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✈️ WestJet and AMFA agreement ratified



Source: WestJet

On July 12, 2024, the first collective bargaining agreement between WestJet and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA), the certified union representing WestJet Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and other Technical Operations employees was ratified. “Reaching this milestone is good news for our organization and our guests, solidifying a five-year agreement that provides stability to our business and reflects the instrumental value and contributions of our Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and other Technical Operations employees,” said Diederik Pen, President of WestJet Airlines and Group Chief Operating Officer. “While we are grateful to have achieved resolution with a clear path forward together as a unified team, we recognize that the unprecedented impact of the disruption over July long weekend is still concerning for our guests, the communities we serve and our people.” [WestJet and AMFA agreement ratified, July 12, 2024, www.westjet.ca](https://www.westjet.ca)

✈️ Statscan says airfares continue to rise from last year – and soar above pre-pandemic levels

Statistics Canada says airfares rose two per cent year-over-year in June 2024, and continued to soar above pre-pandemic levels. Figures from the consumer price index show the increase follows a 4.5 per cent year-over-year bump in May 2024 and a fairly flat April 2024. Prices also stood nearly 19 per cent above what travellers paid for their plane tickets in June 2019. The pricier fares stem partly from limited competition and flight capacity among airlines, which more than offset softening demand since the post-pandemic travel boom. National Bank analyst Cameron Doerksen says fares have risen for most of the year – including on key domestic routes – following an 11-month stretch of year-over-year declines, mainly in 2023.

Statscan says airfares continue to rise from last year – and soar above pre-pandemic levels, July 16, 2024, www.globeandmail.ca

✈️ The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to British Airways for violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations

On July 17, 2024, the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has issued an administrative monetary penalty of \$75,000 against British Airways for two violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations (ATPDR) related to providing services to persons with a disability. This penalty is for an incident that occurred in July 2022. On July 25, 2022, at Vancouver International Airport, British Airways failed to assist a passenger with a disability—without delay and in a manner that respected their dignity—with disembarking their flight as well as transferring between their passenger seat and a mobility aid upon the arrival of their flight. These contraventions relate to subsections 35(f) and 35(h) of the ATPDR. British Airways has 30

days to request a review before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada.

The Canadian Transportation Agency issues administrative monetary penalty to British Airways for violations of the Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations, July 17, 2024, www.cta-otc.gc.ca

Air Canada Foundation Launches 2023 Impact Report Detailing Programs and Partnerships in Support of

The Air Canada Foundation has launched its 2023 Impact Report detailing programs and partnerships that made a difference in the lives of children across Canada. The report includes key programs, charitable partnerships, humanitarian relief and Air Canada employee volunteering initiatives. The Air Canada Foundation has launched its 2023 Impact Report detailing programs and partnerships that made a difference in the lives of children across Canada.

Air Canada Foundation Launches 2023 Impact Report Detailing Programs and Partnerships in Support of, July 17, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada's Best and Complete Content Now Available Through Sabre NDC

Sabre Corporation, a leading software and technology provider that powers the global travel industry, and Air Canada, Canada's largest airline, on July 17, 2024 announced the launch of Air Canada's full content via NDC in Sabre's travel marketplace. This launch empowers travel agencies to consume Air Canada's expanded NDC offers and services, enabling them to provide a more personalized travel experience to the customers they serve. As of July 17, 2024, travel agents and other travel sellers can shop, book, and service Air Canada NDC offers alongside traditional EDIFACT content and low-cost and ancillary XML options. NDC is now available in the following markets: Canada, Australia, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the United States. Following the launch in these countries, focus will turn to activating new markets based on demand.

Air Canada's Best and Complete Content Now Available Through Sabre NDC, July 17, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

New Air Canada Paris 2024 Spot Celebrates How One Canadian Dream Can Inspire Another



Source Air Canada

On July 17, 2024, Air Canada has launched *Ticket to Dream*, a powerful new brand spot celebrating Team Canada's heroic journey to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The spot will be released on Air Canada's social platforms on July 17 and premiere on TV, cinema and online on July 26, helping stoke excitement among Team Canada and its devoted fans during the official opening ceremony for the Games. *Ticket to Dream* stands as the centrepiece of Air Canada's wider Olympic and Paralympic campaign, which will champion Team Canada's pursuit of glory this summer and unite Canadian fans in Paris and at home, through exciting activations that proudly share the best of Canada with the world.

New Air Canada Paris 2024 Spot Celebrates How One Canadian Dream Can Inspire Another, July 17, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

US/WORLD

Statement on Dutch Supreme Court Decision Concerning Schiphol Airport



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) responded to a judgement from the Supreme Court in the Netherlands, which has upheld the original decision from the Amsterdam District Court that the 'experimental regulation' to reduce Schiphol's capacity was not in compliance with the Balanced Approach to noise management. "We welcome this decision from the Supreme Court, affirming the original decision of the Amsterdam District Court that the unilateral cuts to flight numbers at Schiphol were unlawful, and overturning the Court of Appeal. There is an internationally-agreed means of managing airport noise – the Balanced Approach – which protects the national and regional benefits of air connectivity while helping to mitigate noise impacts for local residents. We expect the new Dutch Government will respect today's decision and proceed to apply the Balanced Approach, which is also enshrined in EU law and international treaties, with the utmost care with regards to Schiphol. Furthermore, we hope any other government thinking of disregarding the Balanced Approach will take note of this decision. It is a proven and successful process and should not be ignored," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. *Statement on Dutch Supreme Court Decision Concerning Schiphol Airport, July 12, 2024, www.iata.org*

Investors bet against airlines despite summer travel boom



Source: Financial Post

Americans are flying in record numbers as the summer travel season kicks into gear, but traders are betting that airlines won't be able to capitalize on it. Short interest in the US\$1.1-billion aviation industry exchange-traded fund US Global Jets (JETS) accounts for more than 27 per cent of the ETF's free float after touching 30 per cent earlier this month, the highest in data going back to 2019, according to S3 Partners LLC. The lack of faith makes sense based on the performance of airline stocks. JETS was down 12.45 per cent over the past 12 months as of Monday, July 15, 2024 and the nine-member S&P supercomposite airlines index has plunged 19.7 per cent,

compared with a 24.5 per cent surge in the S&P 500 index. Air Canada's stock was down 31.4 per cent in the same timeframe. All this despite, the fact that airline profits are expected to rise to US\$30.5 billion in 2024, but there's a sticky problem: margins. *Investors bet against airlines despite summer travel boom, July 16, 2024, www.financialpost.ca*

Air Travel Consumer Report: April 2024 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on July 18, 2024 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of April 2024 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. *Flight cancellations:* For April 2024, 0.7% of flights were cancelled, lower than both the 1.7% cancellation rate for April 2023 and the 2.4% cancellation rate for pre-pandemic April 2019. *On time arrivals:* In April 2024, reporting marketing carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 80.4%, up from both 78.7% in March 2024 and 75.7% in April 2023. The year-to-date on-time arrival rate for 2024 is 78.9%. *Complaints About Airline Service:* The submissions about air travel in calendar year 2023 are the highest number on record except for calendar year 2020. *Tarmac Delays:* In April 2024, airlines reported 12 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights, compared to six tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights reported in March 2024. *Mishandled Baggage:* In April 2024, reporting marketing carriers handled 40.0 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.46%, lower than the rate of 0.52% in March 2024, and lower than the rate of 0.55% in April 2023. *Mishandled Wheelchairs and Scooters:* In April 2024, reporting marketing carriers reported checking 74,894 wheelchairs and scooters and mishandling 948 for a rate of 1.27% mishandled wheelchairs and scooters, lower than the rate of 1.31% mishandled in March 2024 and lower than the rate of 1.35% mishandled in April 2023. *Bumping/Oversales:* For the first quarter of 2024, the 10 U.S. reporting marketing carriers posted an involuntary denied boarding, or bumping, rate of 0.27 per 10,000 passengers, lower than both the rate of 0.29 in the first quarter of 2023 and higher than the rate of 0.20 in the fourth quarter of 2023. *Incidents involving Animals:* In April 2024, carriers reported zero incidents involving the death, injury, or loss of an animal while traveling by air, equal to the zero reports filed in both March 2024 and in April 2023. *Air Travel Consumer Report: April 2024 Numbers, July 18, 2024, www.dot.gov*



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Negotiations with the TCRC

The Canadian Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) has provided an update on the timing of their decision regarding the Minister of Labour's referral about the question of essential services. The CIRB has advised CN that they intend to make that decision by August 9, 2024, and that in the event a decision is not made by August 9, they will provide another update. We recognize that the prolonged negotiations are creating uncertainty, and we are working towards providing as much predictability as possible to our employees, customers and partners. *No work stoppage can occur until either party files the required 72-hour notice after the CIRB issues its decision*, subject to any extension of the cooling off period that may be ordered by the CIRB. Since the beginning of the negotiations, our goal has always been and continues to be to negotiate in good faith with the TCRC to reach a mutually beneficial agreement that maintains safety and stability for our team, our customers, and North American supply chains.

Negotiations with the TCRC, July 12, 2024, www.cn.ca

VIA rail unveils Lumi, the unique train of its new corridor fleet

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) is excited to unveil a special exterior design for one of its new Québec City-Windsor corridor trains. Introducing Lumi, the unique train of its new Corridor fleet, which bears VIA Rail's classic monochrome yellow all while keeping the signature linear lines of the new trains. By the end of 2024, there will be 63% of new trains in service in the Corridor. By the Summer of 2025, all trains in the Corridor will be replaced.

VIA rail unveils Lumi, the unique train of its new corridor fleet, July 10, 2024, www.viarail.ca

US/WORLD

FRA Makes Available \$153 Million in Funding to Initiate, Restore, and Enhance Intercity Passenger Rail Services

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on July 12, 2024 issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that makes available over \$153 million in funding for the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Grant Program. Grant funding will assist with operating costs for eligible projects that will establish service on new routes, restore service on routes that formerly had intercity passenger operations, and enhance service on existing routes. These passenger rail upgrades will complement the dozens of major rail projects that are underway across the country and improve the intercity passenger rail network, thanks to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

FRA Makes Available \$153 Million in Funding to Initiate, Restore, and Enhance Intercity Passenger Rail Services, July 12, 2024, www.dot.gov

Regulators nervous about rail freight decline

Federal regulators are summoning executives from the major freight railroads to a rare public hearing to explain how their companies plan to invest in and grow their business amid concern over recent negative volume trends. STB cites 28% volume drop over last decade as basis for special hearing. In a notice published on July 12, 2024, the Surface Transportation Board, which regulates railroad rates and service, said

it also welcomes railroad customers, suppliers and rail labour to testify during the two-day hearing on Sept. 16 and 17 at STB headquarters in Washington, D.C. “The board has an interest in the health and growth of the industry and the need for rail customers to move their goods efficiently and reliably,” the notice states.

Regulators nervous about rail freight decline, July 12, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

Train travel is making a comeback



Source: Europa

Travelling by train in Europe is becoming more convenient and sustainable thanks to recent EU initiatives. New regulations for the *trans-European transport network (TEN-T)* to improve rail connectivity and make travel greener have recently entered into force. This means *better and more efficient rail services across Europe*. The EU's *Action Plan to boost long-distance and cross-border passenger rail services* is a key part of these efforts. It aims to *double high-speed rail traffic by 2030 and triple it by 2050*. Launched in 2021, this plan focuses on removing obstacles, improving interoperability, modernising passenger rail infrastructure, and enhancing the quality of services across EU countries. To further support cross-border travel, the European Commission has announced its support for *10 pilot projects to boost cross-border rail services*. This will improve cross-border rail connections across the EU and make travel faster, easier and more affordable.

Train travel is making a comeback, July 16, 2024, www.europa.eu

AAR Reports rail traffic for the Week Ending July 13, 2024 and AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 28



Source: Railwayage

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on July 17, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending July 13, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 483,806 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.3 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending July 13 were 215,400 carloads, down 4.3 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 268,406 containers and trailers, up 6.3 percent compared to 2023. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 5,557 carloads, to 21,606; farm products excl. grain, and food, up 736 carloads, to 17,137; and forest products, up 427 carloads, to 8,401. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 9,415 carloads, to 55,673; nonmetallic minerals, down 3,119 carloads, to 30,872; and motor vehicles and parts, down 2,910 carloads, to 11,763. Canadian railroads reported 86,936 carloads for the week, down 0.2 percent, and 68,356 intermodal units, up 37.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 28 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,499,547 carloads, containers and trailers, up 2.0 percent.

AAR Reports rail traffic for the Week Ending July 13, 2024, July 17, 2024, www.ajot.com; and AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 28, July 17, 2024, www.railwayage.com



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Port of Montreal completes rail improvement project

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) says it has completed an extensive project to optimize rail capacity, a flagship project to improve the performance and fluidity of its logistics services. Phased in over three years at a total cost of \$62.4 million, the project that extends from Bourbonnière Avenue to Panet Street, near the Jacques-Cartier Bridge, signals a major increase in the Port of Montreal's rail capacity. The Port of Montreal's intermodal transfers make it possible to reach a pool of 110 million consumers. Every year, the Port of Montreal's rail network moves 2,500 km of rail cars. About 45 per cent of the port's cargo is carried by rail at a rate of 60 to 80 trains per week. The project aims to strengthen and optimize this strategic infrastructure at the hub of Greater Montreal's supply chain.

Port of Montreal completes rail improvement project, July 12, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Sustainability goals highlighted in Port of Halifax strategy



Source: Inside Logistics

The Halifax Port Authority launched its 2024-30 sustainability strategy last month, underscoring such goals as an efficient supply chain, strong partnerships and safety. The strategy lays out our high-level sustainability commitments at the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) and will serve as a tool to help us plan for, assess and report on our work. The overall goals of the newly released strategy include the Port of Halifax aligning with partners to: deliver a cost competitive, transparent and efficient supply chain; build on the capability of its infrastructure, systems and people; strengthen partnerships with First Nations, community and stakeholders; develop financial capacity; and operate a safe, secure and sustainable port.

Sustainability goals highlighted in Port of Halifax strategy, July 16, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

The Government of Canada invests in marine industry's transition to green ship technology

On July 16, 2024, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport and Member of Parliament for Niagara Centre, Vance Badawey, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced \$1.7 million for 14 projects under the Green Shipping Corridor Program's Clean Vessel Demonstration stream. This funding will: 1. help spur the launch of the next generation of clean ships; 2. invest in shore power technology; and 3. prioritize low-emission and low-noise vessels at ports. A clean, net-zero economy creates opportunities and good, well-paying jobs for Canadians. Through programs like the Green Shipping Corridor Program, Transport Canada is continuing to work with Indigenous groups, government, industry, and environmental stakeholders to protect the environment and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Decarbonizing the marine sector is a key part of the Government of Canada's climate action plan. It requires sector-wide collaboration and innovation to reduce the impact of shipping emissions on surrounding communities and ecosystems, while supporting economic growth.

The Government of Canada invests in marine industry's transition to green ship technology, July 16, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Port of Long Beach Data Project Receives \$7.875 million to speed



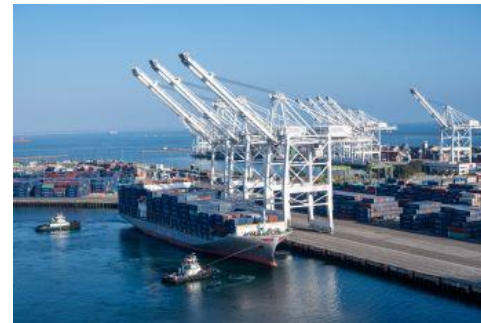
Source: AJOT

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) announced a \$7.875 million grant for the Port's data system on July 12, 2024. Funding is expected to help build out a variety of functions including export and rail cargo visibility, user authentication and data security, the exchange of data between foreign ports, truck

appointments and a number of future project enhancements that will enhance operational efficiency and customer service. The Supply Chain Information Highway will enable stakeholders to make scheduling, planning and operational decisions prior to cargo arrival, making the delivery of goods more efficient and cost effective. The cloud-based system is anticipated to be compatible with similar data-sharing platforms across the maritime logistics industry, including at major California ports, supporting improved supply chain resilience, goods movement efficiency, emissions reductions, and economic competitiveness.

Port of Long Beach Data Project Receives \$7.875 million to speed, July 12, 2024, www.ajot.com

2024 is the strongest June on record at Port of Long Beach



Source: AJOT

The Port of Long Beach achieved its busiest June on record, driven by vibrant consumer spending, potential tariff increases and ongoing labor contract negotiations at seaports on the East and Gulf coasts. Dockworkers and terminal operators moved 842,446 twenty-foot equivalent units in June 2024, up 41.1% from the same month last year and surpassing the previous record set in June 2022 by 7,034 TEUs. Imports jumped 53% to 419,698 TEUs, exports rose 4% to 98,300 TEUs, and empty containers moving through the Port increased 42.1% to 324,448 TEUs. "We are recapturing market share and consumer spending is driving cargo to our docks as we head into the peak shipping season," said Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero. "I see modest growth for the second half of 2024 as we strengthen our competitiveness and continue to invest in our rail infrastructure projects that will maximize cargo velocity efficiently and sustainably for decades to come."

2024 is the strongest June on record at Port of Long Beach, July 16, 2024, www.ajot.com

Spiralling ocean container shipping market set to peak, but will not bring an end to shippers' problems

The dramatic spike in the ocean freight container shipping market is reaching its peak as importers push back against spiralling spot rates. Data released by Xeneta on Monday, July 15, 2024 shows average spot rates from the Far East to US East Coast increased by 3.7% on 15 July to stand at USD 10 045 per FEU (40ft equivalent shipping container). Into the US West Coast, spot rates increased by 2.0% to stand at USD 8 045 per FEU. While this means spot rates are up almost 150% on these trades since the end of April, the latest increases of 3.7% and 2.0% are far smaller compared to 1 July when rates rose by 22% into the US East Coast and 12% into the US West Coast. Emily Stausbøll, Xeneta Senior Shipping Analyst, said: "Xeneta data shows some ocean container carriers are still pushing spot rate increases in mid-July, but, for the first time in a long time, some carriers are offering lower spot rates. "Crucially, this suggests a growing level of available capacity in the market and shippers can once again start to play carriers off against each other - instead of feeling they need to pay whatever price they are offered to secure space. As the balance of negotiating power starts to swing back towards shippers, we should see spot rates start to come back down." The clearest indication of a peak being reached is found in the Xeneta market 'mid-high' data, which identifies the spot rates being paid by shippers in the 75th percentile of the market. On the trades from the Far East into US, the market mid-high (and high) spot rates have remained almost flat during July, indicating the high end of the market is no longer spiralling.

Spiralling ocean container shipping market set to peak, but will not bring an end to shippers' problems, July 15, 2024, www.ajot.com

The impact of California's Advanced Clean Fleets regulation



Source: AJOT

The Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation in California, effective January 1, 2024, is a major initiative to cut emissions and encourage sustainable transportation. The goal is to transition medium- and

heavy-duty trucks to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2045, aligning with the state's broader environmental targets. This regulation impacts fleet operators, the environment, and future transportation. The ACF regulation complements the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule, mandating more ZEVs on California roads. It targets various fleets, including high-priority, drayage, and public fleets, ensuring all trucking sectors contribute to emission reduction goals.

The impact of California's Advanced Clean Fleets regulation, July 16, 2024, www.ajot.com

Strike becoming 'more likely' at U.S. Atlantic and Gulf port

The leader of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) says the threat of a strike at all U.S. Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports is becoming more likely as time is growing short before the current contract expires Sept. 30. Harold J. Daggett, ILA president and the union's chief negotiator, said the employers represented by United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) are running out of time to negotiate a new master contract agreement and avoid a coastwide strike on Oct. 1, 2024. "Only 80 days remain before the end of our current contract and we are waiting on USMX," said Daggett. "The actions of violating our current master contract by some of their members caused us to cancel scheduled negotiations with USMX in early June."

Strike becoming 'more likely' at U.S. Atlantic and Gulf port, July 17, 2024, www.insidelogistics.com

Port of LA container volumes up 14% on strong trade activity



Source: AJOT

US West Coast ports are closing out the first half of the year with strong trade volumes, boosted by an early peak season, solid consumer spending, and threats of a labor strike at East and Gulf

Coast ports. The Port of Los Angeles handled 4.7 million 20-foot container equivalent units in the first half of 2024, 14.4% more than the same period last year, according to data out on July 17, 2024. Imports ticked down 1.5% in June 2024 compared to the same month last year, while exports climbed more than 13% and empty container volumes fell 4.6%. Declining inflation, higher wages and a robust job market are fueling consumer spending that has resulted in steady cargo volumes, Port of LA Executive Director Gene Seroka said at a press conference. "I think we'll see this pattern continue as we move into the third quarter," Seroka said. Worries about more US tariffs on Chinese goods, and the threat of labor turmoil at East and Gulf Coast ports, are helping to bring on an earlier-than-usual peak season.

Port of LA container volumes up 14% on strong trade activity, July 17, 2024, www.ajot.com

Container rates up over 300 per cent from pre-pandemic average



Source: Inside Logistics

The composite index inched up one per cent to US\$5,937 per 40-ft container in the third week of July 2024 and has increased 286 per cent when compared with the same week in 2023. The latest Drewry World Container Index (WCI) composite index of US\$5,937 per 40-ft container is 43 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of \$10,377 in September 2021, but remains 318 per cent higher than average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rates of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$3,820 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,049 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,770 (inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period).

Container rates up over 300 per cent from pre-pandemic average, July 19, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Port innovation hub adds to its membership



Source: Inside Logistics

The Port Innovators Network (PIN), the first global network of port innovation hubs, welcomes Cubo Maritime & Port to the membership. PIN is a global network of innovation hubs for ports, which aims to drive innovation adoption in the global port system by connecting communities of innovation centers, such as startups, entrepreneurs, companies, researchers, universities, and investors, to share innovative ideas, project results, innovation experiences, methodologies and best practices. Established in October 2023 by the Port of Hamburg (homePORT), the Port of Halifax (The PIER) and the Port of Valencia (Opentop), PIN is connecting port innovation hubs around the world.

Port innovation hub adds to its membership, July 18, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca



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P.E.I. to make MELT mandatory from Aug. 5

Prince Edward Island will introduce mandatory entry-level training (MELT) for new Class 1 commercial driver's licence applicants from Aug. 5, 2024. Passing MELT will become a prerequisite for Class 1 PEI driver's licence testing, according to a news release. P.E.I.'s program will include in-depth training to safely navigate large commercial trucks in various weather and road conditions while on and off the island. Provincially licensed commercial driver training schools will deliver MELT. The provincial government may cover 70% of training fees for eligible participants to help remove potential barriers to employment and support participant training.

P.E.I. to make MELT mandatory from Aug. 5, July 15, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Purolator expands service into Canada



Source: Inside Logistics

Purolator announced it is expanding its global shipping solutions into Canada from China, Europe, India, the United Kingdom and Mexico. With newly established trade lanes, Purolator is enabling organizations from key international regions to reach the expansive Canadian market seamlessly. Additionally, Purolator's new Mexico-to-Canada shipping solution is well-positioned to support the growing number of North American businesses opting to move their supply chains closer to home.

Purolator expands service into Canada, July 16, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Mack's largest-ever order of electric trucks lands on Vancouver Island



Source: Inside Logistics

July 16 marked important milestones for Mack Trucks, for waste management company Emterra Environmental, and the City of Courtenay and Town of Comox on Vancouver Island. For Mack, the delivery of LR Electric refuse trucks to Emterra represented its largest

single order of electric trucks. Three of a total eight electric refuse trucks were displayed during a special ceremony at the Comox Valley Marina, where they were welcomed with a traditional ceremony by special guests and members of the K'omoks First Nations. For Emterra, it was a special day because the company continued to expand its sustainability mandate in building a circular economy. And for residents and elected officials from the City of Courtenay and Town of Comox, it was an opportunity to improve air quality and reduce noise pollution for inhabitants.

Mack's largest-ever order of electric trucks lands on Vancouver Island, July 16, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca



Urban public transit, May 2024



Source: Statcan

In May, Canada's urban transit ridership reached 135.1 million trips, recovering to 87.0% of its pre-COVID-19-pandemic May 2019 level—the highest rate of recovery to date. In May 2024, transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) reached \$309.9 million. This was an increase of 6.2%, or \$18.1 million, from the same month the previous year, albeit \$26.3 million below the pre-pandemic level recorded in May 2019.

Urban public transit, May 2024, July 17, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Ontario Awards Contract to Connect Highway 400 to Bradford Bypass

The Ontario government is getting shovels in the ground on a new interchange at Highway 400 and Simcoe County Road 88 and a new southbound lane on Highway 400 that will connect to the future Bradford Bypass. Construction begins this summer and marks a significant milestone in the province's plan to fight gridlock across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, help commuters spend less time in traffic and create good jobs for workers in the region. "Our government is delivering on its promise to build the Bradford Bypass, expand our highway network and get people where they need to go," said

Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Combined with the widening of Highway 400, these investments will help tackle gridlock, shorten travel times, and drive economic growth."

Ontario Awards Contract to Connect Highway 400 to Bradford Bypass, July 17, 2024, www.mto.gov.on.ca

US/WORLD



Trump's VP pick supports truck parking, opposes speed limiters



Source: Freightwaves

Former President Donald Trump, a vocal supporter of the trucking industry while he was in Washington – particularly owner-operators – has picked a running mate who is on the record for supporting two of truck drivers' top legislative priorities. Ohio Republican Senator J.D. Vance, who was named by Trump as his pick for vice president on July 15, 2024 at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, is a co-sponsor of the *Truck Parking Improvement Act*, which dedicates \$755 million in grant money over the next three years specifically for expanding truck parking. He is also a cosponsor of the *DRIVE Act*, which would prohibit the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration from requiring trucks to be equipped with a speed limiting device set to a maximum speed, a highly controversial rulemaking that FMCSA has scheduled for May 2025. Both bills represent major lobbying efforts by the Owner-Operator Independent Truck Drivers Association.

Trump's VP pick supports truck parking, opposes speed limiters, July 15, 2024, www.freightwaves.com



Real-world test of BEVs says small depots are 'ready for electrification'

The North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE) released the finding of its Run on Less – Electric DEPOT, a three-week demonstration of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) in the real world. During the test, NACFE tracked the activity of 22 electric trucks —

including three Tesla Semis — but also looked at total depot electric energy and fuel for all the trucks per day and what that would mean in total electrical energy if all trucks at the depot were converted to electric vehicles. “This recent Run on Less event and Run on Less – Electric, which we conducted in 2021, along with our ongoing research shows that battery electric trucks are a viable option for some fleets today,” says Mike Roeth, NACFE’s executive director. “While BEVs make sense in some applications, there are some challenges to wide-scale deployment and the industry is working on improving their total cost of ownership.” Since the conclusion of the run in September 2023, NACFE has published two reports: “Electric Truck Depots Are Evolving: How 10 Fleets Grew Their EV Populations,” which gives an inside view of what it took for 10 fleets to grow the number of BEVs in their daily operations; and “Run on Less – Electric DEPOT: Scaling BEVs in the Real World” providing an in-depth analysis of the data collected during the three weeks the trucks were tracked.

Real-world test of BEVs says small depots are ‘ready for electrification’, July 15, 2024, www.ctl.ca

slipped in June: DAT Freight & Analytics reports that a strong May for truckload volumes was followed by a pullback in June. Van volumes on the spot market fell 9% from May, while reefer volumes pulled back 11% and flatbed 7%. *Rates declined in latest week:* More recently, Truckstop and FTR Transportation Intelligence report the week ended July 12 saw spot market rates decrease from the previous week – not uncommon for mid-July. Rates were above prior-year levels for the first time since June 2022. *Stronger retail sales will drive trucking market improvements:* Motive has put out its monthly economic report which contains good news for fleets serving the retail sector. It projects that retail sales will be higher July 2024 than the same month last year, powered by the July 4 U.S. holiday and Amazon Prime Day sales.

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ECONOMIC TRUCKING TRENDS: Trailer orders weaken, but trucking conditions improving



Source: Today's Trucking

The trucking market continues to improve, with the Trucking Conditions Index returning to positive territory and Motive declaring an approaching end to the persistent freight recession. But improving conditions aren't sending fleets to trailer dealers. The latest order numbers plummeted in June as fleets are expected to direct their capex to power units ahead of the costly EPA27 emissions rules. *Trailer orders plummet:* Trailer orders continue to plummet, with June numbers 17% down from May at 4,788 units, according to FTR. That total is 71% off the monthly average over the last 12 months. *Trucking conditions improving:* Falling diesel prices and an improving rate environment saw trucking conditions return to positive territory in May, according to FTR's Trucking Conditions Index (TCI). It reached the mark of 2.24, from -1.95 in April. *Spot market truckload volumes*



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CANADA

Canada set to be fastest growing economy in G7 in 2025, IMF forecasts



Source: Financial Post

The International Monetary Fund is upgrading its forecast for the Canadian economy, projecting it will now grow by 1.3 per cent this year and by 2.4 per cent in 2025, according to a report released on July 17, 2024. In both readings, the forecasts were increased by one-tenth of a percentage point from the IMF's initial world economic outlook released in April. For 2025, Canada is projected to be the fastest growing economy among the G7 and other advanced economies. The U.S. economy will rank second at 1.9 per cent and the U.K. third at 1.5 per cent growth next year.

Canada set to be fastest growing economy in G7 in 2025, IMF forecasts, July 17, 2024, www.financialpost.ca

Government of Canada's New Canada Green Buildings Strategy to Help Canadians Save Money on Their Energy Bills

On July 16, 2024, the Minister of Transport and Quebec Lieutenant, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, and Joël Lightbound, Member of Parliament for Louis-Hébert, on behalf of the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, announced a federal investment of \$12.6 million in the Société de financement et d'accompagnement en performance énergétique Canada (SOFIAC). This funding will help them accelerate their expansion into energy efficiency for commercial buildings and multi-unit residential buildings, helping building owners and tenants save on their energy bills and reduce emissions. Through the Green Buildings Strategy, the Government of Canada will invest \$177 million for Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative projects like this, which support upgrades to multiple building systems and equipment in commercial, institutional, or mid- or high-rise multi-unit residential buildings across Canada. These projects will replace roofs, upgrade windows, insulation, or building cladding, to save money and cut pollution.

Government of Canada's New Canada Green Buildings Strategy to Help Canadians Save Money on Their Energy Bills, July 16, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

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European Health Insurance Card: keeping you safe while travelling abroad



Source: Europa

Have you ever injured yourself while surfing in France and needed stitches? Sprained your ankle while hiking the Alps? Needed to see a doctor because of your pre-existing diabetes while on holiday in Greece? Perhaps not, but in case something like this does happen while you're abroad, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) has you covered. The EHIC allows you to receive necessary and urgent medical care abroad, including for chronic or existing illnesses, as well as pregnancy and childbirth. It's not an alternative to travel insurance, and it does not cover any private healthcare costs or planned medical treatments. EHIC is valid in any EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. By presenting the card, you can obtain healthcare services directly from a *public or contracted provider under the same conditions and at the same cost as people insured in the country you are visiting.*

European Health Insurance Card: keeping you safe while travelling abroad, July 12, 2024, www.europa.eu

USDOT Convenes Transportation Stakeholders and Administration Partners to Celebrate Climate Progress and Set the Stage for Continued Action



Source: DOT

On July 11-12, the U.S. Department of Transportation hosted a Transportation and Climate Symposium, where climate champions

and nationwide, innovative solutions were recognized. Solutions that help decarbonize our transportation systems and create more accessible and affordable mobility options for all Americans were highlighted.

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INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$5 Billion to Restore, Reconstruct, and Repair Nationally Significant Large Bridges Across the Country

On July 17, 2024, to kick off the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America tour, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced more than \$5 billion in Large Bridge Project awards through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) competitive Bridge Investment Program, part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda. The grants will fund the reconstruction, repair, and restoration – using American-made materials – of 13 nationally significant bridges in 16 states that connect communities to jobs and resources, support the economy, and serve as critical corridors for freight travel. These projects will also address important safety issues and make the bridges more resilient to extreme weather, all while creating good-paying jobs.

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Supply Chain disruptions up 30% in first half of 2024



Source: AJOT

Resilinc, the leading provider of supply chain resiliency solutions has unveiled new data highlighting the primary drivers of supply chain disruptions during the first half of 2024. From January through June,

Resilinc's EventWatchAI platform reported a total of 10,629 supply chain disruptions, with the Life Sciences, Healthcare, General Manufacturing, High-Tech, and Automotive industries bearing the brunt of the impact. Notably, the overall number of disruptions grew 30% over H1 of last year.

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The Legal Impact Of E-Documentation On Title Of Ownership, And Risks To Owners - Seminar

Rita Conte CMILT from Synergenics Consulting is offering a seminar to industry stakeholders who would require the information in their everyday operations including the legal community working with the technical side of the contracts.

Rita will dive into the implications and benefits this system of legal documentation, and its reforms, will have on its stakeholder groups. How do we measure its legal efficacy in use of evidentiary documentation?

The challenges facing small to mid-size companies are the upfront capital costs and time in retraining, internal documentation procedures, corporate governance standards, and vetting the software systems. The legal reforms within law-making bodies per jurisdiction, will also be addressed.

The seminar aims to provide a navigational path to work through the regulatory regimes and rules that govern such a transition for the maritime services that govern contracts.

The takeaway from this seminar will be the ability to plan, implement efficient and accurate processes and procedures of legal documentation while reducing your exposure to claims and penalties.

The date, time and location of the seminar will be customized to the registrants who want to attend.

For more information and to register for this seminar, please fill out the form at the link [HERE](#).

Job Postings

* Operations, Aerospace Specialist (Air Imports & Air Exports)

About the job

DSV – Global Transport and Logistics

DSV encourages inclusivity and are committed to diversity in the workplace while welcoming applications from all qualified individuals including women, members of visible minorities, aboriginal persons, and persons with disabilities. Our goal is to provide an inclusive environment for all to succeed. We work with candidates with disabilities throughout the recruitment process to ensure that they have what they need to be at their best. Please reach out to Human Resources should you require accommodation during the recruitment process.

Location: CAN - Saint-Laurent, Rue Beaulac

Job Posting Title: Operations, Aerospace Specialist (Air Imports & Air Exports)

Time Type: Full Time

The primary function of the Aerospace Specialist (Air Export and Import) is to process all shipments, coordinating the movement and monitoring while in route. The position requires handling of shipments from start to finish ensuring compliance with DSV policies as well as government regulations. This role serves as the primary point of contact for customers and will provide the highest level of customer service and quality by efficiently processing all inbound and outbound requirements before or within agreed time frames. Direct communication with customers, overseas offices, airlines and truckers is required.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Daily management and coordination of shipments
- Establish and coordinate schedules with carriers and tender shipments to the airlines
- Create, coordinate country specific documents
- Adhere to all domestic and international shipping regulations
- Track and trace all shipments
- Prepare and publish reports, as requested
- Proactively identify problems and swiftly implement the appropriate solutions
- Confirm rates with carriers

- Responsible for cost containment of shipments, via accounting system
- Evaluate shipments, consolidate loads, select most cost-effective method of pick up and/or delivery
- Ensure all DSV KPIs met throughout the movement of the shipment
- Lane analysis required on orders to select the most appropriate mode of transport within customer requirements
- Daily Communication with customers on relevant issues and resolution
- Manage new account implementation from standard operating procedure to execution

Quality, Health & Safety:

- Supports organizational commitment to ISO 9001, ISO 45001 certification – Montreal location
- Perform assigned tasks to support DSV meets its objectives and targets regarding quality, health, safety and environment and follow all requirements as set out in the DSV Quality Health Safety Environment policy.
- Staff are required to ensure that their day-to-day activities embrace sustainability, Health and safety therefore reducing the impact upon the environment, supporting the communities we work in and reducing incidents in the workplace.

Qualifications

Education and Experience

- A minimum of two years' experience in airfreight logistics
- Education in supply chain logistics, international transportation, or a related field of study
- Authorized Cargo Representative (ACR) designated status
- Dangerous Goods Certification, an asset
- Experience in Aerospace Vertical, an asset
- CIFFA certificate, an asset

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*** Supply Chain Coordinator – Canpotex, Saskatoon, SK**
Hybrid - Fulltime

We have an exciting opportunity to grow your career at Canpotex! We are accepting applications for a permanent Supply Chain Coordinator (24-21) at our Saskatoon office.

The opportunity:

- Coordinate with the various stakeholders in the supply chain, while also anticipating and mitigating supply chain deviations, to ensure efficient movement of potash
- Cultivate and maintain effective working relationships with external stakeholders such as producers, terminals, railways, mine sites, etc., as well as collaboration with internal departments
- Support and assist in the preparation of reports, railway schedules, inventory reconciliations, and year-end audits
- Conduct a monthly audit and validation of all railway charges
- Ensure maintenance requirements have been integrated into the overall supply chain
- Participate in identifying continuous improvement strategies and solutions, and seek innovative methods to maintain records that support the review of railway performance and enhance the efficiency of the supply chain.

You have:

- Bachelor's degree or Diploma in Business, Engineering, or a related field.
- Minimum two to three years' experience in a supply chain role.
- An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

You bring:

- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to build and maintain effective working relationships.
- Ability to work non-traditional business hours.
- Ability to manage priorities and organize workload efficiently in a fast-paced environment.
- Exceptional analytical, mathematical, and problem-solving skills.

- Meticulous attention to detail, organizational ability, and effective time-management skills.
- Demonstrated computer skills to maintain databases and spreadsheets for audits and reconciliations.

We would like to hear from you! Please apply online by August 5th, 2024.

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*** Senior Supply Chain Analyst - Orca Intelligence, London, ON**

Orca is hiring a Senior Supply Chain Analyst!

Job Summary:

The successful candidate will be responsible for reviewing and analyzing Orca's clients' transportation networks with the purpose of identifying opportunities to reduce costs and improve service levels. The successful candidate will review the freight network of multiple clients and assist clients with optimizing their transportation spend. The candidate will analyze and consult on supply chains ranging from \$1M in annual freight spend all the way to \$500M in annual freight spend. We audit approximately \$2B in freight annually. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing insight into the market and communicating best practices in regards to transportation operations.

The successful candidate will also assist internal operations by producing reports, creating benchmarking studies on all North American transport services, and finding innovative ways to add value to Orca's client base. Along with providing insights to clients, The successful candidate will be responsible for managing Orca's data models within Fabric. The successful candidate will lead a team of data and supply chain analysts to support Orca's growing client base.

Key responsibilities:

- Analyze end to end supply chain improvement opportunities to continuously support each Orca client.
- Follow the flow of products from DC to store/customer and to continuously assess alternatives to reduce the overall cost structure for each client

- Introduce structure and creative solutions to improvement initiatives across distribution centers, transportation and replenishment functions
- Design Quarterly Business Reviews that suggest creative ways each client can reconfigure their respective supply chains in order to become more efficient or save time and money
- Analyze data across multiple clients from Orca's proprietary audit system
- Develop and present detailed analysis using transportation data to highlight major findings and opportunities to Orca and various levels within clients
- Assist with preparing and executing national transportation RFP's for clients.
- Manage Orca's data models and data flows utilizing Microsoft applications (Power BI, Fabric, etc.)
- Stay on top of industry news and market trends to ensure Orca is always up to date on relevant industry information.
- Assist CEO and other Orca staff with day-to-day operations as required for client base.

Required skills:

- Advanced skills in Microsoft applications, with a strong focus on Excel
- Understanding of ETL Processes
- SQL + Python Knowledge
- Ability to prioritize, is organized and is capable of dealing with multiple competing tasks
- Strong reporting and analytical skills
- Adept presentation skills
- Strong analytical mindset with an investigative and curious approach to situations
- Ability to build & maintain trusted relationships with clients
- 5+ years of experience in analyzing transport networks and all modes inclusive of parcel networks.
- Experience negotiating with freight vendors (across all modes of transportation.)

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