

### Transportation's Top Stories

# Air Transport Updates

#### **CANADA**

# Air Canada Offers Pilots a 30% Pay Boost as Strike Deadline Nears



Source: Yahoo

Air Canada has offered to boost the pay of more than 5,000 pilots by about 30% within the next three years, according to people familiar with the matter, as it seeks to prevent a strike. Pilots at Canada's largest airline would received a minimum 20% increase up front, followed by annual raises over a three-year period, said the people, asking not to be identified because the discussions are private. Pilots with one to four years of service would receive more, the people said. The offer means that a captain with 10 years of service flying a widebody aircraft such as a Boeing 777 with a current salary of just over C\$350,000 (\$259,000) per year may see an increase of more than C\$100,000 over the life of the contract, the people said. The airline's offer also includes improvements in pension and health benefits. Air Canada and the Air Line Pilots Association have been in talks for more than a year. The last contract, a 10-year deal that was ratified in 2014, provided pay increases of about 2% annually. The pilots haven't received a raise since last year.

Air Canada Offers Pilots a 30% Pay Boost as Strike Deadline Nears, September 4, 2024, <u>www.yahoo.com</u>

#### **US/WORLD**

### Air Travel Consumer Report: June 2024 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)on August 30, 2024 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of June 2024 and the first six months of 2024 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, mishandled wheelchairs and scooters, and second quarter oversales. For June 2024, 1.3% of flights were cancelled, lower than the 2.1% cancellation rate for June 2023, lower than the 3.1% cancellation rate for June 2022, and lower than the 2.1% cancellation rate in pre-pandemic June 2019. For the first six months of 2024, the reporting marketing carriers posted a cancellation rate of 1.4%, down from 1.6% for the same period in 2023, down from 3.2% for the same period in 2022, and down from 2.4% for the same period in 2019. In June 2024, reporting marketing carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 74.3%, up from both 72.6% in May 2024 and 71.3% in June 2023. The year-to-date on-time arrival rate for 2024 is 76.9%. In June 2024, airlines reported 70 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights. compared to 38 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights reported in May 2024. In June 2024, airlines reported six tarmac delay of more than four hours on an international flight, compared to four tarmac delay of more than four hours on international flights reported in May 2024. In June 2024, reporting marketing carriers handled 44.6 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.58%, same as the rate of 0.58% in May 2024, and lower than the rate of 0.70% in June 2023. In June 2024, reporting marketing carriers reported checking 82,778 wheelchairs and scooters and mishandling 1,075 for a rate of 1.30% mishandled wheelchairs and scooters, higher than the rate of 1.24% mishandled in May 2024 and lower than the rate of 1.45% mishandled in June 2023. n June 2024, carriers reported one incident involving the death, injury, or loss of an animal while traveling by air, lower than the two reports filed in May 2024 and equal

to the one report filed in June 2023. June's incident involved the death of one animal.

Air Travel Consumer Report: June 2024 Numbers, August 30, 2024, www.dot.gov

### Cabin waste audit to provide compelling evidence for change



Source: IATA

IATA and the Aviation Sustainability Forum (ASF) are collaborating to launch a standardized Cabin Waste Composition Audit (CWCA). The CWCA will be an essential tool in aviation's sustainability efforts. Previous IATA research identified the lack of a standardized methodology in cabin waste audits. As a result, harmonized data is not available to underpin decision-making by airlines, caterers, and policymakers regarding waste management and circularity issues. A standardized approach to CWCA analysis will help to solve these concerns and enable the sector to enable and demonstrate progress in waste reduction. "Managing and reducing waste is an important component of aviation's overall sustainability," says Marie Owens Thomsen, IATA's Senior Vice President Sustainability and Chief Economist. "Obtaining standardized and comparable data regarding the composition and quantity of waste from flights will help the industry to reduce the waste it generates. Better data will also help policymakers to harmonize regulations, which in turn can help optimize the industry's capability to sort, recycle, and safely re-use waste that cannot be avoided. Working with ASF in developing this audit program is a significant step forward in improving the circularity of the sector."

Cabin waste audit to provide compelling evidence for change, September 2, 2024, www.iata.org

#### IVL Increase Will Hurt NZ's Travel and Tourism Sector

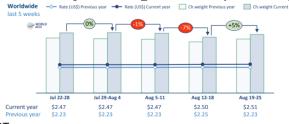


Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) expressed disappointment with the New Zealand Government's decision to increase the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). "It has been a double whammy for the New Zealand travel and tourism sector, starting with New Zealand Immigration announcing steep increases in visa fees, and now the increase in the IVL. These changes make travel to New Zealand more expensive and less attractive and could further delay the recovery in visitor numbers to beyond 2026," said Dr. Xie Xingguan, IATA's Regional Vice President for North Asia and Asia-Pacific (ad interim). The recovery of the New Zealand aviation market currently lags behind major markets such as Australia, Canada, France, Spain, the UK, and the US. These markets have either recovered to pre-pandemic passenger levels or will achieve full recovery in 2024.

IVL Increase Will Hurt NZ's Travel and Tourism Sector, September 3. 2024, www.iata.org

### WorldACD Weekly Air Cargo Trends (week 34) - 2024



Source: AJOT

Air cargo tonnages from Asia Pacific have rebounded strongly in the last full week of August 2024 after slipping sharply the previous week due to flight cancellations resulting from a typhoon in Northeast Asia.

although tonnages from Europe have yet to bounce back from the mid-August 'Assumption' holiday. According to the latest figures and analysis from WorldACD Market Data, worldwide air cargo tonnages in week 34 (19-25 August) rebounded by +5%, compared with the previous week, mainly driven by a week-on-week (WoW) increase of +11% from Asia Pacific origins. That follows a -7% drop in worldwide flown cargo the previous week, most of which was linked to the impact of Typhoon Ampil on air cargo to and from Japan — and to a lesser extent South Korea — and to the 15 August holiday in various European countries. The impact of this week's typhoon is to affect Japan further.

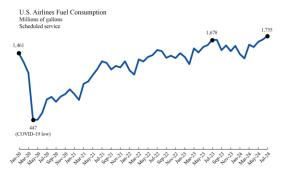
WorldACD Weekly Air Cargo Trends (week 34) – 2024, August 30, 2024, www.ajot.com

# USDOT Seeks to Protect Consumers' Airline Rewards in Probe of Four Largest U.S. Airlines' Rewards Practices

On September 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) launched an inquiry into the four largest U.S. airlines' rewards programs that is aimed at protecting rewards customers from potential unfair, deceptive, or anticompetitive practices. As part of the probe, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg sent letters to American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines ordering them to provide records and submit reports with detailed information about their rewards programs, practices, and policies. DOT's probe is focused on the ways consumers participating in airline rewards programs are impacted by the devaluation of earned rewards, hidden or dynamic pricing, extra fees, and reduced competition and choice.

USDOT Seeks to Protect Consumers' Airline Rewards in Probe of Four Largest U.S. Airlines' Rewards Practices, September 5, 2024, www.dot.gov

### U.S. Airlines' July 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 1.6% from June 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 3.5% from Pre-Pandemic July 2019



Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on July 5, 2024 released U.S. airlines' July 2024 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.735 billion gallons of fuel, 3.1% more fuel than in June 2024 (1.683 billion gallons) and 3.5% more than in pre-pandemic July 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in July 2024 (\$2.58) was up 4 cents (1.6%) from June 2024 (\$2.54) and up \$0.59 (29.9%) from July 2019. Total July 2024 fuel expenditure (\$4.47B) was up 4.7% from June 2024 (\$4.27B) and up 34.5% from pre-pandemic July 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for July 2024 includes a 2.7% increase in domestic fuel consumption, a 5.8% increase in domestic fuel cost, and a 3.0% increase in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption increased 3.1% from June 2024 to July 2024, while increasing 3.5% from July 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period. U.S. Airlines' July 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 1.6% from June 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 3.5% from Pre-Pandemic July 2019, July 5, 2024, www.bts.gov

### Summer provides perfect 'warm up act' as the global air cargo market heads towards hotly anticipated Q4 peak

The global air cargo market's hot summer of double-digit demand growth continued in August 2024 with average spot rates showing their largest year-on-year growth of +24%, according to the latest weekly analysis by Xeneta. Global average air cargo spot rates of USD 2.68 per kg in August were boosted by continuing supply and demand imbalance. August's global cargo supply grew at its slowest ratio in

2024 to-date at 2% year-on-year, while global cargo demand continued its double-digit growth, rising +11%. The increase was further supported by ocean-to-air shift due to Red Sea disruptions and ecommerce demand. E-commerce continued to show strong growth as the air cargo market continued to cruise towards its hotly anticipated peak season. According to Trade and Transport Group, e-commerce and low-value goods exports from China in the first seven months of 2024 increased +30% year-on-year. Notably, shipments to Europe and the US showed +38% and +30% growth respectively. "Typically, air cargo market performance in August tends to follow the July trend. But another month of double-digit demand growth and the strongest rate growths of the year means there was definitely no summer slack season in 2024," said Niall van de Wouw, Xeneta's Chief Airfreight Officer.

Summer provides perfect 'warm up act' as the global air cargo market heads towards hotly anticipated Q4 peak, September 5, 2024, <a href="https://www.ajot.com">www.ajot.com</a>

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# EU top court should reject Air France-KLM cartel fine appeal, court adviser says

Europe's top court should reject an appeal by Air France KLM and its Dutch unit KLM, British Airways, Singapore Airlines and some of their peers against cartel fines imposed by EU antitrust regulators in 2017, an adviser to the court said on September 5, 2024. The European Commission seven years ago reissued fines totalling 776 million euros to 11 airlines for taking part in a cartel to fix air cargo prices, after the Luxembourg-based General Court scrapped its first decision levied in 2010 due to a procedural error. The carriers took their grievance back to the lower tribunal which threw out their challenges in 2022, prompting them to appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). The court's judges should dismiss their appeals, CJEU Advocate General Athanasios Rantos said in a non-binding opinion, as he sided with the EU competition enforcer. He said SAS' appeal for a cut in its fine should be referred back to the General Court to be reviewed.

EU top court should reject Air France-KLM cartel fine appeal, court adviser says, September 5, 2024, www.ajot.com



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# Rail Transport Updates

#### **CANADA**

Freight Rail Services Price Index, August 2024



Source: Statcan

Data for August for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available. The freight index for August 2024 was 127.1 compared to 126.7 in July 2024 and 121.5 in August 2023. Freight Rail Services Price Index, August 2024, August 30, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Canadian Teamsters file 4 separate legal challenges to Appeals Board

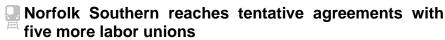


Source: Freightwaves

Teamsters say Federal Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon abused his power by establishing a system where he alone can unilaterally end job action in the federally regulated private sector. Canadian Teamsters have filed four separate challenges on August 29, 2024 in the Canadian Federal Court of Appeal challenging the Labor Minister's order for binding arbitration and the Canada Industrial Relations Board decision to stop the lockout and work stoppage. There are two challenges for each railroad. This latest legal maneuver comes after the labor union vowed to challenge the ruling. The CIRB originally ordered the railroads and labor to appear August 29, 2024 for a scheduled meeting on the arbitration process but due to a scheduling issue with one of the attorneys, the CIRB agreed to reschedule the first meeting. CIRB tells American Shipper, "No date has been determined yet. We are awaiting confirmation of the parties' availability." Union officials say they are confident the law is on their side

Canadian Teamsters file 4 separate legal challenges to Appeals Board, August 30, 2024, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

#### US/WORLD



Norfolk Southern has reached tentative, five-year labor agreements with five unions, the U.S. railroad operator said on August 30, 2024, at a time when thousands of employees in the industry are negotiating for better pay and working conditions. Of its 13 unions, the company has reached tentative agreements with nine, which cover about 55% of its unionized workforce, over the past two weeks. The agreements, which still need to be ratified by the unions, provide a 3.5% average annual

wage hike over the next five years and offer more time off for workers and better healthcare benefits.

Norfolk Southern reaches tentative agreements with five more labor unions, August 30, 2024, <a href="https://www.ajot.com">www.ajot.com</a>

### AAR: Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 35



Source: Railway Age

Weekly rail traffic volumes are up again over the prior-year period. according to the latest Association of American Railroads (AAR) report. For this week ending August 31, 2024, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 516,632 carloads and intermodal units, up 8.4 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending August 31 were 233,278 carloads, up 1.0 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 283.354 containers and trailers, up 15.3 percent compared to 2023. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 5,492 carloads, to 20,494; petroleum and petroleum products, up 1,365 carloads, to 11,412; and motor vehicles and parts, up 1,144 carloads, to 17,221. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 were coal, down 5,495 carloads, to 62,624; metallic ores and metals, down 1,487 carloads, to 21,616; and nonmetallic minerals, down 166 carloads, to 32,156. Canadian railroads reported 94,106 carloads for the week, up 4.7 percent, and 58,491 intermodal units, down 18.8 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 35 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,538,464 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.3 percent. AAR: Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 35 and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending August 31, 2024, September 4, 2024, www.railwayage.com and www.ajot.com



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# Marine Transport Updates

#### **CANADA**

# Rehabilitation project to improve rail capacity at Port of Montreal



Source: Inside Logistics

Structural work on the Port of Montreal's Pie-IX rail bridge has begun, with the rehabilitation project scheduled for completion in December 2025. The project aims to ensure the long-term viability of the rail link, improve supply chain fluidity, increase rail capacity and optimize the flow of goods on the Port's rail network. Spanning Pie-IX Blvd. north of the Port Road, the Pie-IX railway bridge is a key infrastructure at the core of the Port of Montreal's rail network. Currently comprising three rail tracks, the structure is under heavy strain to accommodate growing rail transport needs, and requires major work on its foundations and decks. With a budget of \$42.41 million, the project involves restoring the aging infrastructure, adding a fourth track to the structure to create a rail link that is 200 metres long and building three rail storage tracks for the Lantic sugar refinery.

Rehabilitation project to improve rail capacity at Port of Montreal, September 5, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

#### **US/WORLD**

## Container rates down three per cent

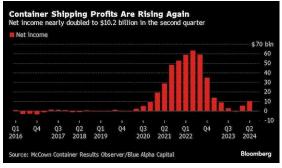


Source: Inside Logistics

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) decreased three per cent to US\$5,181 per 40-ft container for the week of Aug. 26-30, the fifth week in a row rates have declined. The latest Drewry WCI composite index is 50 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but it is 265 per cent more than the average 2019 (pre-pandemic) rate of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$4,108 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,299 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,809, which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period.

Container rates down three per cent, August 30, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

# Container carrier profits soar on record volumes, higher rates



Source: AJOT

The global container shipping industry saw profits surge to more than \$10 billion in the second quarter on record volumes and rising freight rates after Red Sea diversions, according to a new analysis. Net income for the world's major container carriers, including Denmark's A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S and China's Cosco Shipping Holdings Co., almost doubled from the first three months of the year and topped the \$8.88 billion haul from the second quarter of 2023, according to a report released Saturday by industry veteran John McCown. Profit for the current quarter may also be set to show another "material increase" given how well the market for international goods trade has been holding up, he said. Demand has been especially strong in the US, where retailers and other importers are stocking up at warehouses amid worries about new tariffs on Chinese goods and a possible dockworkers strike at East and Gulf Coast ports.

Container carrier profits soar on record volumes, higher rates, September 1, 2024, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

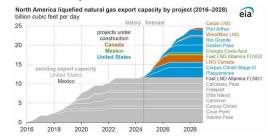
Tech vendor aims to help forwarders preserve margins in growing LCL market



Forwarders typically work with the top less-than-containerload consolidators to get vessel space for smaller shipments. A technology vendor founded by two veterans of the less-than-containerload (LCL) industry is arming forwarders with the ability to preserve profit margin on LCL shipments moved by the large neutral non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOs) that collectively control a large share of the LCL market. The company, AllMasters, has developed a platform to provide such service.

Tech vendor aims to help forwarders preserve margins in growing LCL market, September 3, 2024, <a href="https://www.joc.com">www.joc.com</a>

# North America's LNG export capacity is on track to more than double by 2028



Source: AJOT

North America's liquefied natural gas (LNG) export capacity is on track to more than double between 2024 and 2028, from 11.4 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2023 to 24.4 Bcf/d in 2028, if projects currently under construction begin operations as planned. During this time, we expect developers in Mexico and Canada to place their first LNG export terminals into service and in the United States to add to existing LNG capacity. By the end of 2028, we estimate LNG export capacity will grow by 0.8 Bcf/d in Mexico, 2.5 Bcf/d in Canada, and 9.7 Bcf/d in the United States from a total of 10 new projects that are currently under construction in the three countries.

North America's LNG export capacity is on track to more than double by 2028, September 3, 2024, <a href="https://www.jot.com">www.jot.com</a>

### PLA port terminal getting \$52 million for on-dock rail



Source: Frreightwaves

The U.S. container port arms race is moving by rail. The Los Angeles Harbor Commission on September 5, 2024 said it has approved a lease amendment that finalizes plans for \$52 million to improve the ondock rail capacity at the Port of Los Angeles Pier 300. Pier 300, the second-largest terminal at Los Angeles, is owned by CMA CGM Group of Marseille and operated by subsidiary Fenix Marine Services (FMS). Construction is expected to begin in 2025, the port said in a release, and will add five loading/unloading tracks in the intermodal yard. "This project enhances cargo capacity and efficiency while improving the sustainability of port operations," said Los Angeles Harbor Commission President Lucille Roybal-Allard in the announcement. "It's yet another step forward toward both our productivity and clean air goals."

LA port terminal getting \$52 million for on-dock rail, September 5, 2024, <u>www.freightwaves.com</u>

Ocean freight rates now 54 per cent lower than pandemic peak



Source: Inside Logistics

Drewry's World Container Index took its steepest drop in several weeks, decreasing eight per cent to US\$4,775 per 40-ft container for the week of Sept. 2-6, 2024. The latest Drewry WCI composite index is 54 per cent below the previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in

September 2021, but it is 236 per cent more than the average 2019 rate of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$4,127 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,313 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,814, which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period.

Ocean freight rates now 54 per cent lower than pandemic peak, September 5, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>



### Transportation's Top Stories

# Road Transport Updates

#### **CANADA**

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, July 2024



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for July. The courier and messengers index was 136.5 for July 2024 compared to 126.1 in June 2024 and 127.3 in July 2023. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, July 2024, August 30, 2024, <a href="https://www.statcan.gc.ca">www.statcan.gc.ca</a>





Source: Statcan

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is now available for the second quarter. The truck index for June 2024 was 121.4 compared to 121.0 and 119.5 in June 2023. For the second quarter of 2024 the index was 121.5 compared to 120.8 in the first quarter of 2024 and 120.1 in the second quarter in 2023. **For-hire** Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, second quarter 2024, August 30, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

# Highway Motor Freight expands operations at CentrePort Canada Rail Park



Source: Inside Logistics

Highway Motor Freight has expanded its operations at CentrePort Canada Rail Park with a \$16 million investment in a new 32,000 square-foot facility, which it says will create 150 new jobs. The expansion includes the acquisition of 20 acres of land to construct a state-of-the-art 32,000 sq-ft transportation terminal, located at CentrePort Canada Rail Park in the Rural Municipality of Rosser (R.M. of Rosser). As the next tenant to commence construction in the 665-acre CentrePort Canada Rail Park project, developed by Focus Equities Inc., the new facility is expected to create more than 150 new jobs once fully operational.

Highway Motor Freight expands operations at CentrePort Canada Rail Park, September 3, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

# Statement by Transport Minister Rodriguez on National Trucking Week 2024

The Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, on September 3, 2024 issued the following statement: "Each September, we mark National Trucking Week in Canada. It's a time to thank our truckers and acknowledge the important work they do to keep our economy moving. "We have recently witnessed, in real time, how every element of our supply chains is essential to move goods across our big country every day. This National Trucking Week, I'm inviting all Canadians to celebrate the truckers in this country - they literally keep Canada moving. "Canadian trucking businesses move billions of dollars of goods and trade, including across the U.S. border. The truckers that work these long hours away from their families to move these goods are vital to keep grocery shelves stocked, get fresh produce to market, connect small businesses, and grow our economy. "Just like the trucking industry is here for Canadians, the Government of Canada will invest in our workers, support trucking, and help foster innovation in this industry."

Statement by Transport Minister Rodriguez on National Trucking Week 2024, September 3, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca



# Province Breaks Ground on Three Ontario Line Stations

The Ontario government has officially broken ground on King-Bathurst, Queen-Spadina and Moss Park Stations, marking another milestone in the province's plan to build the Ontario Line and create a reliable and continuous transit line that connects communities throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is one step closer to delivering a world-class transit system for the GTA," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "The stations we're breaking ground on today will help tackle gridlock, reduce commute times and connect tens of thousands of commuters to homes and good-paying jobs each and every day." Province Breaks Ground on Three Ontario Line Stations, September 4, 2024, www.mto.gov.on.ca

# On the road to more accessible and functional transit services in Hamilton

The federal, provincial, and municipal governments are making a combined investment of more than \$6 million to improve transit services in Hamilton. Investing in public transit helps Canadians get where they need to be, creates new manufacturing and construction jobs, reduces pollution and makes life more affordable.

On the road to more accessible and functional transit services in Hamilton, September 5, 2024, www.mto.gov.on.ca



# ESDC introduces new resources on Driver Inc. misclassification



Source: Todays Trucking

As National Trucking Week unfolds, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) is highlighting the trucking industry's contributions while focusing on the issue of employee misclassification in the sector. ESDC released new resources designed to help both employers and employees understand their rights and obligations under the Code. These include the 'awareness kit' and a video titled "Misclassification: know your rights." The resources provide information on what employee misclassification is, how it impacts truck drivers, and how to identify and report it. They also explain the consequences for employers who misclassify workers and clarify the differences between employees in federally regulated industries and independent contractors. This follows legislative changes that came into force on June 20, 2024 aimed at strengthening the prohibition against misclassification by presuming employee status for workers in the road transportation industry, including gig workers. These changes ensure that all workers in the sector can access the full range of protections and rights under the Canada Labor Code, covering industrial relations, occupational health and safety, and labor standards, ESDC reports.

ESDC introduces new resources on Driver Inc. misclassification, September 5, 2024, <u>www.todaystrucking.ca</u>

#### **US/WORLD**



# Borderlands Mexico: Carrier says transition to zero emissions critical to better air quality

Juan Baez, director of San Diego-based trucking company Bali Express Services said "Providing better air quality to the border communities is the most important thing right now." Transitioning freight transport vehicles to green technology is currently expensive, but worth the effort. That was the message from Juan Baez, at the North American Development Bank's 2024 summit in San Antonio. Bali Express is a carrier with 357 diesel trucks, 32 natural gas trucks and three electric trucks. "Each electric truck costs almost half a million, so the investment is huge," Baez said. "Right now, the most challenging part of the electric trucks is the mile range, the amount of range is minimum. It could go from 120 miles up to 220 miles for a truck that costs half a million, which is very, very expensive, even though providing better air quality to the border communities is the most important thing right. We have to act. We have to start thinking, thinking about our future. We need to start thinking about the younger generations."

Borderlands Mexico: Carrier says transition to zero emissions critical to better air quality, September 1, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

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**ECONOMIC TRUCKING TRENDS: Private fleets** continue to add capacity, insource



Source: Todays trucking

Frustrated by the length of the current for-hire freight market downturn? Blame private fleets! They continue add capacity and pull more freight within their own networks, according to ACT Research. The good news is a "decent peak season" is shaping up, with near-record imports seen at U.S. ports. Spot market rates plunged to 2020 levels in the week ended Aug. 23, 2024. But shippers are losing their edge over carriers, with FTR's Shipper Conditions Index falling to near-neutral levels. In its latest Freight Forecast: U.S. Rate and Volume Outlook report, ACT Research said aggressive insourcing by private

fleets is partially to blame for the extended downturn in the for-hire freight sector.

ECONOMIC TRUCKING TRENDS: Private fleets continue to add capacity, insource, August 30, 2024, <a href="https://www.todaystrucking.ca">www.todaystrucking.ca</a>

# Crash investigation results in NTSB safety recommendations



Source: Todays trucking

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) wants tighter controls on Hours-of-Service compliance, after investigating a crash between a semi-truck and party bus that caused three deaths and numerous injuries. The crash occurred Dec. 16, 2022 in Williamsburg. Va. The semi piled into the rear of a slower-moving bus on I-64. The bus was traveling 20-25 mph in the right land while the truck was traveling 65-70 mph with cruise engaged. The truck driver didn't brake or take evasive action as it approached the bus. The NTSB says its investigation concluded the truck driver was fatigued and that its carrier, Triton Logistics (not related to Canada-based Triton Transport), created false logs using its electronic logging device (ELD). As a result, the NTSB issued six new recommendations and reiterated three previous ones. New recommendations include: 1. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration should strengthen ELD requirements to prevent opportunities for the creation of fake driver accounts. 2. The Commonwealth of Virginia should offer management safety guidance to new intrastate motor carrier licensees covering licence class, drug and alcohol testing, fatigue management, vehicle maintenance, and safe commercial vehicle operation. 3. Triton Logistics should implement a process to regularly verify the accuracy of drivers' records of duty, implement a robust fatigue management program, and proactively use onboard inward- and forward-facing video event recording to improve driver training. 4. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance should use this crash to educate its members on the

importance of safeguarding the electronic logging device system to prevent falsification of information.

Crash investigation results in NTSB safety recommendations, August 30, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca



#### Volvo to release long-range electric truck in 2025



Source: Inside Logistics

Volvo announced it will launch a new long-range version of its FH Electric that will be able to reach up to 600 km on one charge. Expected to be released in the second half of 2025, Volvo said the new Volvo FH Electric will allow transport companies to operate electric trucks on interregional and long-distance routes and to drive a full working day without having to recharge.

Volvo to release long-range electric truck in 2025, September 4, 2024, <a href="https://www.insidelogistics.com">www.insidelogistics.com</a>



# MDOT Lifting Restrictions for Hauling Class 3 and 8 Dangerous Goods at Ambassador Bridge

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced restrictions for hauling of Class 3 and 8 dangerous goods at the Ambassador Bridge Windsor/Detroit, will be removed effective October 29, 2024. Under the new rules, the restricted materials will only be allowed to be transported across the bridge during off-peak hours and under the supervision of vehicle escorts. The decision comes after multiple requests by the Ambassador Bridge to remove these longstanding restrictions, the completion of a technical study by MDOT, and months of consultations with various stakeholders, including the OTA, which supported the removal of all restrictions on Class 3 and 8 dangerous goods, with the goal of aligning the policy with all major ports of entry at the Canada-U.S. border.

MDOT Lifting Restrictions for Hauling Class 3 and 8 Dangerous Goods at Ambassador Bridge, September 3, 2024, <u>www.ontruck.ca</u>



# **USDOT Tackles Distracted Driving, Gains New Safety Allies**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), including the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration (NHTSA), convened stakeholders to provide input to a research roadmap to address new distracted driving challenges. Distraction is a known contributing factor to the national roadway safety crisis, and the Distraction Action Forum hosted by NHTSA is part of the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS), the Department's comprehensive initiative to bring the number of roadway deaths to the only acceptable number: zero. At this forum, the Department reaffirmed its commitment to addressing roadway fatalities resulting from distraction, discussed how the traffic safety community can reduce distracted driving, and gained insight from experts on NHTSA research, policy, education, and communications activities focused on distraction. These activities advanced new actions captured in the 2024 NRSS Progress Report to develop a distraction research roadmap.

USDOT Tackles Distracted Driving, Gains New Safety Allies, September 4, 2024, <u>www.dot.gov</u>



# INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$1 Billion in Grants for 350+Communities to Make Local Roads Safer

On September 5, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced more than \$1 billion in grants through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The funding will go directly to 354 local, regional, and tribal communities to improve roadway safety and prevent deaths and serious injuries on America's rural and urban roads, including some of the most dangerous in the country.

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# Other Transport Updates

#### **CANADA**



#### Canadian international merchandise trade, July 2024



Source: Statcan

In July 2024, Canada's merchandise imports decreased 1.7%, while exports fell 0.4%. Consequently, Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world moved from a revised deficit of \$179 million in June to a surplus of \$684 million in July 2024. Statistics Canada has released a new table featuring Canadian international merchandise trade data by industry for all countries for the period from January 2002 to July 2024. Canadian international merchandise trade, July 2024 and Canadian international merchandise trade by industry for all countries, July 2024 September 4, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca



#### Canadian international trade in services, July 2024



Source: Statcan

Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit widened from \$1.5 billion in June 2024 to \$1.6 billion in July 2024. Overall, imports of services were up 0.6% to \$18.4 billion, while exports of services were essentially unchanged, at \$16.8 billion.

Canadian international trade in services, July 2024, September 4, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

#### **US/WORLD**



DHL report says AI and sustainable solutions top emerging trends



Source: Inside Logistics

DHL's 7th edition of the DHL Logistics Trend Radar says AI and sustainability are top priorities in the logistics and supply chain sector. DHL's Logistics Trend Radar is a biennial report that highlights the foremost social, business and technological trends impacting the industry. Since its inception in 2012, the report provides an in-depth analysis of logistics trends, their impact, progression and associated challenges and opportunities. For each of the 40 trends – 17 social and business and 23 technological – the radar outlines the predicted time to adoption and their impact on logistics. While trend clusters like robotics, the Internet of Things and digital backbone continue to significantly affect logistics, it is evident that the emerging field of AI is making an increasingly substantial contribution, and that sustainability remains a top priority.

DHL report says Al and sustainable solutions top emerging trends, September 4, 2024, www.insidelogistics.com





Join us for one hour online for our one-year anniversary celebration on Wednesday, September 25 at 2 pm ET/ 1 pm CT/ 11 am PT 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. 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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## Other CILT News

RSVP by **September 10th** to reserve your space and receive your kit by mail prior to our anniversary event. This event is free.

To register, please visit: <a href="https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-na-1st-anniversary-celebration/">https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-na-1st-anniversary-celebration/</a>

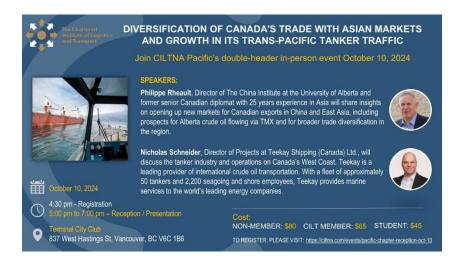


Join us on Thursday, September 26th, 2024 at 10 am PT/ 12 pm CT/ 1 pm ET/ 6 pm UK for a free CILTNA webinar: Port Cyber Security: Risks to Global Trade and Mitigation Strategies. This webinar is part of CILT North America's Port and Maritime Security Expert Panel Series with guest speakers Greg Villano, Advisory Specialist Leader, Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Lisbeth Laurie, Chair, Maritime Safety and Security in the Americas, The Center for Ocean Policy and Economics and Ryan Manning, Director of Security, Port of Long Beach.

Three experts in port cyber security will discuss the risks and implications of cyber attacks and the mitigations being put in place at ports in North America and around the world. This dynamic panel

discussion will provide invaluable guidance for terminal operators, shippers, policy makers and cyber security suppliers.

To register, please visit: <a href="https://ciltna.com/events/port-cyber-security-ciltna-webinar/">https://ciltna.com/events/port-cyber-security-ciltna-webinar/</a>



Join CILTNA Pacific Chapter's double-header in-person event on Thursday, October 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm PT (4:30 pm registration), to hear about "Diversification of Canada's Trade with Asian markets and Growth in its Trans-Pacific Tanker Traffic" with guest speakers L. Philippe Rheault, Director of The China Institute at the University of Alberta and Nicholas Schneider, Director of Projects at Teekay Shipping (Canada) Ltd.

When:

October 10, 2024 4:30 pm – Registration 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Reception/Presentation

Where:

Terminal City Club 837 West Hastings Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

Cost:

Non-Members: \$80.00 CILT Members: \$65.00 Students: \$45.00 To register, please visit: <a href="https://ciltna.com/events/pacific-chapter-reception-oct-10/">https://ciltna.com/events/pacific-chapter-reception-oct-10/</a>

#### **Job Postings**

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

About the job

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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 costeffective 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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### \* Senior Procurement Specialist, Siemens, Ottawa, ON

Siemens is proud to be an eight-time award winner of Canada's Top 100 Employers, Canada's Greenest Employers 2023, Canada's Top Employers for Young People 2024 and Greater Toronto's Top Employers 2022.

What will you do?

Responsible for all designated business units third party spend activities

Controls and monitors all procurement activities in projects Implementing procurement strategies targeting maximum contribution to the operating result

Identifies appropriate procurement strategies from a set of standard accepted business unit and company strategies and implements the strategies to achieve cost and customer satisfaction goals of system and service projects

Identify market and project specific risks and opportunities throughout the project procurement phase

Recommends specific actions to mitigate risks or capitalize on opportunities through tailored risk management e.g., contractual framework in consultation with project management and customer Establishes proper sourcing processes and identifies all procurement resources and activities to achieve optimal cost Procurement plan target-costing and meet requirements relating to deadlines and quality Guarantees the observance of the procurement processes described and optimizing deployment of resources

Analyzes customer contracts and agreements including risk analysis and recommends negotiating strategies and tactics in preparation for negotiations with suppliers back-to-back where appropriate Leads contract and price negotiations and/or supports Commodity Managers responsible for particular material fields to secure project cost targets with best available terms and conditions

Defines measurements for controlling and compiling all relevant project cost information to submit qualified reports e.g. for the project team procurement management team including analysis of variances and actual or missed cost savings

Assures compliance with all company purchase order requisition receiving and invoice policies and procedures

Train business unit team members on procurement policies and procedures to ensure departmental and related business goals Provides support to national procurement

What will you need to succeed?

Bachelor's degree Business or Supply Chain Management Minimum 7 years of related Procurement experience. Procurement or Supply Management Certification from a recognized association is a plus.

Fluent Bilingual in both English and French is a strong asst Requires strong verbal and written communication skills to convey complex and/or detailed information to multiple individuals with differing knowledge levels Strong negotiation skills

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