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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Porter Airlines inaugurates new nonstop routes connecting Montreal and California

Porter Airlines is launching two new seasonal, nonstop routes connecting Montréal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL) with Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO). The YUL-LAX route offers four-times weekly service beginning June 27, 2024 while the YUL-SFO route operates three-times weekly starting June 28, 2024.

Porter Airlines inaugurates new nonstop routes connecting Montreal and California, July 27, 2024, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)

#### Competition Bureau officially launches study of competition in Canada's airlines industry

On July 29, 2024, the Competition Bureau is officially launching its market study of competition in domestic air passenger services. The launch of the market study follows the completion of the consultation on its scope, and the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry's approval of the [final terms of reference](#). This market study will allow the Bureau to better understand what is driving the competition issues in the domestic airline industry. Specifically, the Bureau plans to examine three key topics: 1. the state of competition in Canada's airline industry; 2. the barriers to entry and expansion that exist in the domestic industry; and 3. the impediments to Canadians seeking to make informed choices for air travel. The Bureau will publish the results of the market study in a final report, which will make recommendations to improve competition for the benefit of Canadian air passengers, as well as the workers and entrepreneurs who enable these services.

Competition Bureau officially launches study of competition in Canada's airlines industry, July 29, 2024, [www.competitionbureau.gc.ca](http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca)

#### WestJet and Air North, Yukon's airline, announce interline agreement to bring critical air access to Canada's most remote communities



Source: WestJet

WestJet and Air North, Yukon's airline, on July 29, 2024 announced a new interline agreement directly connecting both carrier's networks. Starting July 31, 2024 guests can book a single ticket with a connected itinerary between WestJet's global network and the Yukon and Northwest Territories with single point check-in and through-checked bags for connecting itineraries. This new agreement is expected to make air travel more seamless and affordable for Northern Canadians, providing unmatched connectivity through WestJet's network.

WestJet and Air North, Yukon's airline, announce interline agreement to bring critical air access to Canada's most remote communities, July 29, 2024, [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)

## Porter Airlines expands Las Vegas service with new service to Ottawa and Montreal and Porter adds two new Southern California destinations

Porter Airlines is offering two new winter seasonal routes connecting Eastern Canada to the vibrant city of Las Vegas, catering to increased demand for travel to the world's premier entertainment destination. Starting Nov. 1, Porter will operate nonstop service between Ottawa International Airport (YOW) and Las Vegas Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) four times weekly. Las Vegas-Montréal-Trudeau (YUL) service begins on Nov. 2, 2024, with flights operating three times weekly. Porter will be the only carrier operating the Ottawa-Las Vegas route. In addition, Porter Airlines is bringing its elevated economy service to more of California, launching non-stop flights to San Diego International Airport and Palm Springs International Airport from Toronto-Pearson International Airport this December 2024. San Diego is a year-round route, starting Dec. 9, 2024, with four weekly flights. Palm Springs is a winter seasonal service, starting Dec. 12, 2024 with three weekly flights.

*Porter Airlines expands Las Vegas service with new service to Ottawa and Montreal, July 30, 2024, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com); and Porter adds two new Southern California destinations, August 1, 2024, [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)*

## US/WORLD

## Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$374 Million in Grants to Improve Airports

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on July 26, 2024 announced more than \$374 million for airfield, safety, and other improvement projects at 299 airports in 46 states and American Samoa. U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said "The Biden-Harris Administration continues to modernize our aviation infrastructure to make it safer, more resilient, and more efficient. The funding we're announcing today will allow hundreds of airports to make critical improvements that will benefit passengers for years to come."

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$374 Million in Grants to Improve Airports, July 26, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$427 Million in Grants from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Modernize Airports

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is awarding \$427 million in funding for 245 airport-related infrastructure grants across 39 states to modernize and improve America's airports. The projects are funded under President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) program, part of the \$25 billion total included in the law for airport improvements such as terminal expansions and baggage system upgrades, runway safety enhancements, and air traffic infrastructure improvements. "Americans are flying in record numbers this summer, and the Biden-Harris Administration is continuing to invest in our nation's airports to make travel more convenient for passengers," said **U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg**. "The funding we're announcing, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will help airports across the country make needed improvements to ensure safety and efficiency now and for years to come."

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$427 Million in Grants from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Modernize Airports, July 30, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## Secretary Buttigieg Warns Airlines of Their Refund Obligations Under Law

On July 30, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg sent letters to the CEOs of the ten largest U.S. airlines making it clear that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) expects them to provide passengers with cash refunds as required by law. In the letter, Secretary Buttigieg reminds airlines that the refund requirements in the *FAA Reauthorization Act* took effect upon enactment of the law, on May 16, 2024. The letter outlines the following DOT expectations: 1. Airlines must clearly and proactively inform passengers of their right to a refund whenever their flight is cancelled or significantly changed. 2. Cash refunds – not vouchers or credits – must be automatic for passengers when they are owed. 3. Airlines should make it easy for passengers to get free rebooking, meals, hotels, and/or transportation to and from hotels as promised during controllable disruptions. 4. If passengers opt for vouchers or credits after a cancelled or significantly changed flight, they must be valid for at least five years.

*Secretary Buttigieg Warns Airlines of Their Refund Obligations Under Law, July 30, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ June Air Cargo Demand Surges 14.1%, Boosting Strong First Half Performance



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for June 2024 global air cargo markets showing continuing strong annual growth in demand. This contributed to an exceptional first half-year performance for air cargo, with volumes exceeding 2023, 2022, and even the record-breaking 2021 levels. 1. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs), rose by 14.1% compared to June 2023 levels (15.6% for international operations). This is the seventh consecutive month of double-digit year-on-year growth. 2. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTKs), increased by 8.8% compared to June 2023 (10.8% for international operations). 3. Total half-year (H1) demand increased by 13.4% compared to H1 2023, by 4.3% compared to H1 2022, and by 0.02% compared to H1 2021. "Air cargo demand surged in June. Strong growth across all regions and major trade lanes combined for a record-breaking first-half performance in terms of CTKs. Maritime shipping constraints and a booming e-commerce sector are among the strongest growth drivers. Meanwhile, the sector has remained largely impervious to ongoing political and economic challenges, and the US customs crackdown on e-commerce deliveries from China. Air cargo looks to be on solid ground to continue its strong performance into the second half of 2024," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

*June Air Cargo Demand Surges 14.1%, Boosting Strong First Half Performance, July 30, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ Passenger Demand Up 9.1% in June



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for June 2024 global passenger demand with the following highlights: 1. *Total demand*, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 9.1% compared to June 2023. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 8.5% year-on-year. The June load factor was 85.0% (+0.5 percentage points (ppt) compared to June 2023). 2. *International demand* rose 12.3% compared to June 2023. Capacity was up 12.7% year-on-year and the load factor improved to 85.0% (-0.3ppt on June 2023). 3. *Domestic demand* rose 4.3% compared to June 2023; capacity was up 2.1% year-on-year and the load factor was 85.0% (+1.7ppt compared to June 2023). "Demand grew across all regions as the peak Northern summer travel season began in June. And with overall capacity growth lagging demand we saw a very strong average load factor of 85% achieved in both domestic and international operations. Operating with such high load factors is both good and challenging.

*Passenger Demand Up 9.1% in June, July 31, 2024, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ Biden-Harris Administration Proposes Ban on Family Seating Junk Fees Charged by Airlines

On August 1, 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration proposed a new rule that would ban airlines from charging junk fees to seat families together on a flight. The Department of Transportation's (DOT) proposed rule would require airlines to seat parents next to their young children for free when adjacent seating is available at booking. Mandating fee-free family seating would lower the cost of flying with young children -- saving a family of four as much as \$200 per roundtrip if seat fees are \$25. DOT's proposed family seating junk fee ban is part of President Biden's whole-of-government push to crackdown on corporate rip-offs that can unfairly raise prices for consumers.

*Biden-Harris Administration Proposes Ban on Family Seating Junk Fees Charged by Airlines, August 1, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*





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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### CPKC's strong second-quarter results demonstrate advantages of North American network; carrying momentum into second half of 2024



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on July 30, 2024 announced its second-quarter results, including revenues of \$3.6 billion, diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$0.97 and core adjusted combined diluted EPS of \$1.05. "Our excellent second quarter results showcase how the advantages of this unrivalled North American network are being realized," said Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer. "These results are a direct reflection of the dedication and hard work of our railroaders, whose commitment to safety, service and efficiency remains the cornerstone of our achievements. We delivered robust revenue growth driven by synergies, along with strong operating and safety performance." Second quarter highlights were as follows: 1. Reported operating ratio (OR) decreased by 550 basis points to 64.8 percent from 70.3 percent in Q2 2023; 2. Core adjusted combined

OR decreased 280 basis points to 61.8 percent from 64.6 percent in Q2 2023; 3. Reported diluted EPS decreased to \$0.97 from \$1.42 in Q2 2023; 4. Core adjusted combined diluted EPS increased 27 percent to \$1.05 from \$0.83 in Q2 2023; 5. Volumes, as measured in Revenue Ton-Miles<sup>3</sup> (RTMs), increased six percent on a combined basis; 6. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)-reportable train accident frequency decreased to 0.77 from 0.80 in Q2 2023 on a combined basis; and 7. FRA-reportable personal injury frequency decreased to 0.81 from 1.31 in Q2 2023 on a combined basis.

*CPKC's strong second-quarter results demonstrate advantages of North American network; carrying momentum into second half of 2024, July 30, 2024, [www.cpkc.ca](http://www.cpkc.ca); CPKC: Carrying 2Q24 'Momentum' Into Second-Half 2024, July 30, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

#### Freight Rail Services Price Index, July 2024



Source: Statcan

Data for July for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statcan website. For July 2024 the index was 126.7 compared to 128.2 a month ago and 120.8 in July 2023. *Freight Rail Services Price Index, July 2024, July 31, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## **2024-2025 CN Grain Plan Builds on Strong Performance**

CN on July 31, 2024 published its 2024-2025 Grain Plan, which builds on the Company's successful operational improvements and strategic capital investments from the previous grain season. The CN Grain Plan highlights several new actions and initiatives for 2024-25. These include: 1. the delivery of 750 new high-efficiency grain hopper cars this crop year; 2. a continued focus on scheduled railroading which has produced demonstrated improvement since implementation in 2022-23; 3. the deployment of new firefighting equipment to help protect the supply chain, and 4. the use of new technologies to improve safety, such as testing new mobile fire detection equipment and the continued use of CN's autonomous track inspection program. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN said "We are confident that we have the right approach and resources in place to move this year's Canadian grain crop efficiently. We continue to lean into our scheduled railroading model and making sure that our ongoing capital investments position us for success again this year. Working with supply chain stakeholders and governments, we are taking steps to address several regulatory issues impacting the sector, to remove obstacles so we can focus our attention on continuing to deliver even better service to our customers." CN builds on last year's strong, steady performance with continued fleet enhancements, deployment of new technologies and a focus on building its team of railroaders. *2024-2025 CN Grain Plan Builds on Strong Performance, July 31, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

## **CPKC Grain: 'Return to More Typical Demand'**



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City's 2024-2025 Grain Service Outlook Report, which outlines the railroad's grain transportation plan for export to international markets, notes that, "based on current forecasts, we expect a return to more typical demand.

*CPKC Grain: 'Return to More Typical Demand', August 1, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **Norfolk Southern reports second quarter 2024 results; reaffirms full-year adjusted operating ratio guidance**



Source: AJOT

On Thursday July 25, 2024, Norfolk Southern Corporation announced its second-quarter 2024 financial results. For the quarter, income from railway operations was \$1.1 billion, the operating ratio was 62.8%, and diluted earnings per share were \$3.25. Norfolk Southern President and CEO Alan H. Shaw said "The Norfolk Southern team delivered strong results, including on operating ratio and expenses, that are directly in-line with the targets we committed to our shareholders,"

Norfolk Southern reports second quarter 2024 results; reaffirms full-year adjusted operating ratio guidance, July 26, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com) and Norfolk Southern reports second quarter 2024 results; reaffirms full-year adjusted operating ratio guidance, July 25, 2024, [www.ns.com](http://www.ns.com)

## **AAR: North American Rail Volume Continues Upward Trend in Week 30 and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending July 27, 2024**



Source: Railway age

Through the first 30 weeks of 2024 (ending July 27), total North American carload and intermodal traffic rose 5.3% from the same point last year, according to the Association of American Railroads (AAR). The U.S., Canada and Mexico all experienced gains. Total carloads for the week ending July 27 were 228,845 carloads, down 0.5 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 279,651 containers and trailers, up 10.5 percent compared to 2023. Four of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 5,676 carloads, to 20,665; farm products excl. grain, and food, up 1,461 carloads, to 16,811; and forest products, up 418 carloads, to 8,360. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 6,142 carloads, to 61,382; nonmetallic minerals, down 1,316 carloads, to 33,264; and metallic ores and metals, down 602 carloads, to 21,455. Canadian railroads reported 84,556 carloads for the week, down 4.0 percent, and 64,306 intermodal units, down 6.2 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 30 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,803,839 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.6 percent.

*AAR: North American Rail Volume Continues Upward Trend in Week 30, July 31, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com); and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending July 27, 2024, August 1, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### B.C. port employers say foremen's union plans industry-wide strike vote



Source: Financial Post

The BC Maritime Employers Association says it has been told by a lawyer for the foremen's union that an industry-wide strike vote will take place in coming weeks. The employers' group says the lawyer for ILWU Local 514 informed them of the vote this week after a case management meeting with the Canada Industrial Relations Board. No one could immediately be reached for comment from the ship and dock foreman's union, whose 730 members work at British Columbia's ports.

*B.C. port employers say foremen's union plans industry-wide strike vote, July 29, 2024, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)*

#### Port strike could have negative impact on Canadian and U.S. operations, says report



Source: Inside Logistics

ITS Logistics released its July 2024 forecast for the ITS Logistics U.S. Port/Rail Ramp Freight Index, saying the threat of an East and Gulf Coast ports strike could adversely affect U.S. and Canadian operations. This month, the index reveals that pre-retail-peak season shipping activity has brought moderate volume increases to most markets, but a lack of equipment has stressed import volumes at origin. In addition, due to the overseas import origin equipment shortages, shippers are having to book into new North American entry points outside of their current supply chain network. "Despite having a lack of equipment, North American inland transportation is still not experiencing significant operational challenges as a result," said Paul Brashier, vice-president of global supply chain for ITS Logistics. "That said, as it relates to North American entry points, the equipment shortages are causing shippers some moderate disruption this month. This is especially true in the last seven to 10 days of July. Volumes



should increase as we move into August and peak volumes move from docks at import origin to the U.S.”  
*Port strike could have negative impact on Canadian and U.S. operations, says report, July 29, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## **Iron, steel, potash and fuel cargo shipments up on St. Lawrence Seaway**



Source: Inside Logistics

As of the end of June, 12.2 million metric tonnes of cargo had moved on the St. Lawrence Seaway this year. “The seaway continues to demonstrate resilience,” said Jim Athanasiou, new president and CEO of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation. “This consistent performance underscores the vital role the seaway plays in North America’s supply chain, supporting economic growth and environmental sustainability. Our commitment to our customers and to maintaining a reliable and efficient system ensures we can meet the needs of our customers and stakeholders now and in the future.” A few cargoes which showed significant increases compared to 2023 are: 1. Dry and liquid bulks, with ores and concentrates up by 110,000 mt at approximately 142,000 mt, and fuel up by 185,000 mt totaling 1.1 million mt. 2.

Potash, an agricultural fertilizer, continues to perform well up by 281,000 mt, for a total of 506,000 mt. 3. General cargo shipments of iron and steel went up by 303,000 mt to 815,000 mt. 4. Grain, a Seaway staple, is steady and just ahead of 2023 for a total of 3.3 million metric tonnes.

*Iron, steel, potash and fuel cargo shipments up on St. Lawrence Seaway, July 30, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## **Canada not prepared to face marine emergencies, says TSB investigation**



Source: Inside Logistics

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) says there are gaps in Canada’s preparedness for marine emergencies that exceed the response capacity of a vessel’s crew, posing a risk to vessels, the environment and the health and safety of the general public. The findings come following TSB’s investigation of the 2021 loss of containers and fire on board the container vessel ZIM Kingston, off Vancouver Island, B.C., which spurred two safety concerns. The first safety concern relates to the risk of a phenomenon called parametric rolling, which led to the loss of containers, and the second concern addresses gaps in Canada’s preparedness to respond to marine emergencies.

*Canada not prepared to face marine emergencies, says TSB investigation, August 1, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **Passenger volumes at Port Authority airports take off with busiest first half of year**

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on July 26, 2024 announced that the agency’s commercial airports soared to new heights over the first half of 2024, recording their busiest January-June first half ever. The period was capped by the busiest June on record for the region’s commercial airports. The Port of New York and New Jersey cemented its status as the nation’s second-busiest container port for loaded imports and exports, moving over 2.8 million loaded TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) in the first six months of the year, while traffic at the Port Authority’s vehicular crossings achieved strong

volumes seen in prior years. The PATH commuter rail continued its steady recovery, hitting a post-pandemic high of 70 percent of pre-pandemic ridership levels. The highlights were: 1. Port of New York and New Jersey is the second busiest in the nation for loaded cargo over the first half of 2024, moving over 2.8 million loaded TEUs; 2. Bridges and tunnels continue to achieve strong pre-pandemic volumes for vehicular traffic; and 3. PATH Commuter rail continues steady recovery, hits post-pandemic high of 70% of pre-covid levels

*Passenger volumes at Port Authority airports take off with busiest first half of year, July 26, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Container rates drop for first time since April



Source: Inside Logistics

Following a period of continuous increases since the end of April 2024, Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) has decreased two per cent to US\$5,806 per 40-ft container, with Drewry saying it believes spot rates have peaked. The latest Drewry WCI composite index of US\$5,806 per 40-ft container is 44 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but is 309 per cent higher than the average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rates of US\$1,420. The composite index has increased 268 per cent when compared with the same week last year. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$3,886 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,108 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,777, which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period.

*Container rates drop for first time since April, July 26, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Virginia completes FY 2024 with growth in cargo volumes and progress on infrastructure projects

The Port of Virginia closed fiscal year 2024 (FY24) having processed 3.5 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a 2 percent increase

over fiscal year 2023 and the second-best fiscal year performance in the port's history. The growth in cargo volume is just one of the successes of FY24, the port's chief executive said. The port is making gains on its \$1.4 billion infrastructure program that is creating a modern, efficient and sustainable port that has the capabilities and capacity to serve its customers and users for decades to come. In September 2023, construction began on the renovation of the North Berth at Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) to enhance the port's capability to serve larger, fully-laden container ships. In January 2024, the port announced its transition to 100 percent clean electricity, leading all major US East Coast ports and accelerating the port's goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2040. In March, dredging was completed on a wider shipping channel that allows for safe, two-way movement of ultra-large container vessels, reducing port stay by up to 15 percent.

*Virginia completes FY 2024 with growth in cargo volumes and progress on infrastructure projects, July 30, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Port Houston surpasses 2M TEUs faster than ever total import TEUs jump 12% in June

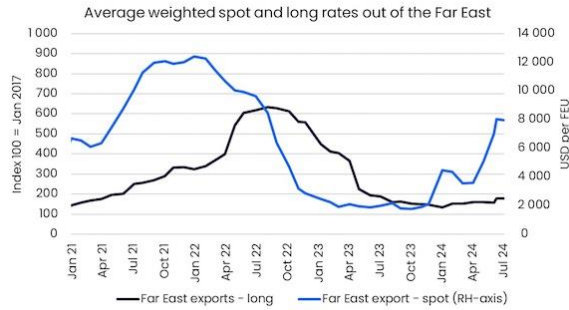


Source: AJOT

Port Houston, the fifth-largest container port in the nation, has surpassed the two million TEU mark faster than ever. Through the first six months of the year, the Port has successfully handled 2,098,117 TEUs among its terminals, which represents a double-digit increase of 13% year-to-date compared to the first half of last year. For June 2024 specifically, 339,157 TEUs were managed at the Port's facilities, reflecting a 7% increase compared to June 2023. In June 2024, increased demand for goods and consumer spending on items such as furniture, hardware, retail goods, and food drove Port Houston's loaded import volumes up 5% compared to the same month last year. Loaded exports also increased significantly, up 11% this month, totaling 114,728 TEUs. Year-to-date loaded exports are up 14% at 769,844 TEUs.

Port Houston surpasses 2M TEUs faster than ever total import TEUs jump 12% in June, July 29, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)

## Anchor Ocean container shipping market reaches a tipping point



Source: Xeneta

Source: AJOT

The ocean container shipping market reached a tipping point in July, with long term rates on major fronthaul trades showing signs of life just as spiraling short term rates begin to soften. The Xeneta Global XSI, which covers all valid long term contracts in the market, edged up 2.5% in July to stand at 151.5 points. More notably, the underlying XSI sub-index for Far East Exports – which includes the world’s biggest fronthaul trades to Europe and the US - increased 12.6% in July to 178.8 points. This coincides with short term rates on major trades from the Far East to the US and Europe beginning to soften in July from the massive increases seen over recent months. Emily Stausbøll, Xeneta Senior Shipping Analyst, said: “Long term ocean container shipping rates remained subdued despite massive increases on the short term market in May and June – but that is starting to change. “For example, while short term rates on the Far East to US West Coast trade increased more than 140% between 30 April and 1 July, the long term market increased by 20%. However, short term rates to the US West Coast have fallen by 12% since 1 July, just as the long term market shows signs of life.” Increasing long term rates and decreasing short term rates means the spread is narrowing between the markets, which presents a delicate balance ahead of long term contract negotiations between shippers and carriers later this year.

Ocean container shipping market reaches a tipping point, July 31, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)

## Anchor Maersk hikes full-year profit forecast by \$2 billion, ups volume outlook



Source: JOC

Maersk expects its global container volumes to grow by up to 6% this year. Maersk added \$2 billion to its full-year profitability forecast of August 1, 2024 as the carrier continues to benefit from robust demand on the main export trade lanes from Asia and an ongoing Red Sea disruption that has held rates at elevated levels since March 2024. But the carrier also released surprisingly lukewarm second-quarter results on August 1, 2024. While revenue of \$12.8 billion was down just 1.4% compared with the same quarter last year, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of \$2.1 billion fell 27% and earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of \$756 million was down 40% year over year.

Maersk hikes full-year profit forecast by \$2 billion, ups volume outlook, August 1, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)

## Anchor Panama Canal transits rise to almost normal levels as expansion work begins



Source: JOC

The additional water taken from a new reservoir to be built would increase the number of transits through the Panama Canal by 11 per day. The Panama Canal is looking to increase the number of daily

vessel transits to 36 as of September 2024 as it seeks to resume normal transit levels in the coming months following robust rainfall levels in June and July 2024. “Even though there has not been an official announcement to shipping clients, it is very likely that the increase will take place,” a spokesperson for the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) told the Journal of Commerce. The usual number of transits is between 36 to 38 per day, the spokesperson added, although 40 to 42 vessels can transit in ideal conditions.

*Panama Canal transits rise to almost normal levels as expansion work begins, August 1, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*





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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **'We're too fat': TFI International CEO targets costs at US LTL operations**

With revenue at TFI International ever more dependent upon its activities in the less-than-truckload sector, it is no surprise that was CEO Alain Bedard's main focus for much of the company's earnings call with analysts. The call was entirely Bedard; no other TFI executives joined in, unusual in any industry. TFI's U.S. LTL operations sported a second-quarter operating ratio above 90%, and LTL accounted for 42% of company revenue, so it drew most of Bedard's attention – and critique. OR at TFI's U.S. LTL operations was 90.8%, an improvement from the 91.5% of a year earlier. Asked by an analyst if TFI could get that down to meet an annual target of 88% by the end of the year, Bedard was characteristically blunt. "No, it is impossible," he said. The company's target instead is to break below a 90% OR by the end of the year. The 88% OR target was set in the fall of 2023. "When I listened to our guys, our team, we thought we would grow our shipment count at the same time as reducing costs," Bedard said.

*'We're too fat': TFI International CEO targets costs at US LTL operations, July 28, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

#### **Carriers Abusing LMIA to Recruit Foreign Workers**



Source: Cantruck

Trucking association executives say that a key component of the temporary foreign worker (TFW) program is being abused, with foreign workers paying tens of thousands of dollars for an opportunity to live and work in Canada, reports Leo Barros, of Trucknews.com. "The Canadian Trucking Alliance on many occasions has seen unusual activity in our sector and irregularities when it comes to some carriers and the number of approved LMIAs [Labour Market Impact Assessments] they have," Stephen Laskowski, president of the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) and Ontario Trucking Association, told the magazine. "In some cases, we can see some companies with huge numbers of approved LMIAs in proportion to their fleet size. This should be an obvious red flag for authorities that draws questions as to why more drivers are required than trucks registered to the fleets."

*Carriers Abusing LMIA to Recruit Foreign Workers, July 26, 2024, [www.cantruck.ca](http://www.cantruck.ca)*

#### **MTO DriveON Provides Details of Mobile Inspection Pilot for Trailers**

In a notice sent to industry on July 30, 2024, MTO's DriveON program has identified details of a pilot program that will commence to test the capabilities for conducting mobile trailer inspections. MTO's notice highlights this initiative aims to enhance accessibility and convenience for trailer operators, and reduce downtime by overcoming the logistical and capacity constraints of fixed-location inspections. The pilot program will commence on August 1, 2024, and will run until December 31, 2024. MTO aims to include 10 participants in the pilot program to allow for efficient administration and evaluation.

*MTO DriveON Provides Details of Mobile Inspection Pilot for Trailers, July 30, 2024, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## 5 takeaways from TFI International's Q2 earnings call



Source: Today's Trucking

TFI International is looking at ways to improve margins, while not counting on the general freight markets to help. Total revenue for the quarter came in at \$2.26 billion (US), up from \$1.79 billion in Q2 2023 thanks to contributions from acquisitions, most notably Daseke Group. However, lower freight volumes and a "continued weaker transportation environment" weighed on those gains, Alain Bedard, chairman and CEO of TFI said. Net income slid to \$117.8 million, compared to \$128.2 million in the prior year period. That reflected a one-time charge of \$19.7 million related to the Daseke acquisition. Revenue was up across all segments, including 78% in truckload thanks to the Daseke acquisition and 24% in logistics. But Bedard said on a call with analysts there's still work to be done, and he's not counting on a sharp improvement in freight conditions to make things easy.

*5 takeaways from TFI International's Q2 earnings call, July 30, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## KAG Canada acquires Groupe Sylvain Simard



Source: Today's Trucking

KAG Canada has acquired Chicoutimi, Que.-based Groupe Sylvain Simard. The company specializes in the transportation of aggregates, chemicals along with cement and aluminum dross throughout eastern

Canada, according to a news release. "Acquiring Groupe Sylvain Simard will allow our footprint to expand in Quebec and continue to diversify our commodities in the East," said Lynette McMann, KAG Canada's EVP of operations. "We are looking forward to welcoming our new team members to the KAG Canada team. This acquisition is accompanied by their team of professional drivers, mechanics and office staff along with their hauling equipment."

*KAG Canada acquires Groupe Sylvain Simard, July 30, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Uber Freight sees growth in Canadian market



Source: Inside Logistics

Uber Freight, an end-to-end enterprise suite powering intelligent logistics, said the company has seen growth in the Canadian market propelled by its collaborative shipping model. Since 2021, Uber Freight's engineered less-than-truckload (LTL) network has expanded by 50 per cent, contributing significantly to the company's overall Canadian market growth. This translates to approximately \$800 million in total freight under management (FUM). "Canada is a crucial market for Uber Freight, and our unique LTL solutions have been a key driver of our success here," said Craig Watson, vice-president and managing director (Canada) at Uber Freight. "Our collaborative network optimizes load combinations and routing, significantly improving reliability, efficiency and cost-effectiveness for shippers across the country."

*Uber Freight sees growth in Canadian market, July 31, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## ITD opens Ontario's first commercial hydrogen fuelling station



Source: Today's Trucking

The opening of Ontario's first commercial fuelling station for hydrogen-powered heavy trucks was celebrated July 30, during a ceremony attended by Premier Doug Ford. ITD Industries and Nikola have constructed the permanent Hyla-branded station at ITD's Etobicoke manufacturing facility, which also serves as Canada's Nikola showroom. Nikola produces both battery-electric and hydrogen fuel-cell-electric trucks, and is the only Class 8 manufacturer to offer both options today, said Steve Girsky, Nikola CEO, who was also in attendance. "It is inspiring to witness the vision of a hydrogen-powered future coming to life with the opening of this refuelling station in the Greater Toronto Area," Girsky said. "Collaborating with ITD Industries, we are not only providing trucks but also the fuelling solutions to support the entire hydrogen ecosystem. This station marks significant progress in our mission to build a comprehensive hydrogen infrastructure in North America."

*ITD opens Ontario's first commercial hydrogen fuelling station, August 1, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, June 2024



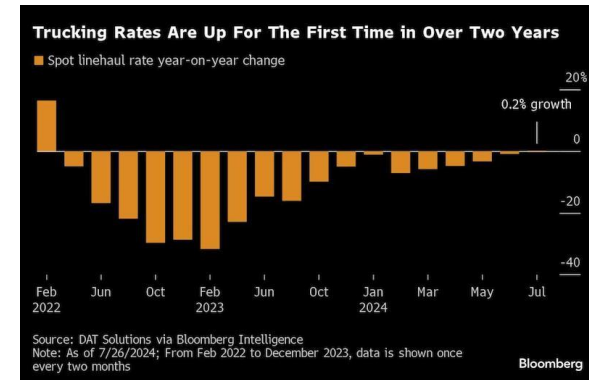
Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for June on Statcan website. For June 2024 the index was 136.1 compared to 136.4 a month ago and 127.5 in June 2023. For the period April to June 2024 or the second quarter of 2024, the index rose 1 point from 135.1 to 136.1, this compares with a fall of 2.6 points from 130.1 to 127.5 in 2023.

*Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, June 2024, July 31, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### End of trucking recession finally in sight as freight rates rise



Source: AJOT

Trucking executives in the US are fanning optimism that the end of their recession may be close as freight rates look set to grow for the first time in nearly two years. The average cost of moving goods by truck is set to rise 0.2% year-on-year this month after 27 consecutive months of declines, according to freight marketplace DAT Solutions. Demand looks to be returning to pre-pandemic levels and trucking executives are talking up an impending recovery as their stock prices rise. Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings Inc. Chief Executive Officer Adam Miller said on a Thursday, July 25, 2024 earnings call "If the trends over the past few months continue, we should see demand building as we exit the third quarter and some return of seasonal activity for the fourth quarter for the first time in years,"

*End of trucking recession finally in sight as freight rates rise, July 28, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*





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### CANADA

#### Summary of discussions about accessibility of small transportation service providers in remote, rural and northern communities

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) is considering extending elements of the existing Accessible Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Regulations (ATPDR) to small Transportation Service Providers (STSPs) in a second phase (Phase II) of the ATPDR. Currently, the ATPDR covers larger transportation service providers, such as airlines that transported over 1 million passengers in each of the last two calendar years. STSPs are not currently covered by the ATPDR. The consultation plan was shared with the members of the CTA's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) for their review and input. As per the established plan, in April 2023, the CTA initiated discussions with a small group of industry representatives and members of the disability community. The purpose of these discussions was to learn about the experience of persons with disabilities when traveling with STSPs and the operational realities and challenges of these STSPs in delivering accessible transportation services. In the spring and summer of 2023, CTA staff, accompanied by representatives of the communities of persons with disabilities, organized a series of meetings and site visits to gain first-hand knowledge about the operations and current accessibility practices of STSPs. Persons with disabilities stated that STSPs generally appeared to make efforts to provide personalized service and, in particular, to assist persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities explained that they understand that STSPs may not achieve full accessibility in remote, rural and northern areas of Canada, but believe that they should be able to advance accessibility to the extent possible. This goal aligns with the national objective of making Canada fully

accessible by 2040. STSPs stated that they sometimes face challenges with respect to communication with travelers, especially in smaller communities, due to internet and cell service not always being available, or the service being unreliable. For this reason, travelers seem to prefer landline phones and in-person communication. For a complete discussion of findings refer to the CTA website.

*Summary of discussions about accessibility of small transportation service providers in remote, rural and northern communities, July 26, 2024, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

#### Ottawa's warehouse labour force expected to grow



Source: Inside Logistics

CBRE Canada's latest "Emerging Industrial Markets" spotlight shines a light on Ottawa's potential for growth in the logistics sector, saying the city's warehouse labour force is expected to grow by 14 per cent by 2034, according to Oxford Economics and the Government of Canada Job Bank.

*Ottawa's warehouse labour force expected to grow, July 26, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



## Tourism Human Resource Module



Source: Statcan

The Tourism Human Resource Module by occupation is now available upon request. This builds on the previous estimates by characteristics released on June 7, 2024, by adding the occupation details. It depicts annual estimates of jobs, hours worked, and wages and salaries in tourism industries consistent with the System of National Accounts concepts, by characteristics of the employees holding those jobs.

*Tourism Human Resource Module, July 26, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, June 2024



Source: Statcan

In June 2024, 5.0 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, an increase of 3.7% from June 2023. Screened passenger traffic in June 2024 came in above pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, with 2.2% more screened passengers than in June 2019. In June 2024, transborder (to the United States) screened passengers were up 12.3% over June 2023, marking the second consecutive month in which transborder traffic exceeded pre-pandemic levels. Indeed, the number of passengers screened for flights to the United States in June 2024 was up 4.2% from June 2019. Moreover, international screened passenger traffic (outside of the United States) in June 2024 grew 9.9% over June 2023, exceeding pre-pandemic levels from June 2019 by 2.3%. The number of passengers screened for domestic flights was

down 3.5% year over year in June 2024 albeit this was 1.1% higher than in June 2019. In June 2024, each of Canada's eight largest airports posted higher volumes of passenger traffic year over year. Halifax/Robert L. Stanfield International led the increases, up 8.1% over June 2023.

*Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, June 2024, July 29, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Medline Canada expands its distribution space in Manitoba



Medline Canada, a medical supplies manufacturer and distributor, is expanding its western operations with a new 46,000-square-foot distribution centre in Rosser, Man., doubling its current warehouse space in the province. Over the last decade, Medline Canada has expanded its supply chain network nationally while growing product offerings, capabilities and market share. Medline's expansion in Manitoba follows the company's recent opening of a 160,000-square-foot western distribution hub in Rocky View County, Alta., north of Calgary.

*Medline Canada expands its distribution space in Manitoba, August 1, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



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## WiLAT NA 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, September 25 @ 2 pm ET/ 1 pm CT/11 am PT

Via Zoom

Join us for our one-year anniversary celebration hosted by Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops who will teach a Medicine Bag Workshop. Marc is a proud member of the Apitipi Anicinapek Nation (formerly Wahgoshig First Nation Band), with roots in both Algonquin and French heritage. As the founder of Makatew Workshops, Marc is dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and understanding through immersive experiences.

The medicine bag is so much more than an accessory. In this facilitated workshop, you will learn its history and purpose while making a medicine bag of your own using locally sourced deer leather.

RSVP online by **September 10th** to reserve your space and receive your kit by mail prior to our anniversary event at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-1st-anniversary-celebration/>



*\*This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.\**



Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops



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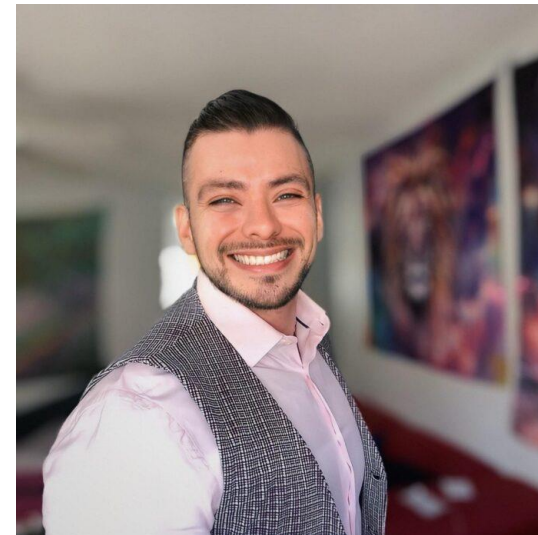
The medicine bag is so much more than an accessory. In this facilitated workshop, you will learn its history and purpose while making a medicine bag of your own using locally sourced deer leather. The workshop provides a comprehensive and insightful exploration of Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices. This workshop covers several crucial topics, offering participants a deep understanding and appreciation of Indigenous traditions and contemporary issues.

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**One of our US Members, Dennis Hernandez CMILT has been featured recently in an article from NetNewsLedger. You can read some of the article below.**



### **Breaking Barriers: How Inclusivity is Shaping the Future of Procurement Logistics**

In today's fast-paced global economy, the demand for inclusive practices in procurement and logistics is transforming the industry.

As businesses strive to reflect the diverse communities they serve, inclusivity has become a crucial aspect of modern supply chain management.

Companies enhance operational efficiency and drive innovation and growth by embracing diversity and fostering inclusive environments.

“Inclusivity in procurement and logistics is not optional; it is essential for business success,” says Dennis Hernandez, a highly regarded procurement consultant with expertise in logistics.

“Companies that prioritize diversity are better positioned to understand and meet the needs of their global customer base.”

While conducting Logistics activities at Suzano America, Hernandez is considered superior.

As the Senior Logistics Consultant, he expertly oversees the activities and manages stevedoring, warehousing, transportation, and third-party logistics suppliers.

He has also implemented Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) setups with multiple third-party suppliers, which has enhanced automation and customer service levels.

Hernandez leads the Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (D&EI) committee at Suzano North America, mapping activities and governance for long-term implementation. His role includes delivering training sessions and resources to enhance staff skills and ensure operational continuity.

Hernandez says the company is progressive in its attitude towards inclusivity, which he is very proud of as a highly regarded company member: “I am pleased to say Suzano is very inclusive. As a gay man with a husband, I feel comfortable and valued for my abilities and contributions rather than judged for my personal life.”

He adds: “This supportive environment is vital for my professional and personal well-being.

“That is how it should be, but sadly in procurement and logistics, it is not always the case.”

As part of Hernandez’s responsibilities managing ‘Plural,’ the name of Suzano’s DE&I initiative, he raises awareness about the challenges various affinity groups face, both within and outside the workplace.

Hernandez says: “We focus on groups such as women, the LGBTQ+ community, people of African descent, and people of different generations and people with disabilities.

“Organizing events and conducting research to provide resources and create awareness within my company is something I am very proud of. It’s fulfilling to see the positive impact of these initiatives on our company culture.”

Traditionally a heterosexual male-dominated industry, the procurement and logistics sector is undergoing a significant shift.

This change is driven by a growing recognition of diverse perspectives’ value to problem-solving and decision-making processes.

Inclusivity in procurement logistics means ensuring that people from different backgrounds, genders, ethnicities, and abilities are represented and have a voice.

To read the full article, please visit:

<https://www.netnewsledger.com/2024/07/05/breaking-barriers-how-inclusivity-is-shaping-the-future-of-procurement-logistics/>

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## 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

To apply, please visit:

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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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**\* Supply chain specialist, Infasco Nut, Mississauga, ON**

We are currently looking for a Supply Chain Specialist to join our team in Mississauga.

This position requires monthly international travel. The candidate will be required to travel to Mexico, Vietnam, Turkey, India or any other place where our operations require it. The candidate must be comfortable traveling on a monthly basis. In addition to business travel, this position is essentially on-site.

Your mission at INFASCO NUT:

Reporting to the General Manager, the Supply Chain Specialist will be responsible for developing Overseas and Mexican sourcing for automotive semi-finished products. The candidate will be responsible for developing relations with our subcontractors with whom we wish to work and develop our business over the long term. This role requires willingness to go above and beyond to understand our business and rapidly develop sourcing to help deliver the best value to Infasco Nut from our vendors.

Main responsibilities:

Establish and developed long term strategic partnerships with new overseas suppliers;  
 Work with the internal team and experienced agent to rapidly develop new sources outside of China/Taiwan;  
 Support the procurement team in implementing rapid changes to part sourcing to achieve our cost reduction objectives;  
 Evaluate current supply chain for potential options/overseas logistics;  
 Evaluate North American supply chain for options for processing;  
 Participate in technology watch to implement new tools to improve productivity;  
 Propose changes to our planning processes to reduce downtime and thus boost productivity.

Our ideal candidate:

Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, operations management, logistics or related field;  
 Valid passport for international travel;  
 5 years' experience in Automotive supply chain and S&OP operations in inventory planning and in the manufacturing field;  
 Automotive market knowledge for the territories of Vietnam, South Asia, Mexico, India (an asset);  
 Solid negotiation skills to create win-win partnerships;  
 Collaborative leader with a track record of achieving results in line with ambitious objectives;  
 Strong technical skills with knowledge of MS Office applications.

Our offer:

Competitive salary;

Stimulating work environment with opportunities for professional development;  
Complete group insurance coverage (medical, dental, life, disability, etc.) paid at 85% by the employer;  
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### \* **Operations Coordinator, AVI-SPL Canada, Ottawa, ON**

#### What You'll Do:

As an Operations Coordinator, you will support the Systems Integration leadership and office resources with a wide variety of assignments and tasks to support ongoing operation of the business.

#### Day-to-Day Responsibilities:

Provide support of internal projects for SIG office location through coordination with Operations, Service, Procurement and Finance departments.

Interact with all internal office and field resource staff.

Maintain current and acceptable process and procedures for all assigned tasks.

Compile external and internal submittal documentation.

Assist with project milestone tracking of team resource tasks.

Assist Operations team with equipment procurement and tracking.

Submit returned material authorizations.

Coordinate pick tickets with office warehouse teams.

Ensure all closeout/as-built documentation is created and stored.

Provide information for CSAT delivery.

Assist Management in the change order process.

Other task assignments as required.

#### Must Haves:

Effectively communicate and interact with employees, clients, and colleagues and the ability to work effectively with all levels of the organization.

Proficient with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook), Microsoft Project and Adobe Acrobat.

Effectively manage time tasks to meet assignment objectives while adapting to change priorities.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, both verbal and written.

Strong organizational skills and excellent attention detail.

#### Nice-to-Haves:

Demonstrated experience as an Operations Coordinator/Administrator in the Audio Visual, Construction, Technology, or related industry.

Accurately read and comprehend project documents.

Minimum high school diploma or equivalent.

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