



## CANADA

### **Air Canada Prepares for Orderly Shutdown to Mitigate Customer Impact Resulting from Labour Disruption**

On Sept. 9, 2024, Air Canada said that it is finalizing contingency plans to suspend most of its operations. Talks between the company and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), representing more than 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge, continue, but the parties remain far apart. Unless an agreement is reached, beginning on September 15, 2024, either party may issue a 72-hour strike or lockout notice, which would trigger the carrier's three-day wind down plan.

*Air Canada Prepares for Orderly Shutdown to Mitigate Customer Impact Resulting from Labour Disruption, September 9, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

### **Cargo shipments face delays if Air Canada pilots go on strike**

Air cargo shipments will be halted on Sept. 19, 2024 at Air Canada if pilots follow through on a threat to strike without a new labor deal. The airline on September 9, 2024 said it is finalizing contingency plans for a phased shutdown of most operations. Talks between the company and the Air Line Pilots Association, representing more than 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge, are stalled and the parties remain far apart on contract terms. Unless an agreement is reached by September 15, 2024, either party may issue a 72-hour strike or lockout notice, which would trigger the carrier's three-day wind-down plan.

*Cargo shipments face delays if Air Canada pilots go on strike, September 9, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### **Air Canada pilots get more political support as strike looms**



Source: AJOT

Canada's Conservative party chief says he stands with pilots in a labor dispute with Air Canada, as the carrier prepares to suspend flights ahead of a potential strike. Pierre Poilievre, leader of the opposition and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's chief rival, said he would not support any action that preempted negotiations between the airline and union. "I would call on Air Canada to negotiate in good faith with the pilots," he told reporters on September 11, 2024. "We stand with the pilots and their right to fight for a fair deal, good wages." The airline is set to suspend flights starting Sunday if a deal can't be reached with the union representing more than 5,000 pilots. The pilots will be in a position to issue a 72-hour strike notice that day, and the airline plans to begin progressively cancelling flights before shutting down completely on Sept. 18, 2024. It's the latest labor headache for Trudeau's Liberal government. Last month, a tribunal agreed to the government's request to order locked-out rail workers back on the job and to undergo binding arbitration, after a one-day stoppage choked supply chains. If a strike against Air Canada goes ahead, the government could make a similar request — but an official who asked not to be named to discuss internal matters said it doesn't plan on being trigger-happy with that power. Another option would be to put

forward back-to-work legislation in parliament, but the Liberals would need the support of one of the three main opposition parties to pass it. *Air Canada pilots get more political support as strike looms, September 11, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

### **Air Canada Urges Federal Government to Direct Arbitration to Avert Disruption for Travellers**

Air Canada on September 12, 2024 said that if the airline's contract negotiations with its pilot union fail, a government direction for binding arbitration will be necessary to avoid a major disruption of air travel that would upset the plans of 110,000 or more travellers a day and delay time-sensitive cargo shipments. There have now been 100 days of meetings in contract negotiations between the company and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), which represents 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge. Tentative agreement has been reached on 70 per cent of the more than 1,000 proposed changes suggested by ALPA. Air Canada has offered unprecedented wage increases, which the union has refused, publicly citing U.S. based wage levels. The negotiations have stalled between the parties, who will be in a legal strike or lock-out position as early as September 18, 2024. A two-week pilot strike at Canada's largest carrier could result in losses of \$98 million a day

*Air Canada Urges Federal Government to Direct Arbitration to Avert Disruption for Travellers, September 12, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca); and [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca); and *Air Canada strike could cost Canada's economy \$1.4 billion, economists estimate, September 12, 2024, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)**

### **Air Canada labor dispute puts supply chains at risk**



Source: Freightwaves

Air Canada joined business groups on September 12, 2024 in calling for the Canadian government to intervene to prevent a strike by the airline's pilots that could start within days. The nation's flag carrier urged officials to order binding arbitration to resolve stalled contract talks between the company and its 5,200 unionized pilots, saying a

potential strike would cause severe economic disruption for the country by halting air travel and delaying time-sensitive cargo shipments. Air Canada operates six Boeing 767-300 cargo jets that would be grounded, along with the rest of the fleet, if pilots go on strike next week. Last week, Air Canada announced contingency plans to wind down operations over three days if no deal is reached by Sunday so aircraft, passengers and crews aren't stranded away from home. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, along with more than 90 industry trade associations, on September 11, 2024 said in a letter that Labor Minister Steven MacKinnon should move quickly to avert a work stoppage as he did last month to end a dispute between freight railroads and labor. They too recommended the Liberal government impose binding arbitration if the parties fail to reach an agreement.

*Air Canada labor dispute puts supply chains at risk, September 12, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### **Air Canada's Best New Restaurants 2024 Longlist is Unveiled, Showcasing the Best of New Culinary Talent across Canada**

The 30 nominees for Air Canada's Best New Restaurants 2024 were unveiled on September 10, 2024, celebrating new culinary talent across Canada. Since 2002, Air Canada has championed the country's distinct culinary scene through the longest running Canadian restaurant ranking and its signature program, Air Canada's Best New Restaurants. The 2024 highly anticipated longlist is out today on [CanadasBestNewRestaurants.com](http://CanadasBestNewRestaurants.com).

*Air Canada's Best New Restaurants 2024 Longlist is Unveiled, Showcasing the Best of New Culinary Talent across Canada, September 10, 2024, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

### **WestJet Cargo showcases success of specialized charter service across North and Latin America**



Source: AJOT

Designed to meet the complex logistics needs of businesses, the service leverages a fleet of Boeing 737-800 Converted Freighters to deliver specialized, flexible, and reliable cargo transport for a wide range of industries. With up to 23 tons of cargo capacity per aircraft, the service stands out for its ability to accommodate special loads, including non-standard or bulky items, making it ideal for a wide range of commodities. From high volumes of e-commerce packages and sensitive electronics to perishables like fresh produce and seafood, WestJet Cargo's charter service ensures that cargo is handled efficiently and delivered reliably. A dedicated 24/7 charter desk provides around-the-clock support, ensuring seamless operations and communication at every step. "Our charter service has rapidly gained momentum, completing over 40 charters since its launch," said Kirsten De Bruijn, Executive Vice President, WestJet Cargo. "We are able to offer our clients a unique combination of flexibility, expertise, and reliable service that caters to their specific needs. Our experienced team works tirelessly to ensure that every shipment is handled with the utmost care, reflecting our commitment to operational excellence." WestJet Cargo spotlights the growing impact of its charter service, launched in Q4 2023, which offers unparalleled cargo solutions across North and Latin America.

*WestJet Cargo showcases success of specialized charter service across North and Latin America, September 10, 2024, [www.ajt.com](http://www.ajt.com)*

## US/WORLD

### Biden-Harris Administration Announces More than \$2 Billion in Grants to Improve Airport Infrastructure Across the U.S.

On September 6, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced \$1.9 billion for 519 grants in 48 states, Guam, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, in its fifth announcement under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). An additional \$269 million was also announced in FY 2023 Supplemental Discretionary Grants to fund 62 projects at 56 U.S. airports. This competitive grant program under the Airport Improvement Program assists airport owners and operators in the development and improvement of our nation's airport system.

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces More than \$2 Billion in Grants to Improve Airport Infrastructure Across the U.S., September 6, 2024, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### Singapore to begin building Changi's T5 mega airport terminal in 2025

Singapore will start construction of a new mega terminal at Changi Airport in the first half of next year, aiming to lift the aviation hub's annual passenger handling capacity by more than half, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong said. The new Terminal 5 would add capacity for another 50 million passengers a year when operational in the mid-2030s, up from 90 million, and would allow the aviation hub serve more than 200 destinations, from almost 150 now. "We will break ground for the construction of T5 in the first half of next year," Wong said at a dinner on September 6, 2024 celebrating the 40th anniversary of the nation's civil aviation authority. Changi Airport is the busiest in Southeast Asia, handling almost 60 million passengers last year as international travel bounced back from Covid. In the first half of this year, passenger traffic at Changi returned to almost 100% of pre-pandemic levels, Wong said. But other cities in the region have also been adding capacity in an effort to gain a bigger slice of a growing global market for air travel. Global passenger traffic is expected to double by 2042 to nearly 20 billion, according to Montreal-based Airports Council International. "Some have announced plans for mega airports that can handle more than 100 million passengers a year," Wong said. "So they are narrowing the gap with Singapore."

*Singapore to begin building Changi's T5 mega airport terminal in 2025, September 9, 2024, [www.aot.com](http://www.aot.com)*

### U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Gained 1,513 Jobs in July 2024



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment increased to 1,004,213 workers in July 2024, 1,513 (0.15%) more workers than in June 2024 (1,002,700). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 546,083 workers in July 2024, or 55% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines lost 363 employees in July 2024. United Air Lines Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 157 employees; PSA Airlines Inc. added 115, and SkyWest Airlines Inc. added 111. U.S. cargo airlines employed 454,569 workers

in July 2024, or 45% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers gained 2414 employees in July. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, increased employment by 2352 jobs.  
*U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Gained 1,513 Jobs in July 2024, September 10, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

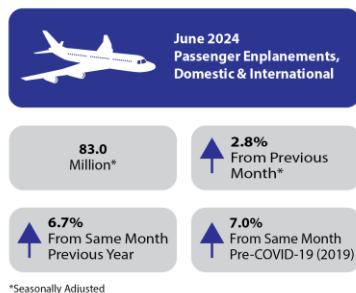
*June 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 6.7% from the Same Month Last Year, September 12, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## ✈️ ICAO and International Transport Forum joint agreement to advance sustainable aviation

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Transport Forum (ITF) at the OECD will deepen collaboration and broaden the scope of their joint work towards the sustainable development of air transport. The renewed Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) focuses on data sharing and exploring future joint projects in areas including liberalisation and inclusivity in international air transport, aviation safety and efficiency, infrastructure investment and sustainability. The MoC builds on a 2015 agreement and 2019 renewal that allows the exchange of information and staff across both bodies.

*ICAO and International Transport Forum joint agreement to advance sustainable aviation, September 11, 2024, [www.itf-oecd.org](http://www.itf-oecd.org)*

## ✈️ June 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 6.7% from the Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 89.7 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in June 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, June enplanements are up 2.8% from May and reached a new all-time high the all-time high reached in June 2024. BTS reported 77.2 million domestic passengers and 12.5 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in June, not adjusting for seasonality.



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **CN Operations have Recovered, Company Updates Outlook Following Labor Disruption**

CN announced on September 10, 2024 that its operations have recovered following several months of labor uncertainty as well as a complete shutdown of its Canadian network, and that it is adjusting its 2024 guidance and long-term financial outlook. CN remains focused on the disciplined execution of its scheduled operating plan, growing volumes more than the economy as its company specific growth opportunities come online, pricing above rail inflation, and improving efficiency. Operations have recovered but demand weakness persists in key sectors

*CN Operations have Recovered, Company Updates Outlook Following Labor Disruption, September 10, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

#### **CN adjusts financial outlook after supply chain uncertainty**

CN says its operations have recovered following several months of labour uncertainty as well as a complete shutdown of its Canadian network during the nationwide rail lockout in August 2024. As a result, CN has adjusted its 2024 guidance and long-term financial outlook. CN now expects to deliver adjusted diluted EPS (earnings per share) growth in the low single-digit range, compared to its July 23 expectation of mid to high single-digit growth. The company continues to expect to invest approximately \$3.5 billion in its capital program, net of amounts reimbursed by customers. As a result of the reduction to earnings, CN now expects adjusted return on invested capital (ROIC) to be in the 13-15 per cent range, compared to its July 23 expectation of approximately 15 per cent.

*CN adjusts financial outlook after supply chain uncertainty, September 13, 2024, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **AAR: Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 36**



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, but Week 36 (ending Sept 7, 2024) was the fourth in a row. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 479,179 carloads and intermodal units, up 7.3 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending September 7 were 222,201 carloads, up 2.2 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 256,978 containers and trailers, up 12.1 percent compared to 2023. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 4,920 carloads, to 19,552; chemicals, up 3,269 carloads, to 32,669; and petroleum and petroleum products, up 1,033 carloads, to 10,778. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 4,024 carloads, to 63,754; motor vehicles and parts, down 1,248 carloads, to 13,663; and forest products, down 338 carloads, to 7,511. Canadian railroads reported 87,045 carloads for the week, down 2.9 percent, and 65,938 intermodal units, up 1.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 36 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported

cumulative rail traffic volume of 5,691,447 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.3 percent.

*AAR: Carloads, Intermodal Up for Week 36, September 11, 2024, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com); and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending September 07, 2024, September 11, 2024, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### B.C. ferry sidelined for six months



Source: Today's trucking

BC Ferries' *Queen of New Westminster*, a ferry that regularly carries commercial vehicles and passengers between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay – linking Vancouver to Victoria, will be out of service for approximately six months due to significant repairs. According to preliminary assessments, the vessel, which was built in 1964 and is a key part of the fleet, suffered a propeller shaft fracture that could be attributed to structural fatigue. "If we had a backup vessel available, this incident would have had minimal impact on service," said BC Ferries chief executive officer Nicolas Jimenez in a news release. "Our priority is to ensure we can accommodate customers on other vessels," he added. "We'll also continue maximizing the loading of existing sailings to minimize disruption."

*B.C. ferry sidelined for six months, September 9, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### Potential U.S. port strike would increase traffic through Canadian port



Source: Freight waves

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) voted to support a call for a strike at East Coast ports in the U.S. Nearly 300 ILA wage scale delegates ended their two-day meetings in New Jersey by unanimously supporting international president Harold J. Daggett's call for a coastwide strike at ports from Maine to Texas, which would begin Oct. 1, 2024 if a new agreement with the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) is not reached by that time. Frank Kenney, director of industry solutions at Cleo, an end-to-end supply chain integration software company, said a port strike along the U.S. East Coast would significantly increase traffic through the Port of Halifax and Port of Montreal due to their proximity to rail carriers.

*Potential U.S. port strike would increase traffic through Canadian port, September 9, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## East Coast spot rates plunge as peak-season imports shift to West Coast



Source: JOC

A front-loading of shipments ahead of a threatened port strike threat, coupled with intensified rate pressures, is sending Asia container spot rates to the East Coast plunging faster than usual on the trade lane. Container spot rates from Asia to the US East and Gulf coasts fell \$2,300 per FEU this week, much faster than in past years, as peak-season shipments on all-water services drop off and retailers, fearing a dockworker strike on the East and Gulf coasts on Oct. 1, shift discretionary cargo to the West Coast. Furthermore, carriers this year are utilizing special or “bullet” rates to compete...

*East Coast spot rates plunge as peak-season imports shift to West Coast, September 9, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## ONE, HMM, Yang Ming form new shipping alliance



Source: Porttechnology.org

Ocean Network Express (ONE), Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM), and Yang Ming Marine Transportation have announced a new collaboration under the name ‘Premier Alliance’. The Premier Alliance will be effective for five years beginning in February 2025. The partnership

will provide mainline services with the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) across East-West tradelines, including Asia-North America West Coast, Asia-North America East Coast, Asia-Mediterranean, Asia-North Europe, and Asia-Middle East. Jeremy Nixon, CEO of ONE, said: “Collectively this new tripartite alliance will offer strong, reliable and highly dependable end-to-end direct port container services to its customers on both the Transpacific and Asia-Europe trades.” Kim, Kyung Bae, CEO of HMM, stated: “Throughout the new cooperation with MSC in Asia-Europe trade, HMM’s global network leap one step further and we can provide our customers a seamless service coverage around the globe. HMM will keep making every effort to maintain the best qualities in the market”.

*ONE, HMM, Yang Ming form new shipping alliance, September 9, 2024, [www.porttechnology.com](http://www.porttechnology.com)*

## Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd’s Gemini Corp. to set sail



Source: Inside Logistics

The Federal Maritime Commission has approved a submission from Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd to create the Gemini Cooperation allowing the two companies to share vessels in the trades between the U.S. and Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. The agreement was originally filed at the Commission on May 31, 2024. The Commission issued a Request for Additional Information (RAI) July 12, 2024 which required the filing parties to provide the data necessary for completing an economic analysis of the competitive effects of the agreement. The agreement was reviewed by the agency under statutory timeframes pursuant to applicable sections of the law, to assess its likely competitive impacts and its compliance with other statutory requirements and prohibitions.

*Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd’s Gemini Corp. to set sail, September 10, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*



## **ILWU has pledged to support ILA in contract fight**

Could a work stoppage by East Coast longshoremen spread to West Coast ports? That's the nontrivial question facing shipping lines, terminal operators and the country at large as U.S. East and Gulf Coast port employers nervously wait out an Oct. 1 strike deadline set by the International Longshoremen's Association. The current six-year ILA master contract covering dockworkers and other port employees from Maine to Houston expires Sept. 30, 2024. No contract talks have been scheduled. The primary issues are wages, benefits and automation. Employers represented by the United States Maritime Exchange (USMX) have publicly said without disclosing details that they have made good-faith offers to the union, which represents 45,000 workers at three dozen ports. The union in refusing to consider any offer has framed it as a fight for fair wages against "greedy" foreign companies raking in billions in profits on the backs of American workers. Now, the International Longshore & Warehouse Union has thrown its considerable weight behind the ILA. The ILWU represents tens of thousands of dockworkers at West Coast ports, including the Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach complex, the busiest containerized gateway in the U.S.

*ILWU has pledged to support ILA in contract fight, September 11, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## **MSC's global scale enables standalone network coverage**

Mediterranean Shipping Co.'s ability to roll out a standalone east-west ocean network able to compete with the reshaped alliances, and to offer both Red Sea and Suez Canal service options, indicates the immense scale the carrier has built over the last few years. The world's largest container carrier will exit its 2M Alliance with Maersk that expires in January 2025, and in preparation for its new direction unveiled this week a comprehensive network coverage plan, coupled with two slot-swap agreements, that MSC described as "independent, competitive and complete." It is able to do so because it has a fleet capacity of 6 million TEUs at its disposal.

*MSC's global scale enables standalone network coverage, September 12, 2024, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## **Port of Long Beach hits 113-year historic high in cargo influx for month of August**

The Port of Long Beach once again saw record-breaking cargo numbers in August 2024, port officials said Thursday, Sept. 12. "Shippers are turning to us and returning as their business increases," port CEO Mario

Cordero said in a virtual news briefing. "Peak season boosted the port's strongest month in its 113-year history." July was also an all-time record-breaking month for the port, Cordero said. "Cargo diversions and concerns about upcoming tariffs are creating a busy peak season for us," Cordero said. Also in play for shippers, Cordero said, are ongoing disruptions because of East and Gulf coast labor negotiations, as well as impacts from ongoing world events in the Red Sea and climate issues impacting the Panama Canal. August 2024 numbers came in at 913,873 twenty-foot equivalent units (or TEUs, the industry's standard for measuring cargo containers) — a 33.9% increase over the same month a year ago. August's numbers beat the port's previous all-time single-month record, set in May 2021, by 6,657 TEUs.

*Port of Long Beach hits 113-year historic high in cargo influx for month of August, September 12, 2024, [www.presstelgram.com](http://www.presstelgram.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

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#### CTA to Fed Parties: It's Time to Cut Red Tape & Tax, Restore Fairness for Truckers



Source: Ontruck

As National Trucking Week wraps up this week, the Canadian Trucking Alliance is reminding decision makers in Ottawa that women and men who deliver Canada's freight and keep our economy running deserve our respect and gratitude all year-round. With parliamentary business set to resume for the fall session on September 16, 2024 CTA is sending a message to all federal political party staff that hard-working truck drivers and small fleet operators are deserving of much-needed relief from ineffective taxation, burdensome red tape and need safeguarding of their labour rights.

*CTA to Fed Parties: It's Time to Cut Red Tape & Tax, Restore Fairness for Truckers, September 6, 2024, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

#### ESDC Announces Data Agreement with CRA to Facilitate Driver Inc. Enforcement



Source: Ontruck

The Labour Program at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) on September 11, 2024 announced data-sharing agreements to facilitate and coordinate inspections and enforcement in the federally-regulated road transportation sector. Included in Budget 2024, this initiative supports efforts since 2022 to strengthen compliance in the trucking industry. The exchange of this information will enhance existing compliance activities of the Labour Program and the CRA in the trucking sector, including those aimed specifically at curbing the tax avoidance and labour abuse scheme within the underground economy, known as Driver Inc. Both the Labour Program and the CRA respectively recognize the importance of addressing worker misclassification and non-compliance with tax law.

*ESDC Announces Data Agreement with CRA to Facilitate Driver Inc. Enforcement, September 11, 2024, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## Ambassador Bridge Outlines New Process for Movement of Class 3 and 8 TDG Starting Oct 29

The Ambassador Bridge has published the new escort process which will be required to transport Class 3 and 8 dangerous goods across the bridge, which will begin allowing these shipments on October 29th, 2024. This change comes after the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), recently announced the removal of these restrictions after consultations with industry stakeholders, including the OTA, and technical studies being completed by the department to help resolve this long-standing issue.

*Ambassador Bridge Outlines New Process for Movement of Class 3 and 8 TDG Starting Oct 29, September 12, 2024, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## US/WORLD

## Truck driver detention costs industry \$15 billion in 2023: ATRI



Source: Today's Trucking

Truck driver detention at customer facilities cost the U.S. for-hire trucking industry \$11.5 billion (all numbers US) in lost productivity and another \$3.6 billion in direct expenses in 2023, according to a new report by the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI). The report—which surveyed 587 truck drivers and 245 motor carriers—highlights the operational and economic impacts of truck drivers being held at customer facilities for extended periods. Among the fleets surveyed, 30% were truckload fleets, 24% were refrigerated carriers, and 42% were specialized fleets.

In 2023, drivers reported being detained in 39.3% of all stops, with detention rates significantly higher for specific groups. Women drivers experienced detention in 49.1% of their stops, while refrigerated trailers had the highest detention rates at 56.2% of stops. Drivers operating in the spot market also faced higher-than-average detention,

with 42.5% of their stops being delayed. “Detention is so common that many industry professionals have accepted it as inevitable without realizing the true extent of its costs,” said Chad England, C.R. England’s chief executive officer, in a related press release. *Truck driver detention costs industry \$15 billion in 2023: ATRI, September 10, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)*

## Uber Freight announces new tech offerings, reaches \$20B in managed freight



Source: Freightwaves

Managed transportation provider Uber Freight announced on September 10, 2024 at its annual Deliver conference in Frisco, Texas, a number of new features available to customers and said the company’s freight under management has grown to \$20 billion. “The beauty of our network is that as we grow, the more we can drive our algorithms and planning optimization, bringing more savings back to our customers,” said Lior Ron, founder and CEO of Uber Freight. The company has saved over \$1.5 billion in transportation costs for customers this past year, he added.

*Uber Freight announces new tech offerings, reaches \$20B in managed freight, September 10, 2024, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



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## Other Transport Updates

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#### Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, August 2024



Source: Statcan

In August 2024, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile increased 9.0% from August 2023. By air, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada totalled 1.2 million in August 2024, up 11.9% year over year. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad by air reached 1.7 million, a 10.0% increase from August 2023. By automobile, US residents took 1.9 million trips to Canada in August 2024, up 12.9% from the same month in 2023. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States by automobile also rose, up 5.1% year over year to reach 2.9 million trips in August 2024. All statistics in this release are based on the primary data sources for air and automobile arrivals. *Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, August 2024, September 10, 2024, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Ontario aims to boost cross-border trade with New Jersey

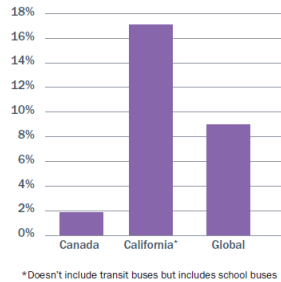


Source: Inside Logistics

Ontario and New Jersey have finalized a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at boosting cross-border trade and investment, promoting greater economic collaboration and creating employment on both sides of the border. “Ontario and New Jersey have both benefited from a long-standing trade relationship, and this agreement will further strengthen our collaboration, driving economic growth for both jurisdictions,” said Premier Doug Ford. “At a time of global instability, it has never been more important for Ontario and our U.S. partners to work together to create more jobs and prosperity, promote our shared values and protect our shared national security interests. Now is the time to bet big on the U.S.-Canada relationship.” *Ontario aims to boost cross-border trade with New Jersey, September 11, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)*

## Canada falling behind on zero-emission commercial vehicle transition: report

2023 zero-emissions MDHV market share



Source: Today's Trucking

A recent report from Clean Energy Canada says 'Canada is falling behind its global peers in the shift to zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles'. While countries like the U.S. and those in the European Union accelerate their transitions, only 2% of new trucks and buses sold in Canada in 2023 were zero-emission, compared to 9% globally. California leads with 17% of new commercial vehicle sales coming from zero-emission models, while the EU has set ambitious emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles. The report suggests that Canada's focus has been primarily on electric passenger cars, overlooking the commercial vehicle sector, which has a disproportionate impact on emissions. Although these vehicles account for just 17% of Canada's total vehicle stock, they are responsible for 37% of the country's transport emissions.

Canada falling behind on zero-emission commercial vehicle transition: report, September 11, 2024, [www.todaystrucking.ca](http://www.todaystrucking.ca)

### US/WORLD

## China launches investigation with World Trade Organization over Canadian tariffs



Source: Inside Logistics

China has initiated an anti-discrimination investigation in response to the tariff hikes the Canadian government will place on electric vehicles (EVs), as well as steel and aluminum products imported from China. The Government of Canada announced a series of measures to, what it said, "level the playing field" for Canadian workers and allow Canada's EV industry and steel and aluminum producers to compete in domestic, North American and global markets. The tariffs include implementing a 100 per cent surtax on all Chinese-made EVs, which will be effective Oct. 1, 2024 and includes electric and certain hybrid passenger automobiles, trucks, buses and delivery vans. The surtax will apply in addition to the Most-Favoured Nation import tariff of 6.1 per cent that currently applies to EVs produced in China and imported into Canada.

China launches investigation with World Trade Organization over Canadian tariffs, September 9, 2024, [www.insidelogistics.ca](http://www.insidelogistics.ca)

## August 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Falls Below the August 2023 Level (4.9%) And Hits Same Level as the Pre-Pandemic August 2019 Level (4.8%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) August 2024 4.4%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) August 2024 4.8%
▲ 0.5 change from same month last year	▼ -0.1 change from same month last year

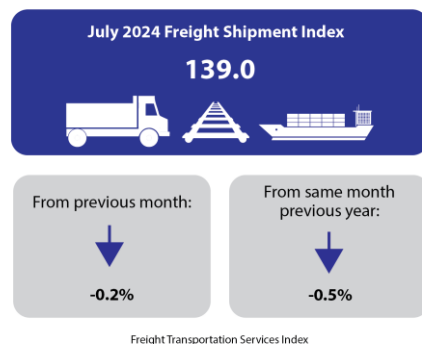
Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 4.8% (not seasonally adjusted) in August 2024 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data have been updated on the Bureau

of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. In August 2024, the transportation sector unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage points from 4.9% in August 2023 and was the same as the pre-pandemic August 2019 level of 4.8%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in August 2024 was 4.4% or 0.4 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in August 2024 was 4.2%.

*August 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (4.8%) Falls Below the August 2023 Level (4.9%) And Hits Same Level as the Pre-Pandemic August 2019 Level (4.8%), September 6, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## July 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Down 0.2% from the Previous Month and Down 0.5% from the Same Month Last Year



Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 0.2% in July 2024 from June 2024, falling for the second consecutive month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). From July 2023 to July 2024 the index fell 0.5%.

*July 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Down 0.2% from the Previous Month and Down 0.5% from the Same Month Last Year, September 12, 2024, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

**US CHAPTER FORUM - AIRCRAFT INTERIORS: CHANGES AND UPGRADES WITH JENNIFER COUTTS CLAY CMILT**  
Tuesday, September 24 at 5pm (ET) / 4pm (CT) / 2pm (PT)

To register for this free webinar, please visit:  
<https://ciltna.com/events/september-24-us-chapter-forum/>

\*Registration is open to all. Please feel free to share this event with anyone you feel would be interested in attending.\*

Airliner interiors expert Jennifer Coutts Clay CMILT, author and publisher of the acclaimed JETLINER CABINS E-BOOK, the definitive guide to aircraft cabin interiors, will discuss airline retrofit and upgrade investment programs designed to improve the onboard passenger experience.

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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.

Marc Forgette, Makatew Workshops

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/>

**MAKATEW** Workshops

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**Port Cyber Security: Risks to Global Trade and Mitigation Strategies**  
Part of CILT North America's Port and Maritime Security Expert Panel Series  
Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am PT/ 12 pm CT/ 1 pm ET/ 6 pm UK  
Free 60-Minute Webinar  
To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/port-cyber-security-ciltna-webinar/>

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.

**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

**Ryan Manning**  
Director of Security  
Port of Long Beach

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**DIVERSIFICATION OF CANADA'S TRADE WITH ASIAN MARKETS AND GROWTH IN ITS TRANS-PACIFIC TANKER TRAFFIC**  
Join CILTNA Pacific's double-header in-person event October 10, 2024

**SPEAKERS:**  
**Philippe Rheault**, Director of The China Institute at the University of Alberta and former senior Canadian diplomat with 25 years experience in Asia will share insights on opening up new markets for Canadian exports in China and East Asia, including prospects for Alberta crude oil flowing via TMX and for broader trade diversification in the region.

**Nicholas Schneider**, Director of Projects at Teekay Shipping (Canada) Ltd., will discuss the tanker industry and operations on Canada's West Coast. Teekay is a leading provider of international crude oil transportation. With a fleet of approximately 50 tankers and 2,200 seagoing and shore employees, Teekay provides marine services to the world's leading energy companies.

**October 10, 2024**  
4:30 pm - Registration  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Reception / Presentation  
**Terminal City Club**  
837 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

**Cost:**  
NON-MEMBER: \$80 CILT MEMBER: \$65 STUDENT: \$45  
TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT: <https://ciltna.com/events/pacific-chapter-reception-oct-10>

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.

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Students: \$45.00

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## 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 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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## \* 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 asset

Requires strong verbal and written communication skills to convey complex and/or detailed information to multiple individuals with differing knowledge levels

Strong negotiation skills

Ability to work in a matrix multi-dimensional business environment.

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## \* Supply Chain Specialist, Abbott, Livermore, California

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### The Opportunity

This position works out of our Livermore CA location in the Abbott Heart Failure, Acelis

Connected Health business. Our Heart Failure solutions are helping address some of the World's

greatest healthcare challenges. The main purpose of this role is to ensure that customer orders are processed timely. Daily review of orders that need processing support, product maintenance and updates, monitoring inventory levels, and making inventory buying decisions.

### What You'll Work On

- Works daily reports to ensure all orders are fulfilled.
- Follow up with vendors on back-order items.
- Obtains approval to substitutes like items to fulfill orders.
- Trouble shoot orders in the system as necessary.
- Cancels orders when necessary
- Follows up on lost orders and creates RMA's when necessary.
- Add, edit, or update product information.
- Create purchase orders as needed to restock Livermore and/or Gainesville warehouse
- Adhere to the department metric standards set by your supervisor or manager.
- Create and / or modify POs as needed
- Assist with implementation of workflow productivity improvements.
- Assist in training new hires.
- Follow up on escalations related to supply orders
- Follow all regulatory policies and procedures, privacy and security standards in accordance with Government agencies to include HIPAA requirements.
- Understand and adhere to all business processes and procedures.

### Required Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED
- Minimum of one year of customer service experience

### Preferred Qualifications

- Associate degree or equivalent work history
- Knowledge with Excel
- Spanish Speaking Preferred
- Some data processing experience preferred.
- Capability of typing 40 wpm
- MS Office knowledge

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