shipping industry. *Shipping industry professionals anticipate market improvements already in Q2 2023, April 6, 2023, www.ajot.com*



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Road Transport Updates

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Ontario Advancing Contracts for Ontario Line Subway

The Ontario government is issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to design and build the Pape Tunnel, underground stations, and the elevated guideway and stations for the Ontario Line subway, marking another milestone in the province's plan to deliver fast and reliable transit for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Ontario Advancing Contracts for Ontario Line Subway, April 4, 2023, www.mto.gov.on.ca

New report finds hydrogen and battery electric will work in tandem for long haul trucking



Source: Inside Logistics

The North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE) and RMI have released a new Guidance Report, Hydrogen Trucks: Long Haul's Future? The report focuses on using hydrogen-based powertrains for heavy-duty Class 8 long-haul freight routes pulling van trailers. These powertrains include a range of fuel cell battery electric types and internal combustion engines (ICE) based on the diesel cycle. Among its findings, the report suggests that hydrogen and battery electric are not an "either/or" but an "and" for the zero-emission freight future. This

report is based on two previous NACFE reports — Viable Class 7/8 Electric, Hybrid and Alternative Fuel Tractors and Making Sense of Heavy-Duty Hydrogen Fuel Cell Tractors — which compared a range of alternative fuel heavy-duty truck technologies including hydrogen.

New report finds hydrogen and battery electric will work in tandem for long haul trucking, April 5, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Truck Driver Job Vacancies Hits All-Time High in 2022



Source: Ontruck

Truck transportation job vacancies more than tripled since 2015 and is more than two times higher than in 2019, prior to the onset of COVID, reports *Trucking HR Canada* in its latest labour market information report. The data shows also shows the number of truck driver vacancies in 2022 stood at an all-time high with almost 25,600 vacant positions. Combined with a very low unemployment rate of 3.4% among Transport Truck Drivers in 2022, the gap between the demand for workers and the supply of trained, experienced drivers stood at almost 15,200 drivers in 2022, says THRC.

Truck Driver Job Vacancies Hits All-Time High in 2022, April 6, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

US/WORLD

Inflation is changing the face of cargo theft



Source: Inside Logistics

Criminals are adapting to inflation and lessened port congestion and evolving more fraudulent methods of targeting specific goods, says a new report. The latest *Annual Cargo Theft Report* for 2022 from partners TT Club, the Transported Asset Protection Association's Europe, Middle East & Africa region (TAPA EMEA) and BSI SCREEN Intelligence shows an overall decline in global incidents over the previous year but with increasing emphasis on basic goods, food and beverages, fuel and auto parts linked to the inflationary effect on the value of such items. Theft of high value electronics remains constant. "Our report explores these themes in more detail by way of case studies that look at how social unrest in Latin America, particularly Chile, Peru and Brazil, has provided a weakness exploited by thieves," said Mike Yarwood, MD Loss Prevention at TT. "Also, how in South Asia crime involving fraudulent practices, like fictitious pickups to target cargo, are manifest."

Inflation is changing the face of cargo theft, April 4, 2023, www.insidelogistics.com

FedEx targets \$4 billion cost cuts by merging delivery networks



Source: AJOT

FedEx Corp. is seeking to cut \$4 billion in costs by combining its two main delivery networks, in an ambitious plan by new Chief Executive Officer Raj Subramaniam to increase profit margins. The courier has for decades operated an express package business separately from its ground unit, which FedEx acquired in 1998 and depends on third-party contractors to make the last-mile delivery of parcels. As of June 2024, it will be "a single company operating a unified, fully integrated air-ground network under the respected FedEx brand," the company said on April 5, 2023 in a statement. "FedEx is at a pivotal moment in history," Subramaniam said during an investor meeting in New York. "There is significant value in FedEx that's being unlocked for shareholders." The courier's shares rose 3.8% at 9:49 a.m. in New York. The stock has been trading almost 30% below its May 2021 peak. FedEx has trailed United Parcel Service Inc. on profit margins even though its larger rival has a unionized workforce and pays its drivers more than twice what their counterparts at FedEx's ground network make.

FedEx targets \$4 billion cost cuts by merging delivery networks, April 5, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Other Transport Updates

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Minister of Transport highlights budget investments to make life more affordable

On March 30, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, was in Scarborough to highlight Budget 2023's investments in making life more affordable. Canada has made a remarkable recovery from the COVID-19 recession. Canada's economic growth was the strongest in the G7 over the last year, and by March 2023, 830,000 more Canadians are employed than before the pandemic, including 361,600 in Ontario. Inflation in Canada has fallen for eight months in a row, our unemployment rate is near its record low, and supported by our Canada-wide system of affordable early learning and childcare, the labour force participation rate for women aged 25 to 54 reached at a record high of 85.7 per cent in February. Budget 2023 builds on this important progress. Groceries are more expensive today, and for many Canadians, higher prices on essential goods are causing undue stress. To make life more affordable, Budget 2023 delivers the new Grocery Rebate, offering targeted inflation relief for 11 million Canadians and families who need it most. On average, it will help vulnerable people put more affordable food on the table by providing up to an additional \$467 for eligible couples with children; an additional \$234 for single Canadians without children; and an additional \$225 for seniors.

Minister of Transport highlights budget investments to make life more affordable, March 30, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Minister Alghabra highlights budget investments to strengthen public health care

On March 31, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, was in Oshawa, Ontario, to highlight Budget 2023's investments to strengthen public health care. Budget 2023 builds on

the important progress and achievements of the recent past. To strengthen Canada's universal public health care system, the budget delivers \$198.3 billion, including \$77.006 billion here in Ontario to reduce backlogs, expand access to family health services, and ensure provinces and territories can provide the high quality and timely health care Canadians expect and deserve. Budget 2023 also introduces a new Canadian Dental Care Plan, to help up to nine million Canadians and ensure no Canadian has to choose between taking care of their health and paying the bills at the end of the month. Budget 2023 delivers a transformative investment to provide dental care to Canadians who need it, with \$13 billion over five years, and \$4.4 billion ongoing, to implement the Canadian Dental Care Plan. The plan would provide dental coverage for uninsured Canadians with annual family income of less than \$90,000, with no co-pays for those with family incomes under \$70,000. The plan will begin to roll out in 2023.

Minister Alghabra highlights budget investments to strengthen public health care, March 31, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

Canadian international merchandise trade, February 2023



Source: Statcan

Following strong increases in January 2023, Canadian merchandise exports and imports decreased in February 2023. Exports were down

2.4%, while imports decreased 1.3%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade surplus with the world narrowed from \$1.2 billion in January 2023 to \$422 million in February 2023.

Canadian international merchandise trade, February 2023, April 5, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Minister of Transport highlights budget investments to create good middle-class jobs

On April 5, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, was in Sault Ste Marie to highlight Budget 2023's investments to create good, middle-class jobs and build a stronger, more sustainable, Canadian economy. Canada has made a remarkable recovery from the COVID-19 recession. Our economic growth was the strongest in the G7 over the last year, and today, 830,000 more Canadians are employed than before the pandemic, including 361,600 in Ontario. Inflation in Canada has fallen for eight months in a row, our unemployment rate is near its record low, and supported by our Canada-wide system of affordable early learning and childcare, the labour force participation rate for women aged 25 to 54 reached at a record high of 85.7 per cent in February. Budget 2023 builds on this important progress and offers a series of major investments to ensure that Canada's clean economy can generate prosperity, well-paying jobs and more vibrant communities across the country. Budget 2023 outlines: 1. An Investment Tax Credit for Clean Electricity; 2. An Investment Tax Credit for Clean Technology Manufacturing; and 3. An Investment Tax Credit for Clean Hydrogen
Minister of Transport highlights budget investments to create good middle-class jobs, April 5, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

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Stop flying blind

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war snarled global supply chains, causing shortages of goods and materials around the world. These disruptions highlight a longstanding problem that most manufacturers and retailers haven't been able to resolve: They can't see deep into their supply chains to understand where the risks are. And without that visibility, they are, in effect, "flying blind". Even in normal times, companies don't have advance warning about issues like growing component shortages or labor disruptions. Without such visibility, companies risk being unable to fulfill their own customers' orders, forcing them to find more reliable or cheaper suppliers, or worse, find themselves at the mercy of a supplier's interruptions. Wide-

ranging visibility across the supply chain allows companies to better align demand and supply and improves their ability to make rapid, fact-based decisions with extended business partners. It clarifies the trade-offs needed to address supply chain constraints and enhances how the financial impacts of their decisions are made.

To read the full article, please visit: [Stop flying blind \(kpmg.us\)](https://kpmg.us)

A time of renewal for Canada's supply chains by Neeraj Verma, Sean Cassidy and Jeff Coble, 2023



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- **Michael Lowry**, Senior Communications Manager Western Canada Marine Response Corporation

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"The Changing Face of the BC Marine Industry: The Evolution from Forests to Fuels"

Over the last 40 years the BC maritime industry has been undergoing a major transformation. For a century, forestry in BC was king and its existence was the lifeblood of the west coast marine industry. Today, servicing major new coastal energy projects and the expanded facilities in BC ports has led to major investment in highly advanced vessels and the need for highly trained and qualified mariners. This has opened doors to develop the modern mariner yet comes at a time of local and worldwide shortages of qualified seafarers.

Our panel will discuss the challenges faced by the marine industry in attracting and retaining a diverse and skilled workforce when opportunities for workers in all sectors seem infinite.

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PANEL:

- Moderator: Alex Ruben, Executive Director, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)
- Paul Hilder, President, Council of Marine Carriers (CMC)
- Captain Nathan Boutilier, Vice President – BC Coast Pilots
- Michael Lowry, Senior Communications Manager, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

4:30 pm - Registration
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Reception/Presentation

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US Chapter of CILTNA Presents:
Leveraging Synergies in Logistics: Consolidation and Route Optimization of Air Charter Shipments

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
 60 Minute Webinar
 6:30 PM CT / 7:30 PM ET

Vinit Pednekar, CMILT
 SLB Distribution Manager

Moderated by: Andrew Young
 FCILT, US Chapter Chair

Vinit Pednekar, SLB Distribution Manager, will describe innovative and collaborative approaches to optimizing air cargo logistics.

Join the US Chapter of CILTNA for a free US Forum Webinar: “Leveraging Synergies in Logistics: Consolidation and Route Optimization of Air Charter Shipments” with guest speaker, Vinit Pednekar CMILT, SLB Distribution Manager, on Thursday, April 20th at 7:30 PM ET/ 6:30 PM CT/ 4:30 PM PT.

Vinit Pednekar will describe innovative and collaborative approaches to optimizing air cargo logistics.

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2023 CILTNA SPRING OUTLOOK CONFERENCE
CONFÉRENCE PRINTEMPS DE L'ALTAN 2023

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023 @ 08:00 ET

“SHIFTS, SHOCKS, AND PARADIGM POPS - CONFIGURING SUPPLY CHAINS FOR A CHANGING WORLD”

- KPMG CANADA, 100 NEW PARK PLACE SUITE 1400, VAUGHAN, ON L4K 0J3
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This will be a hybrid event which means that registrants can choose attend in-person at the KPMG Canada Office or online virtually through Teams. ***Registration for in-person attendance will be due by Wednesday, May 3***

Schedule of events:

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| WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION | 08:00 – 08:10 ET |
| SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 1 – 4 | 08:15 – 12:00 ET |
| LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER | 12:00 – 13:15 ET |
| SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 5 – 7 | 13:15 – 16:15 ET |
| CLOSING REMARKS | 16:15 – 16:30 ET |

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