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# Transportation's Top Stories Air Transport Updates

## CANADA

## Aeroplan's Points Matching Week to Help Children and Their Families Flying for Essential Hospital Care is Underway

This year's Aeroplan Points Matching Week in support of the Air Canada Foundation's Hospital Transportation Program began on October 8, 2024 and will run until Oct. 13, 2024. The program, which celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, operates on the generous donations of Aeroplan Members and Aeroplan to provide relief for families across **Canada** whose children need to travel for medical treatment.

Aeroplan's Points Matching Week to Help Children and Their Families Flying for Essential Hospital Care is Underway, October 8, 2024, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

## Marriott Bonvoy and Aeroplan Launch Expanded Loyalty Partnership Offering Status Match and Two-Way Currency Transfer

**Marriott Bonvoy**®, Marriott International's award-winning travel program – offering the largest portfolio in the industry with more than 30 extraordinary brands and 10,000 global destinations – and **Aeroplan**, Canada's leading travel loyalty program run by Canada's largest airline, Air Canada, have deepened their loyalty partnership, building on a longstanding relationship between two iconic travel brands to offer elevated value and enhanced benefits to travelers. *Marriott Bonvoy and Aeroplan Launch Expanded Loyalty Partnership* 

Offering Status Match and Two-Way Currency Transfer, October 9, 2024, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>

Air Canada Welcomes Positive Ratification Vote by Pilots on New Four-Year Collective Agreement and Air Canada pilots vote in favour of new contract, eliminating risk of strike



Source: CBC

Air Canada on October 10, 2024 said that it welcomes the result of a vote by its more than 5,200 pilots, represented by the Air Line Pilots Association, approving a new collective agreement between the company and the association. "We are very pleased this new collective agreement has been approved by our pilot group. The agreement is mutually beneficial and it will keep our pilots the best compensated in Canada and provide the work-life balance improvements they were seeking. At the same time, the agreement gives our company flexibility and creates a framework for future growth of the airline and its network. We look forward to working with our pilots under this renewed partnership," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive of Air Canada. The four-year agreement, retroactive to September 30, 2023, covers more than 5,200 pilots at Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge. It maintains Air Canada pilots' position as the best paid in the Canadian commercial air transport industry, while providing the company the stability and flexibility to pursue its growth strategy. The deal, which grants the carrier's pilots a cumulative wage hike of nearly 42 per cent over four years, received

67 per cent votes in favour, according to the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), which represents the workers.

Air Canada Welcomes Positive Ratification Vote by Pilots on New Four-Year Collective Agreement, October 10, 2024, <u>www.aircanada.ca</u>; and Air Canada pilots vote in favour of new contract, eliminating risk of strike, October 10, 2024, <u>www.cbc.ca</u>

### **US/WORLD**

Passenger Demand Up 8.6% in August: Load Factor Reaches Record High



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for August 2024 global passenger demand with the following highlights: 1. Total demand, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 8.6% compared to August 2023. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 6.5% year-on-year. The August load factor was 86.2% (+1.6ppt compared to August 2023), a new record high. 2. International demand rose 10.6% compared to August 2023. Capacity was up 10.1% year-on-year and the load factor rose to 85.7% (+0.4ppt compared to August 2023). 3. Domestic **demand** rose 5.6% compared to August 2023. Capacity was up 1.2% vear-on-vear and the load factor was 86.9% (+3.6ppt compared to August 2023). "The market for air travel is hot and airlines are doing a great job at meeting the growing demand for travel. Efficiency gains have driven load factors to record highs while the 6.5% capacity increase demonstrates resilience in the face of persistent supply chain issues and infrastructure deficiencies," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

Passenger Demand Up 8.6% in August: Load Factor Reaches Record High, October 4, 2024, <u>www.iata.org</u>

## **U.S.** Airlines' August 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 4.3% from July 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 1.9% from Pre-Pandemic August 2019

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on October 7, 2024 released U.S. airlines' August 2024 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.686 billion gallons of fuel, 2.9% less fuel than in July 2024 (1.736 billion gallons) and 1.9% more than in pre-pandemic August 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in August 2024 (\$2.47) was down 11 cents (4.3%) from July 2024 (\$2.58) and up \$0.52 (26.9%) from August 2019. Total August 2024 fuel expenditure (\$4.16B) was down 7.1% from July 2024 (\$4.47B) and up 29.3% from pre-pandemic August 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for August 2024 includes a 0.1% decrease in domestic fuel consumption, an 14.1% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and a 14.0% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 2.8% from July 2024 to August 2024, while increasing 1.6% from August 2019. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' August 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon down 4.3% from July 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 1.9% from Pre-Pandemic August 2019, October 7, 2024, <u>www.bts.gov</u>

# July 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 4.5% from the Same Month Last Year



#### Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 91.8 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in July 2024, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, July enplanements are down 1.9% from June and down 1.9% from the all-time high reached in June 2024. BTS reported 78.8 million domestic passengers and 13 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in July, not adjusting for seasonality. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS. See the tables that

accompany this release on the BTS website for summary data since 2016 and complete data since 2000. July 2024 U.S. Airline Traffic Data Up 4.5% from the Same Month Last

Year, October 10, 2024, www.bts.gov

# Cargo Drones Market worth \$8.92 Billion by 2030, at a CAGR of 34.2%



#### Source: Cargo News

The cargo drones industry is projected to reach USD 8.92 billion by 2030, from USD 1.53 billion in 2024, at a CAGR of 34.2%. The volume of cargo drones is projected to grow from 445 (in Units) in 2024 to 2,746 (in Units) by 2030. The market growth can be attributed to the rising demand for the faster and efficient shipment delivery along with the significant advancement. The market for cargo drones is expanding as companies are seeking ways to increase delivery and logistics effectiveness. These were the findings of the report "Cargo Drones Market by Solution (Avionics, Route Planning & Optimization, Ground Control Stations), Payload (10-49 Kg, 50-149Kg, 150-249 Kg, 250-449 Kg, 500-499 Kg, 500-999 Kg, >1,000 Kg), Industry, Range, Type, and Region – Global Forecast to 2030"

Cargo Drones Market worth \$8.92 Billion by 2030, at a CAGR of 34.2%, October 10, 2024, <u>www.cargonews.com</u>

# Pan Am Commemorative flights - The complex logistics of Private Jet Touring made seamless



Inspired by the pioneering spirit of the early Pan Am years, and made possible by the logistical expertise in Private Jet Touring at Bartelings and Criterion Travel – the new *"Tracing the Transatlantic"* Pan Am

commemorative journeys have been making headlines. Years in development and first offered to market this June, these innovative new travel experiences were reported in Forbes, The Daily Telegraph, and numerous publications worldwide. Based on the phenomenal reception an additional departure is now on sale.

Reliving a golden age of travel, this air journey is made effortless by the convenience and luxury of a privately chartered Boeing 757 aircraft configured with all Business Class lie-flat seating. The tour is accompanied by the same flight crew for the duration of the 13-day voyage for truly personalised service. Bartelings' tour management team and expert logistics director provide expedited airport experiences ensuring the unrivalled experience in the air will be matched on the ground.

Strictly limited to 50 guests, *"Tracing the Transatlantic"* follows the legendary Southern and Northern Transatlantic Routes pioneered by Pan American World Airways, one of the world's iconic carriers. Each journey begins in New York City after a gala evening at the newly renovated Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, closely following the routes of the original Flying Boats with stops in Bermuda, Lisbon, Marseille, London and Foynes in Ireland. Along the way, guests will stay in other hotels that are among the world's best, including the Rosewood or Fairmont Hamiton Princess in Bermuda, the Four Seasons Ritz in Lisbon, the Savoy in London, and Dromoland Castle or Adare Manor in Ireland. Special events beyond discussions about the amazing legacy of this iconic airline and its people include an evening of fado in Lisbon and an exclusive dinner at the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes, Ireland, which houses the only B314 Flying Boat replica in the world.

Craig Carter, CEO of Pan American World Airways and owner of Pan Am Brands, will host the journeys throughout. "Since 1927, Pan Am has left an indelible mark on the world. From humble beginnings as the first commercial carrier for the U.S Air Mail, Pan Am's founder Juan T. Trippe went on to create a vast aviation empire across the globe, literally bringing the world closer together one flight at a time," shares Mr. Carter. "This journey, tracing both the original Pan Am Southern Transatlantic Route between New York and Marseilles and the Northern Transatlantic route between London and New York, has been painstakingly designed to honor the unmatched legacy of Pan Am in the most respectful way."

The program will be operated by Bartelings, a company specializing in touring worldwide by private aircraft, and Criterion Travel, a specialist in developing and operating tours and cruises for U.S. affinity organizations.

The inaugural tour is scheduled Monday, June 16, 2025 and returns Saturday June 28, 2025, a second journey departs Friday, June 27, 2025 and returns Wednesday July 9, 2025. Both journey dates are open with limited availability at \$59,950 per person based on twin occupancy or \$65,500 for single occupancy. For more information and to make a reservation please contact your travel advisor or visit <u>Pan Am: Tracing the Transatlantic Routes.</u>



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Federal Court of Appeal ruling allows massive CN Rail hub to proceed



Source: Todays Trucking

The Federal Court of Appeal has dismissed a challenge to the construction of a massive rail-and-truck hub in the Greater Toronto Area, allowing the project to proceed. In a unanimous ruling Friday October 4, 2024, a three-judge panel found that a decision by the federal government to let Canadian National Railway Co. build the terminal despite "significant adverse environmental effects" was reasonable. The \$250-million project aims to double CN's existing line of tracks in Milton, Ont., and construct a hub for containers to be transferred between trucks and trains. The court case pitted CN and the government against Halton Region and its four municipalities as well as the Halton Region Conservation Authority. In March 2024, a Federal Court decision scuppered the green light given by the government in January 2021 and sent the project back to Ottawa for reconsideration — a ruling that has now been overturned.

Federal Court of Appeal ruling allows massive CN Rail hub to proceed, October 8, 2024, <u>www.todaystrucking.om</u>

# The Minister of Labour has appointed three conciliators in response to Unifor's decision

The Minister of Labour has appointed three conciliators in response to Unifor's decision to file a Notice of Dispute who will assist the parties in reaching an agreement. The conciliation period will last for 60 days, concluding on December 2, 2024, followed by a 21-day cooling-off period. There can be no work stoppage before January 1, 2025, as the collective agreement remains in effect until December 31, 2024. The Company is pleased to report that discussions to date with Unifor have been productive. Meetings with the union resume the week of October 21st.

The Minister of Labour has appointed three conciliators in response to Unifor's decision, October 8, 2024, <u>www.cn.ca</u>

## CPKC and union begin talks on labour relations issues

Unifor Local 101R has officially opened contract talks with Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), seeking to address key issues affecting rail workers across 17 CPKC workplaces in Canada. "Work ownership, poor working conditions and strained labour relations continue to present barriers to creating a respectful and productive work environment for our members," said Unifor national president Lana Payne. "Resolving these issues is critical for both the workforce and CPKC's long-term success." Unifor says its top concerns that will be raised during bargaining are high levels of contracting out, forced overtime and strict company policies that negatively impact work-life balance. "Our goal is to work collaboratively with CPKC to resolve

these issues in a way that restores employee morale and respects the critical contributions our members make every day," said Payne. *CPKC and union begin talks on labour relations issues, October 11, 2024, www.insidelogisitcs.ca* 

## **US/WORLD**

# BNSF Ratifies Five-Year Agreements with ATDA, SMART-MD



Source: Railway Age

BNSF on October 4, 2024 announced that members of the American Train Dispatchers Association (ATDA) and the International Sheet Metal, Air and Transportation Railroad, Mechanical and Engineering Department (SMART-MD) voted to ratify a new agreement. BNSF Ratifies Five-Year Agreements with ATDA, SMART-MD, October 4, 2024, www.railwayage.com

## AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending October 05, 2024 and <u>Weekly Carloads, Intermodal Decline</u> <u>Slightly: AAR</u>



The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on October 9, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending October 5, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 486,187 carloads and intermodal units, down 2.5 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending October 5 were 225,280 carloads, down 3.5 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 260,907 containers and trailers, down 1.7 percent compared to 2023. Four of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included farm products excl. grain, and food, up 1,553 carloads, to 18,019; chemicals, up 1,140 carloads, to 31,059; and metallic ores and metals, up 828 carloads, to 20,908. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 5,458 carloads, to 61,304; nonmetallic minerals, down 3,937 carloads, to 29,645; and grain, down 1,300 carloads, to 21,933. Canadian railroads reported 94,571 carloads for the week, down 2.0 percent, and 68,805 intermodal units, down 4.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 40 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 6,346,418 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.0 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending October 05, 2024 and <u>Weekly Carloads, Intermodal Decline Slightly: AAR</u>, October 9, 2024, www.ajot.com and www.railwayage.com

# Rail Vision announces \$20 million standby equity purchase agreement

Rail Vision Ltd. (the "Company"), a technology company at the forefront of revolutionizing railway safety and the data-related market, announced that it has entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the "SEPA"), with YA II PN, Ltd. ("Yorkville"), a fund managed by Yorkville Advisors Global, LP. Pursuant to the terms of the SEPA, the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$20 million (the "Commitment Amount"), of the Company's ordinary shares at any time during the three-year period following the execution date of the SEPA, subject to the restrictions and satisfaction of the conditions in the SEPA. The purchase price of the ordinary shares sold to Yorkville will be at a 3% discount of the lowest daily volume weighted average price of the Company's ordinary shares during the three consecutive trading day period commencing on the trading day of the delivery of an advance notice by the Company. Rail Vision announces \$20 million standby equity purchase agreement. October 9, 2024, www.ajot.com

Source: Railway Age



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Union and Maritime Employers' Association convened to mediation meeting



Source: Inside Logistics

The Maritime Employers' Association (MEA) and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 375 have been convened by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to a mediation meeting, according to a statement from the MEA. Meanwhile, CUPE 375, which represents Port of Montreal longshore workers, says the MEA has not made itself available to negotiate. Workers at Viau and Maisonneuve terminals at the Port of Montreal began a 72-hour strike the morning of Sept. 30, with the union representing the workers saying in a statement that efforts to avoid the strike were "in vain." "Whether through mediation, supported by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or before the Canada Industrial Relations Board in an emergency hearing this afternoon, our efforts have not borne fruit," the union said in a statement.

Union and Maritime Employers' Association convened to mediation meeting, October 7, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

Montreal dockworkers set to halt all overtime work as talks drag on



Source: Today's Trucking

Dockworkers at the Port of Montreal plan to halt all overtime work starting later this week in a pressure tactic aimed at management as contract talks grind on. The union representing nearly 1,200 longshore workers at the port said Monday, October 7, 2024 that it has filed notice that the "overtime strike" will kick off at 7 a.m. EDT on Thursday October 10, 2024 and continue indefinitely. "We're ready to negotiate intensively, but since the employer is dragging its feet, we're putting a little pressure on it to devote its energies to finding a solution," said Michel Murray, a spokesman for the union local affiliated with the Canadian Union of Public Employees. He said scheduling remains a key stumbling block in the bargaining sessions, which resumed on Friday October 4, 2024 under the watch of two federal mediators. The discussions restarted after a three-day strike last week at two terminals that handle 41 per cent of container traffic at the country's secondlargest port. Montreal dockworkers set to halt all overtime work as talks drag on, October 7, 2024, <u>www.todaystrucking.ca</u>

Port of Montreal faces disruption as longshore workers refuse overtime



Source: Freight Waves

The union representing Port of Montreal longshore workers announced it will refuse to work overtime starting at 7 a.m. tomorrow (Oct. 10) for an unlimited period of time. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 375 informed the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) of the move, as negotiation between the two parties continue. "We are still bargaining with the help of two mediators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service assigned to the case," said CUPE union representative Michel Murray. "We're willing to get down to intensive negotiations, but since the employer is dragging their feet, we're turning up the pressure so that they put forth the energy needed to find a solution." The MEA said it has advised CUPE 375 that the complete cessation of overtime has a significant impact on deployed crews and the tasks required for operations.

Port of Montreal faces disruption as longshore workers refuse overtime, October 9, 2024, <u>www.freigtwaves.com</u>

Port of Montreal faces potential supply chain disruptions amid overtime strike



Source: Todays Trucking

An overtime strike by the Longshoremen's Union CUPE Local 375, began at the Port of Montreal at 7 a.m. on Oct.10, 2024. The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) said in a statement it is concerned about the supply chain delays this will cause. The strike, which can affect the handling of around 50% of goods, could slow down the movement of imports and exports, including food, medical supplies, and industrial raw materials. While the entire port remains operational, longshoremen will not be working overtime. Around 10 ships expected at the port could be affected by these pressure tactics, MPA says.

Port of Montreal faces potential supply chain disruptions amid overtime strike, October 10, 2024, <u>www.todaystrucking.ca</u>

# Iron, steel, petroleum continues to drive tonnage through St. Lawrence Seaway

The St. Lawrence Seaway announced its 2024 September performance figures, with 23.6 million mt (metric tons) of cargo shipped since the beginning of the navigation season. While overall tonnage is slightly down compared to last year, iron, steel, petroleum and potash demonstrate positive trends that underscore the seaway's role in North American supply chains, with indications of a strong finish for grain this season also expected. Cargos that showed increases compared to the same period in 2023 include: 1. Grain: 6.2 million mt of Canadian and U.S. grain, up by 251,000 mt or 4.2 per cent; 2. Potash: 1.1 million mt up by 200,000 mt or 21 per cent; 3. Petroleum products: 2.2 million mt, up by 487,000 mt or 28.8 per cent; and 4. Iron and steel: 1.5 million mt up by 313,000 mt or 26 per cent.

Iron, steel, petroleum continues to drive tonnage through St. Lawrence Seaway, October 11, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

## **US/WORLD**

US East, Gulf coast ports confident of smooth poststrike reopening



Source: JOC

Ports up and down the US East and Gulf coasts expect a generally smooth resumption of cargo flow after reopening early on October 4, 2024 morning thanks to a tentative agreement on Thursday, October 3, 2024 that ended a three-day dockworker strike. The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX), which represents maritime employers, said in a joint statement late Thursday they "have reached a tentative agreement on wages and have agreed to extend the master contract until Jan. 15, 2025, to return to the bargaining table to negotiate all other outstanding issues."

US East, Gulf coast ports confident of smooth post-strike reopening, October 4, 2024, <u>www.joc.com</u>

Ocean container rates drop five per cent, 66 per cent

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Source: Inside Logistics

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Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) decreased five per cent to US\$3,489 per 40-ft container the week of Sept. 30 to Oct. 4. The latest WCI composite index of US\$3,489 is 66 per cent below the

previous pandemic peak of US\$10,377 in September 2021, but it is 146 per cent more than the average pre-pandemic rate of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$4,097 per 40-ft container, which is US\$1,269 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,828, which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period. Freight rates from Shanghai to Genoa decreased nine per cent to US\$3,848 per 40-ft container. Similarly, rates from Shanghai to Rotterdam declined eight per cent to US\$3,815. Rates from Shanghai to Los Angeles dropped four per cent to US\$5,258 per 40-ft box and rates from Shanghai to New York and Rotterdam to Shanghai fell two per cent to US\$5,922 and US\$590 per feu respectively. Meanwhile, rates from New York to Rotterdam, Rotterdam to New York and Los Angeles to Shanghai remain stable.

Ocean container rates drop five per cent, 66 per cent since peak, October 7, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

# US retailers expect modest import bump in October to close out peak season



Source: JOC

US retailers are forecasting a modest year-over-year increase in imports this month to close out the 2024 peak shipping season, with most of the holiday merchandise already having entered the country due to the frontloading of imports from Asia this summer. Furthermore, the brief three-day strike by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) on the East and Gulf coasts is not expected to disrupt transportation supply chains ahead of the traditional beginning of the holiday shopping season, the National Retail Federation (NRF) said Tuesday.

US retailers expect modest import bump in October to close out peak season, October 8, 2024, <u>www.joc.com</u>

## **Descartes releases October Global Shipping Report**

Descartes Systems Group, the global leader in uniting logisticsintensive businesses in commerce, released its October Global Shipping Report for logistics and supply chain professionals. The report shows that September U.S. container import volumes were 2,520,935 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), which marks the second time this year that volumes have eclipsed 2.5 million TEUs and the third month in a row that they have surpassed the 2.4 million TEU threshold that has historically strained U.S. maritime logistics. Despite another month of elevated volumes, port transit time delays decreased at the majority of top 10 U.S. ports. The October update of the logistics metrics monitored by Descartes reinforces the strength of U.S. container imports since the start of 2024; however, potential challenges associated with the recently resolved International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) strike and ongoing conflict in the Middle East may create pressure on global supply chains throughout the remainder of the year.

Descartes releases October Global Shipping Report October 8, 2024, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

# September 2024 U.S. container imports exceed 2.5M TEUs.



#### Source: AJOT

This marks a 1.7% increase over August 2024, a significant 14.4% rise compared to September of last year, and an impressive 23.5% increase over pre-pandemic September 2019. Over the first nine months of 2024, import volumes are 16.5% higher than the same period in 2019. "Despite a third month of elevated container import volumes, port transit delays improved at the majority of the top 10 U.S. ports in September," said Jackson Wood, Director, Industry Strategy at Descartes. "Imports from China are contributing to overall U.S. volumes, posting the three highest monthly volumes on record in July, August and now September."

September 2024 U.S. container imports exceed 2.5M TEUs., October 8, 2024, <u>www.ajot.com</u>

# Strong freight rates drive higher Q3 revenue for Taiwan's 'Big Three' carriers



Source: JOC

Taiwan's Big Three carriers — Evergreen Marine, Yang Ming Marine Transport and Wan Hai Lines — each saw third-quarter revenues more than double from a year ago on stronger freight rates. Rates were driven by an early peak season as shippers consigned cargo ahead of the longshore strike along the US East and Gulf coasts last week and a capacity crunch as vessels continued to divert around southern Africa to avoid militant attacks in the Red Sea. Evergreen's thirdquarter revenues climbed 109% to \$4.8 billion from \$2.3 billion a year earlier, according to its exchange filings.

Strong freight rates drive higher Q3 revenue for Taiwan's 'Big Three' carriers, October 9, 2024, <u>www.joc.com</u>



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Trucking, logistics sector adds 13,600 jobs in second

Source: Todays Trucking

Labor market tightness is easing with 13,600 jobs added to the trucking and logistics sector in the second quarter of this year. Job gains were marginal for transport truck drivers, up just 0.1% or 200 more drivers in Q2 2024 compared to Q2 2023, according to the latest labor market information snapshot from Trucking HR Canada (THRC). "The latest report shows our sector added 13,600 jobs in Q2 2024, mostly in positions other than transport truck drivers," Craig Faucette, chief program officer, THRC, said in a release. "We are expecting the need to recruit and train new workers into non-driver roles to increase." The report showed that employment in the trucking and logistics sector increased by 1.8% in Q2 2024 compared to Q2 2023. In Q2 2024, there were 10,400 more delivery and courier service drivers employed, up 11% from Q2 2023 and an additional 4,300 shippers and receivers, a 4.4% increase over Q2 2023.

*Trucking, logistics sector adds 13,600 jobs in second quarter, October 4, 2024, <u>www.todaystruckinc.ca</u>* 

# Ontario Investing in Transportation for Rural Communities

The Ontario government is investing \$5 million annually to help smaller communities across the province build safe and reliable transit services. The funding is being delivered through the new Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF). "No matter where you live, Ontarians deserve reliable public transportation to access employment, visit friends and family and maintain healthy, independent lifestyles," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "The Ontario Transit Investment Fund is another targeted step our government is taking to make life easier for people living in the north, rural areas, or other communities with limited transportation options."

Ontario Investing in Transportation for Rural Communities, October 7, 2024, <u>www.mto.gov.on.ca</u>

Truckers need healthier food at truck stops, clean washrooms at rest areas: USask researcher



Source: Today's Trucking

Truck drivers hauling freight across Canada continue to highlight the lack of clean washrooms with running water, healthy food options and safe, paved and well-lit parking spaces. And now there's research to back their claims. A University of Saskatchewan researcher's team surveyed hundreds of truckers and visited a bunch of truck stops. Dr. Alexander Crizzle, associate professor and director of the driving research and simulation laboratory, wants stakeholders to come together and find solutions. "We know what needs to be done, but as a voice, we don't collectively come together to push. When I make these phone calls and have these conversations, it's just me," he said. *Truckers need healthier food at truck stops, clean washrooms at rest areas: USask researcher, October 7, 2024, <u>www.todaystrucking.ca</u>* 

### Manitoulin opens Lloydminster terminal

Manitoulin Transport has announced the opening of a new terminal in Lloydminster, Alta. Located at 31 Production Ave., the facility enhances the company's regional service capabilities. It features 10 dock doors and will serve 47 new service points directly from the terminal, the company said in a release. "The new Lloydminster terminal showcases Manitoulin's dedication to rural communities," says Jeff King, president of Manitoulin Transport. "With over 85 terminals, we remain committed to offering dependable transportation services to our customers nationwide, not only in large centres, but also in smaller communities. In addition, the Manitoulin Group of Companies and its extensive resources allow us to deliver complete supply chain solutions to enhance the customer experience."

Manitoulin opens Lloydminster terminal, October 9, 2024, <u>www.todaystrucking.com</u>

Border Protection (CBP) pertaining to an increase to the U.S. customs transponder and customs user fees on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, related to the funding of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) program. Under the new fee schedule, the cost to purchase an annual commercial truck transponder has increased from \$402.61 USD to \$752.91 USD. Of the \$752.91 total, \$130.85 is dedicated to the Customs COBRA User Fee and \$622.00 is allocated to the Agriculture Quarantine Inspection (AQI) Fee, which is used to protect the U.S. from the potential impacts from invasive pests and diseases being transported across our border through cross-border trade. These changes represent a near 80 percent increase year-over-year for the annual user fee. The total Single Crossing Fee for Commercial Trucks will also be increasing to \$19.60 USD.

Steep Increase to U.S. Customs Transponder/User Fees Untimely for Cross-Border Fleets, October 10, 2024, <u>www.ontruck.ca</u>

### **US/WORLD**



Steep Increase to U.S. Customs Transponder/User Fees Untimely for Cross-Border Fleets



Source: Ontruck

Many members have voiced their concerns to the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) regarding a recent announcement by U.S. Customs and



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CEOs in Canada are growing more worried about growth, says KPMG



Source: Financial Post

Chief executives in Canada are getting more concerned about the domestic economy, though most are still bullish on their own companies' prospects over the next few years, according to a survey commissioned by KPMG. Almost 60 per cent of Canadian CEOs say economic uncertainty is their biggest current challenge — slightly higher than the 53 per cent of CEOs globally who said that. The proportion of top executives who expressed confidence in the three-year growth outlook for Canada's economy was 83 per cent, a decline of six percentage points from last year. The proportion of top executives who expressed confidence in the three-year growth outlook for Canada's economy was 83 per cent, a decline of top executives who expressed confidence in the three-year growth outlook for Canada's economy was 83 per cent, a decline of top executives who expressed confidence in the three-year growth outlook for Canada's economy was 83 per cent, a decline of top executives who expressed confidence in the three-year growth outlook for Canada's economy was 83 per cent, a decline of top executives who expressed confidence in the three-year growth outlook for Canada's economy was 83 per cent, a decline of six percentage points from last year.

CEOs in Canada are growing more worried about growth, says KPMG, October 3, 2024, <u>www.financialpos.ca</u>

## Canadian international trade in services, August 2024



Source: Statcan

Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit narrowed from \$1.5 billion in July 2024 to \$1.3 billion in August 2024. Overall, imports of services declined 0.6% to \$18.2 billion, while exports of services were up 0.5% to \$16.9 billion.

Canadian international trade in services, August 2024, October 8, 2024, <u>www.statcan.gc.can</u>

# Canadian international merchandise trade, August 2024



#### Source: Statcan

In August 2024, Canada's merchandise exports fell 1.0%, while imports edged up 0.3%. Consequently, Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world widened from a revised deficit of \$287 million in July 2024 to a deficit of \$1.1 billion in August 2024.

Canadian international merchandise trade, August 2024, October 8, 2024, <u>www.statcan.gc.can</u>



Amazon opening five new Canadian delivery stations

Source: Inside Logistics

Amazon is opening five new delivery stations across Canada each scheduled to open by the end of October. The new locations will include Burnaby, B.C., Calgary, Alta., and Windsor, Ottawa and Richmond Hill, Ont. Amazon says the new facilities will strengthen the company's last-mile delivery network, connecting products to customers with greater efficiency. "Amazon's last-mile network plays a critical role in helping us continue to deliver at the fastest speeds ever. The new Amazon delivery stations bring us closer to our customers, while also creating job opportunities and allowing us to invest in local communities," said Jasmin Begagic, director, Canada operations at Amazon Logistics.

Amazon opening five new Canadian delivery stations, October 10, 2024, <u>www.insidelogistics.ca</u>

## Reminder – Transport Canada TDG Client Identification Database Registration required by Oct 25 for Qualifying Ops

<u>Transport Canada's new</u> registration process known as the Client Identification Database (CID) is for persons or organizations involved in Dangerous Goods (DG) activities. To determine if your organization needs to register, a short survey has to be taken. Registration for qualifying organizations is required by October 25, 2024. CID will allow persons or organizations to register and will collect information about their activities involving dangerous goods. CID will also be used by Transport Canada to better assess risk, enhance overall safety measures, and facilitate effective communication and collaboration between Transport Canada and registered persons or organizations. *Reminder – Transport Canada TDG Client Identification Database Registration required by Oct 25 for Qualifying Ops, October 9, 2024, www.ontruck.ca* 

### **US/WORLD**

September 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (5.1%) Rises Above the September 2023 Level (4.9%) and the Pre-Pandemic September 2019 Level (3.3%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)
September 2024	September 2024
3.9%	5.1%
O.3 change from same month last year	<b>0.2</b> change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 5.1% (not seasonally adjusted) in September 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 September 2024, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points from 4.9% in September 2023 and was above the pre-pandemic September 2019 level of 3.3%. 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 September 2024 was 3.9% or 1.2 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in September 2024 was 4.1%. September 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (5.1%) Rises Above the September 2023 Level (4.9%) and the Pre-Pandemic September 2019 Level (3.3%), October 4, 2024, www.bts.gov

August 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Up 1.1% from the Previous Month and Up 1.0% 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, rose 1.1% in August from July, rising for the first month this quarter, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). From August 2023 to August 2024 the index rose 1.0%.

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# Cost of living is citizens' main concern at the start of the new legislature

The European Parliament released on October 3, 2024 the "EU Post-Electoral Survey 2024" looking at voting behaviour and the main priorities of EU citizens. Rising prices and the cost of living (42%) and the economic situation (41%) were the main topics that motivated European citizens to vote in the last European elections in June this year. A third of voters (34%) say that the international situation was a topic that encouraged them to vote, while a similar proportion mentions defending democracy and the rule of law (32%). Those who did not vote also say the cost of living (46%) and the economic situation (36%) could have motivated them to participate in the elections.

Cost of living is citizens' main concern at the start of the new legislature, October 3, 2024, <u>www.europa.eu</u>



North America



REGISTER NOW for the CILTNA 2024 Fall Outlook Conference & Annual Dinner: "Navigating the Supply Chain in Volatile Times: Insights and Innovation in Logistics and Transportation" on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the Rideau Club, 99 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON.

To see the draft agenda, please click HERE.

To see the Conference schedule and fees for registration, please visit: <u>https://ciltna.com/events/2024-ciltna-fall-outlook-conference/</u>

### 2024 CILTNA AGM

The 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport – North America (CILTNA) will be held on 06

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November 2024 commencing at 5:00 PM ET at the Rideau Club, 99 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON.

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## Présent pour ton futur



INSTITUT MARITIME DU QUÉBEC École nationale

The Institut maritime du Québec (IMQ) is proud to announce the accreditation of its program Gestion des opérations et de la chaîne logistique (GOCL) by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport North America (CILTNA). This renewable 5-year agreement marks a significant milestone for IMQ, recognizing the quality of its program and providing graduates of the cohort admitted from Fall 2025 onward with a prestigious certification, in addition to their diploma from the École nationale, issued by the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur. For full press release click <u>HERE.</u>

## **Job Postings**

# \* Operations, Aerospace Specialist (Air Imports & Air Exports) DSV – Global Transport and Logistics

### About the job

DSV – Global Transport and Logistics

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

Location: CAN - Saint-Laurent, Rue Beaulac

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

### Time Type: Full Time

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

### Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Daily management and coordination of shipments
- Establish and coordinate schedules with carriers and tender shipments to the airlines
- Create, coordinate country specific documents
- Adhere to all domestic and international shipping regulations
- Track and trace all shipments
- Prepare and publish reports, as requested

- Proactively identify problems and swiftly implement the appropriate solutions
- Confirm rates with carriers
- Responsible for cost containment of shipments, via accounting system
- Evaluate shipments, consolidate loads, select most 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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# \* Supply Chain - Recent Grad/Full Time, Honeywell, United States

### About the Role

As a Supply Chain Analyst here at Honeywell, you will play a crucial role in optimizing our supply chain operations and ensuring the efficient flow of goods and materials. You will work closely with cross-functional teams to analyze data, identify areas for improvement, and implement strategies to enhance supply chain efficiency. Your work will directly impact our ability to meet customer demands, reduce costs, and maintain a competitive edge in the market.

### In This Role, You Will

Analyze supply chain data and identify trends, patterns, and opportunities for improvement

Collaborate with cross-functional teams to develop and implement supply chain strategies

Monitor inventory levels and ensure timely replenishment to meet production demands

Coordinate with suppliers and logistics partners to optimize transportation and delivery processes

Identify and implement cost-saving initiatives to improve supply chain

efficiency Utilize supply chain management software and tools to track and manage inventory

**Location:** This position is available in multiple locations across the United States.

### Pay Range

The annual salary range for this position is \$68,000/yr-\$87,500/yr. Please note that this salary information serves as a general guideline. Honeywell considers various factors when extending an offer, including but not limited to the scope and responsibilities of the position, the candidate's work experience, education and training, key skills, as well as market and business considerations.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

Must be currently pursuing a bachelor's degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university in Supply Chain, Manufacturing Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Operations, Procurement, or similar field

Must have graduate from an accredited college or university between December 2024 and May 2025 and be available to begin full-time work between January 2025 - July 2025 Must have obtained degree within 12 months of the date of hire

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