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✈️ WestJet inaugurates service to Tulum from Calgary and Toronto



Source: WestJet

On November 9, 2024, WestJet celebrated the inauguration of its service to Tulum with the departure of WS2320 from Calgary at 8:55 a.m. MST and WS2034 from Toronto at 9:00 a.m. EST. The airline continues to bolster its extensive portfolio of sun destinations this winter, reaffirming its position as Canada's leisure champion with new services to unique destinations.

WestJet inaugurates service to Tulum from Calgary and Toronto, November 9, 2024, www.westjet.ca

✈️ Air Canada Procures Nearly 78 Million Litres of Unblended Neat Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel For Use in Canada



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on November 12, 2024 announced that it has signed an agreement with Neste to purchase 77.6 million litres (20.5 million U.S. gallons) of Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™ as it continues to pursue its climate plans and aspiration. "Air Canada is actively pursuing efforts to mitigate its greenhouse gas emissions and SAF is a critical component of our multifaceted approach to reducing our impact on the environment and promoting environmental sustainability in our operations. This SAF purchase from Neste contributes significantly to our target of procuring SAF for one per cent of our estimated jet fuel use in 2025," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer at Air Canada.

Air Canada Procures Nearly 78 Million Litres of Unblended Neat Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel For Use in Canada, November 12, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

Porter bolsters Florida service with West Palm Beach flights

Porter Airlines is inaugurating a new route between Toronto Pearson International Airport and Palm Beach International Airport on November 14, 2024. This is Porter's sixth destination in Florida. Nonstop, daily service gives passengers travelling between Toronto and The Palm Beaches the opportunity to experience Porter's award-winning elevated economy experience. Operated with the Embraer E195-E2, the 132-seat aircraft is configured 2-by-2, which means no middle seats for any passenger.

Porter bolsters Florida service with West Palm Beach flights, November 14, 2024, www.flyporter.com

Quarterly civil aviation statistics, second quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

Operating revenue for the 24 largest Canadian air carriers totalled \$8.6 billion in the 2024 second quarter, up 7.3% compared with the same quarter of 2023. At \$7.6 billion, passenger revenue was the main revenue source for airlines in the second quarter of 2024, while air cargo generated \$560.1 million in revenue. The 24 largest Canadian air carriers transported 22.8 million passengers in the second quarter, that is, 22.3 million on scheduled flights and 455,000 on chartered flights. While this represents an increase of 2.6% from the same quarter in 2023, it is virtually unchanged from the pre-pandemic level recorded in the second quarter of 2019. From April to June, 2024 Canadian carriers transported 22.8 million passengers on scheduled and charter services.

Quarterly civil aviation statistics, second quarter 2024, November 14, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

ACI announces new ACI Fund Scholarship for Women in Aviation

ACI (Airports Council International) and Dr. Luigi G. (Joe) Sulmona partner as award originators and financial co-contributors

Montreal, 12 November 2024 – Today, Airports Council International (ACI) is proud to announce the creation of a new [ACI Fund](#) scholarship for Women in Aviation. ACI and Dr. Luigi G. (Joe) Sulmona will serve as the award originators and financial co-contributors for this prestigious scholarship initiative.

The new scholarship aims to provide targeted support to women in aviation who hail from countries designated by the United Nations as Least Developed Countries (LDC), Small Island Developing States (SIDS), or Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC) – all nations that are supported by the ACI Fund.

The one-time scholarship will recognize five outstanding women who have demonstrated exceptional achievement while participating in the [ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Program](#) (AMPAP) Graduate Airport Management Studies (GAMS) course, or, in their AMPAP application portfolio. Each recipient will be awarded a grant of US\$10,000 to assist with their professional development in ACI aviation training courses.

The scholarship is part of the ACI Fund's broader mission to advance airport safety, security, management, economics, environmental sustainability, and service excellence through targeted assistance and human resources development at member airports in developing nations. Through this scholarship, the ACI Fund seeks to open doors to career development for women in aviation while enhancing capacity building and professional standards within the global aviation community.

"This scholarship is a significant step forward in our commitment to supporting diversity and inclusion in aviation," said Justin Erbacci, Director General of ACI World. "We are proud to be part of this initiative that will help empower these talented women, providing them with the financial support they need to advance their careers and contribute to the growth of the aviation industry."

The scholarship is a reflection of ACI's ongoing efforts to drive positive change and ensure that airport professionals have the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving global aviation industry.

About ACI

Airports Council International (ACI), the trade association of the world's airports, is a federated organization comprising ACI World, ACI Africa, ACI Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, ACI EUROPE, ACI Latin America and the Caribbean and ACI North America. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, efficient, and environmentally sustainable. As of May 2024, ACI serves 814 members, operating 2110 airports in 169 countries.

Editor notes

1. Learn more about the [ACI Fund](#) and how you can contribute.
2. Learn more about the [ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Program](#) (AMPAP).

US/WORLD

U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Gained 9,326 Jobs in September 2024



Source: BTS

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment increased to 1,011,812 workers in September 2024, 9,326 (0.93%) more workers than in August 2024 (1,002,486). U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 543,105 workers in September 2024, or 54% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines gained 122 employees in September 2024. United Air Lines Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 448 employees; SkyWest Airlines Inc. added 125, and Piedmont Airlines added 119. U.S. cargo airlines employed 464,445 workers in September 2024, or 46% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers gained 9,152 employees in September. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, increased employment by 8,561 jobs.

U.S. Cargo and Passenger Airlines Gained 9,326 Jobs in September 2024, November 12, 2024, www.bts.gov



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Government takes ownership of Québec Bridge from CN, plans to restore

Canadian National Railway (CN) has transferred ownership of the Québec Bridge, an historic infrastructure that spans across the Saint Lawrence River between Sainte-Foy and Lévis, Que., back to the Government of Canada. The Government of Canada announced in May 2024 that it had reached an agreement in principle with CN to transfer ownership of the Québec Bridge. The agreement was formalized by the signing of a deed of transfer between Canada and CN Nov. 12, 2024. For over 100 years, the people of the region have relied on the Québec Bridge for their daily commutes, tourism and trade. The Government of Canada said it recognizes the importance of the bridge as a strategic freight corridor for regional, national and international markets, and as an important link in the Canadian supply chain. The retrocession of the Québec Bridge will enable the Government of Canada to ensure the sustainability of this strategic infrastructure so that it can continue to benefit the economies of Canada and Quebec, as well as the entire population of the greater Québec City region.

Government takes ownership of Québec Bridge from CN, plans to restore, November 13, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Schneider launches new intermodal service between the Southeast U.S. and Mexico



Source: AJOT

Schneider is set to launch a new Intermodal service providing continuous rail service between points in Mexico and Texas and points in the Southeastern United States. Service on the new route will begin in December. The lane is a result of recently announced connection between CSX Corp. and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC). As strategic customer of both CSX and CPKC, Schneider National, Inc., a premier multimodal provider of transportation, intermodal and logistics services, will provide this competitive advantage to shippers, who have traditionally relied on over-the-road transport in the Southeast. This new service will connect growing markets in Mexico and Texas with Florida and Georgia.

Schneider launches new intermodal service between the Southeast U.S. and Mexico, November 12, 2024, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

CPKC, CSX to launch joint Mexico-Southeast US service Dec. 1



Source: JOC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and CSX Transportation will launch a new cross-border rail service on Dec. 1, 2024 connecting Mexico to the US Southeast and carrying Schneider National intermodal freight alongside automotive and other mixed cargo, the companies said in a joint statement Friday, November 7, 2024. The announcement comes three weeks after the US Surface Transportation Board approved a series of transactions necessary for the service to commence. The daily train will originate in San Luis Potosí, stop in Monterrey, Laredo and Jackson, Mississippi, before interchanging with CSX in Myrtlewood, Alabama, before heading to Atlanta.

CPKC, CSX to launch joint Mexico-Southeast US service Dec. 1, November 8, 2024, www.joc.com

BNSF's Third Quarter 2024 Financial Performance

Total revenues increased 1% in the third quarter and decreased 2% in the first nine months of 2024 compared with the same periods in 2023. Average revenue per car/unit declined 5% and 6% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2024, respectively, compared to 2023, resulting from lower fuel surcharge revenue and business mix changes. Volumes increased 8% and 6% in the third quarter and the first nine months of 2024, respectively, compared to 2023.

BNSF's Third Quarter 2024 Financial Performance, November 2024, www.bnsf.com

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending November 09, 2024



Source: Railway Age

Total North American carload and intermodal traffic rose 2.3% through the first 45 weeks of 2024 compared with the same period last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported Nov. 13. The United States and Mexico experienced gains while Canada saw losses through the week ending Nov. 9, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 519,115 carloads and intermodal units, up 4.5 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending November 9 were 224,722 carloads, down 3.7 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 294,393 containers and trailers, up 11.7 percent compared to 2023. Six 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 1,659 carloads, to 18,452; chemicals, up 1,257 carloads, to 31,935; and petroleum and petroleum products, up 978 carloads, to 11,084. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included coal, down 9,941 carloads, to 58,809; nonmetallic minerals, down 2,114 carloads, to 29,186; and motor vehicles and parts, down 1,267 carloads, to 15,276. Canadian railroads reported 93,617 carloads for the week, down 3.6 percent, and 41,958 intermodal units, down 39.6 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 45 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 7,148,600 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.4 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending November 09, 2024, November 13, 2024, www.ajot.com



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 **Lockout begins at port as Montreal dockworkers reject latest offer**

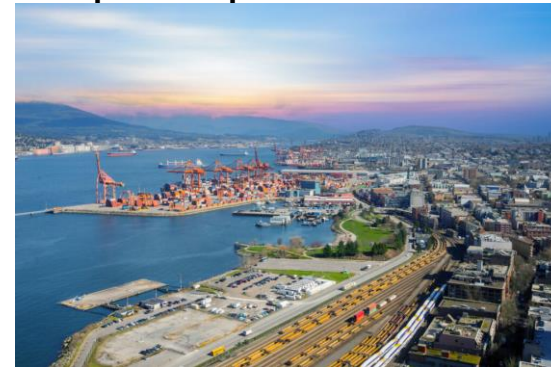


Source: Today's Trucking

The union representing some 1,200 dockworkers at the Port of Montreal has overwhelmingly rejected a deal with their employers association, and a lockout at the facility is underway. A spokesman for the Canadian Union of Public Employees says members voted 99.7% to reject the latest offer. "The hostile offer was rejected because the employer refused to negotiate," said Michel Murray, union advisor with CUPE, in a statement late Sunday, November 10, 2024. "Nothing in the offer reflects the union's demands." He added if the employer had respected the collective bargaining process, a conflict would have been avoided at the port. Workers have been without a collective agreement since Dec. 31, 2023. The Maritime Employers Association said in its own statement that it "deplores the negative outcome of the vote" and has no choice but to declare a lockout.

Lockout begins at port as Montreal dockworkers reject latest offer, November 11, 2024, www.todaystrucking.com

 **PMTCC, QTA among 130 groups calling for federal action on B.C. ports dispute ahead of talks**



Source: Today's Trucking

A total of 130 Canadian associations and organizations signed Canada's Chamber of Commerce [letter](#) to federal government expressing concern over the shutdown of British Columbia ports ahead of the upcoming B.C. Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 514 meeting on Nov. 9, 2024. The parties are set to meet at 17:00 PT on Saturday, October 9, 2024 with the assistance of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). The shutdown began after ILWU Local 514 issued a strike notice on October 30 in response to a final offer from the BCMEA. The association's offer included a proposed increase in median foreperson compensation from \$246,323 to \$293,617, an average \$21,000 lump-sum payment, and an increase in retirement benefits from \$93,750 to \$108,750. BCMEA characterized this as a fair proposal that required no union concessions.

Nevertheless, ILWU initiated industry-wide strike action on Nov. 4, 2024. In response, the BCMEA issued a province-wide lockout the same day, halting cargo operations for most of its member companies, while allowing grain and cruise operations to continue. BCMEA framed the lockout as a defensive measure to ensure an orderly wind-down of port activities amid escalating strike actions.

PMTC, QTA among 130 groups calling for federal action on B.C. ports dispute ahead of talks, November 8, 2024, www.todaystrucking.com

Port of Quebec looks to electrify five of its docks



Source: Inside Logistics

The Port of Québec is receiving \$22.5 million in funding to support the electrification of five of its docks, two hosting cargo ships and three welcoming cruise ships. This is a key plank in the port's sustainable development plan which seeks a 40 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases (GHGs) over its entire territory by 2035. The federal government is providing the financial assistance from Transport Canada's Green Marine Corridors Program – Clean Ports. The Port of Québec's dockside electrification is a project evaluated at \$55 million. Once all conditions are met, the project could consist in installing five electrical connection stations to serve two docks for general cargo ships connected to the resupply of the mining industry in the Canadian North, as well as three docks dedicated to cruise operations.

Port of Quebec looks to electrify five of its docks, November 12, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

MPA president calls for further development of St. Lawrence-Great Lakes corridor



Source: Inside Logistics

President and CEO of the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) Julie Gascon outlined her vision on how to develop the St. Lawrence River during an event organized by the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal (CCMM). During her speech, Gascon called for concerted action to chart an ambitious roadmap for tomorrow's St. Lawrence-Great Lakes supply chain. "The development potential for the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes corridor is tremendous," she said. "We need to join forces and mobilize the ports, the logistics industry and the business community to strengthen our supply chains and meet the demands of our market."

MPA president calls for further development of St. Lawrence-Great Lakes corridor, November 11, 2024, www.insidelogistics.com

BC, Montreal ports set to reopen under orders from Canada's labor chief



Source: JOC

Canada's Labor Minister on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 took direct action to end coast-to-coast port closures by ordering binding arbitration in contract disputes between maritime employers and longshore workers, forcing ports to reopen. Steve MacKinnon said in a statement that he has invoked authority under Canada's labor code that will force longshore unions in British Columbia and Montreal and their respective employer groups to come to terms on new collective bargaining agreements with the aid of a government arbitrator. In advance of the arbitration proceedings, MacKinnon also said his agency will order the reopening of ports in those jurisdictions. MacKinnon's order also covers a long-running labor dispute at the Port of Quebec. "The work stoppages at the ports of British Columbia and the Port of Montreal are significantly impacting our supply chains, thousands of Canadian jobs, our economy, and our reputation as a reliable trading partner," MacKinnon said in a statement posted to X. "We simply cannot afford this uncertainty and instability at the moment."

BC, Montreal ports set to reopen under orders from Canada's labor chief, November 12, 2024, www.joc.com; and Ottawa orders end to port work stoppages, November 12, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

The Government of Canada invests in clean technology and infrastructure for a sustainable marine industry in Ontario

On November 12, 2024, the President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced up to \$25.2 million for four projects, funded under the Green Shipping Corridor Program, to support both shore-power and alternative fuel solutions in the marine sector. This funding will: 1. update current infrastructure; 2. upgrade and construct fueling infrastructure to support greener fuel use; and 3. conduct a study to explore the feasibility of establishing a new public port. Decarbonizing the marine sector is a crucial part of the Government of Canada's climate action plan. By upgrading port infrastructure and promoting the use of cleaner technologies in vessels, Canada is leading the way in reducing the environmental impact of shipping.

The Government of Canada invests in clean technology and infrastructure for a sustainable marine industry in Ontario, November 12, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

BC ports to reopen, but longshore union plans challenge to back-to-work order



Source: JOC

Longshore foremen at British Columbia ports plan a legal challenge against a government order for them to return to work and submit to binding arbitration in contract talks with maritime employers, even as Canada's busiest port plans to reopen Thursday, November 14, 2024. Meanwhile, Montreal's dockworkers are also balking at a similar request, arguing such a demand from the government is unconstitutional. The International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 514 said the order from Canadian Labor Minister Steve MacKinnon for binding arbitration in contract talks between the union and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) was unconstitutional, as was his order to back-to-work.

BC ports to reopen, but longshore union plans challenge to back-to-work order, November 13, 2024, www.joc.com

Record late season Northwest Passage sailing by: Fred McCague CMILT



Source: Western Marine Magazine

The record for the latest Northwest Passage transit has been set by the Dutch cargo ship AVONBORG which arrived at Becancour

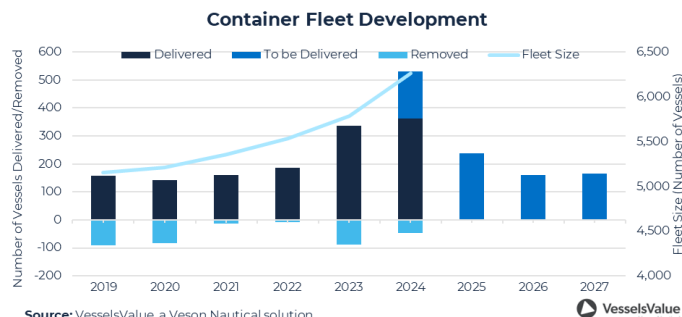
November 13. The ship sailed from Lianyungang, China October 16 with a load of carbon anodes for Becancour, Quebec. On October 31, the ship rounded Point Barrow, Alaska into the Arctic and the Beaufort Sea, entering Canadian waters November 2. She was through Bellot Strait November 5 and Fury and Hecla Strait the next day, exited Hudson Strait November 8, then turned south to sail along the Labrador coast before reaching Becancour on the 13th. The voyage was completed without icebreaker assistance.

AVONBORG is 143 metres long, 15,750 dwcc, ice class 1A - ship photo above.

Western Mariner magazine - November 13, 2024,
<https://www.westernmariner.com/>

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Container vessel orders up by over 50% in 2024



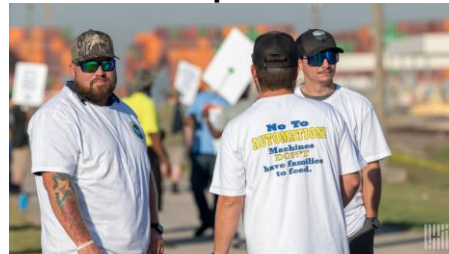
Source: VesselsValue, a Veson Nautical solution.

Source: AJOT

Orders of new container vessels are up by ~52% year-on-year with 254 new contracts placed in 2024, compared to 167 in the corresponding period of 2023 according to a new report by VesselsValue, the data intelligence arm of maritime data and freight management solutions provider Veson Nautical. The report, titled 'Golden Age: Container shipping's post-covid boom continues', states that in addition to the huge uptick in orders, 2024 has seen 362 new container vessels entering the market with a further 169 to be set to be delivered in the last few months of the year. "Thanks to the post-covid container boom, 2024 looks set to be a record-breaking year in terms of new container vessels entering the market," says Rebecca Galanopoulos Senior Content Analyst at VesselsValue, "The huge rise in new orders this year means that this trend looks set to continue for the next few years." Galanopoulos adds that removals also remain low with just 48 container vessels sent for demolition so far in 2024, a fall

of ~45% year-on-year. The research also states that the robust market conditions are reflected in charter rates which have doubled for the Post Panamax sector. "Charter rates for Post Panamaxes have been hovering around the 72,000 USD/Day mark since July, an increase of 100% from the same time last year, where rates were around 36,000 USD/Day," Galanopoulos says. "This type of bull market is what is driving the rise in new deliveries and new orders." *Container vessel orders up by over 50% in 2024, November 8, 2024, www.ajot.com*

ILA breaks off East Coast port contract talks



Source: Freightwaves

The International Longshoremen's Association has broken off contract negotiations with East and Gulf Coast port employers, accusing them of pushing automation technology into a new coastwise labor pact that would eliminate union jobs. The ILA and employers represented by the United States Maritime Alliance this week resumed bargaining on a new six-year master contract covering 45,000 union workers involved in container handling at dozens of East and Gulf Coast ports. In a statement posted to social media and then taken down, the ILA said that in meetings in New Jersey, "USMX introduced language in their proposal for semi-automated equipment to be used at ILA ports, which this union outright rejected. The ILA recognized this as a renewed attempt by USMX to eliminate ILA jobs with automation and broke off talks."

ILA breaks off East Coast port contract talks, November 13, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

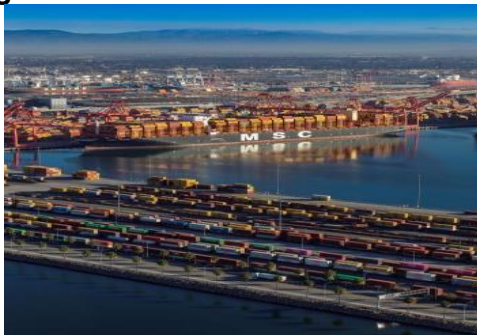
Hapag-Lloyd sees possible pre-LNY cargo rush amid 'very healthy' demand



Source: JOC

Hapag-Lloyd could see a cargo rush ahead of the Lunar New Year holidays in January 2025 partly due to shippers seeking to beat the possible imposition of new and increased US tariffs on Chinese products by the incoming Trump administration, its CEO said on November 14, 2024. That comes as demand remains strong in the 2024 fourth quarter, although Q4 profitability is set to slide compared with the carrier's highly profitable third quarter, it said. "That we're going to see a little bit of a rush going into Chinese New Year, I would certainly not rule it out," said Hapag-Lloyd CEO Rolf Habben Jansen. *Hapag-Lloyd sees possible pre-LNY cargo rush amid 'very healthy' demand, November 14, 2024, www.joc.com*

Port of Long Beach reaches all-time record in October



Source: AJOT

The Port of Long Beach moved nearly 1 million cargo containers in October 2024, achieving its strongest month in its 113-year history, driven by brisk demand for holiday goods and delayed containership arrivals caused by a nearby traffic incident and fire that affected some terminal operations at the end of September 2024. Dockworkers and terminal operators moved 987,191 twenty-foot equivalent units in

October, up 30.7% from the same month last year and surpassing the Port's previous all-time one-month record set just two months earlier in August 2024 by 8%. Imports jumped 34.2% to 487,563 TEUs and exports rose 25.3% to 112,845 TEUs. Empty containers moved through the Port grew 28.1% to 386,782 TEUs. October also marked the Port's fifth consecutive monthly year-over-year cargo increase.

Port of Long Beach reaches all-time record in October, November 14, 2024, www.ajot.com



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Ontario's MHDV electrification stalled by high costs, regulatory hurdles, despite high potential: Pembina Institute



Source: Today's Trucking

Ontario's push to electrify its medium- and heavy-duty vehicle (MHDV) sector *faces major hurdles, including high infrastructure costs, regulatory red tape, and challenges with electricity rates*, according to the Pembina Institute's recent report. Although up to 40% of Ontario's medium-duty vehicles (MDVs) could be electrified by 2027 due to favorable driving distances, declining battery costs, and approaching cost parity with diesel, the current uptake remains slow. According to the report, 95% of MDVs in Ontario have an average daily driving distance of less than 160 km, and "about half of all MDVs" return to base at the end of the day. These factors make the transition to electricity more feasible. Despite this potential, just a small fraction of fleet operators in the province currently have electric vehicles in their fleet. "Averaged across all Canadian provinces, only 5% of fleet operators currently have EVs in their fleet," the report reads. "In Ontario, this figure is even lower at only 1%." In addition, among all of Canada's public chargers, fewer than 1,500 of the 9,650 charging ports

are Level 3 fast chargers that meet the higher electricity demands of electric MHDVs. The report calculates that Ontario will need 8,000 to 10,000 Level 3 ports by 2030 to reach federal zero-emission vehicle targets — five times the current availability.

Ontario's MHDV electrification stalled by high costs, regulatory hurdles, despite high potential: Pembina Institute, November 12, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

PTTAC pushes for national standards in truck driver training



Source: Today's Trucking

The Professional Truck Training Alliance of Canada (PTTAC) is calling for national standards and greater oversight of commercial truck driver training schools to address safety concerns. "The explosion of commercial truck training schools across Canada is affecting road safety, and we need to do something about it now before the carnage continues," said Jim Campbell, PTTAC founder and chairman, in a news release. "If we are going to fix this problem of poorly educated

and licensed entry-level commercial drivers, we must unify as an industry and as a nation and work together.” Since May 2024, the organization has conducted meetings in five provinces — Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Alberta — gathering nearly 200 industry and government representatives to discuss objectives such as establishing a Red Seal Apprenticeship for commercial drivers, implementing a national instructor training program, and improving accessibility to funding for training programs.

PTTAC pushes for national standards in truck driver training, November 13, 2024, www.todaystrucking.com

CTA CUSMA Review Focuses on Trade Issues Impacting Carriers



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) recently submitted comments to the Government of Canada as part of consultations on the upcoming Canada-U.S.-Mexico (CUSMA) trade agreement review in 2026. Some of the developing issues that were emphasised through feedback given to the CTA include: The need to mitigate the impact of nuclear verdicts and the threats they pose to the movement of trade by truck into the U.S.; dedicating increased resources to combat cargo theft and rampant fraud in international goods movement; and identifying barriers and areas of alignment between Canada and Mexico as more Canadian fleets explore business opportunities in the Mexican market. Several long-standing issues that have not been effectively addressed by governments on both sides of the border, which must also be reviewed, include: Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty implications and tracking of driver's time spent in the U.S.; the need to coordinate joint customs inspections to increase border efficiency; implementing a permanent U.S. in-transit process for Canadian fleets; allowing the repositioning of foreign empty trailers; and fixing lengthy delays for U.S. visa processing for Canadian truck drivers.

CTA CUSMA Review Focuses on Trade Issues Impacting Carriers, November 14, 2024, www.ontruck.ca

US/WORLD



Borderlands Mexico: Averitt completes major facilities expansion in San Antonio



Source: Freightwaves

Less-than-truckload carrier Averitt is ready to launch its new 85,000-square-foot distribution and fulfillment warehouse along I-35 in San Antonio. In addition to the new distribution and fulfillment warehouse, Averitt also expanded its cross-dock trucking terminal to 80 doors, and added a new maintenance facility. Construction for a drive through fueling station at the site will be finalized next year.

Borderlands Mexico: Averitt completes major facilities expansion in San Antonio, November 10, 2024, www.freightwaves.com



Protest on Mexican side of World Trade Bridge halts northbound cargo traffic



Source: Freightwaves

A protest at the Mexico border has caused a major backup at the busiest cargo bridge in the U.S. Around noon on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 protestors in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, began blocking the roadway on the Mexico side of the World Trade Bridge that connects to Laredo, Texas. All northbound cargo trucks carrying goods from

Mexico to the U.S. are being blocked at the bridge, said Armando Taboada, assistant director of field operations at the Laredo Field Office. “There is a protest in the city of Nuevo Laredo ... affecting World Trade Bridge north and south bound traffic,” Taboada said in an email to the trade community. “The Colombia Solidarity Bridge is open and processing shipments in both directions.”

Protest on Mexican side of World Trade Bridge halts northbound cargo traffic, November 12, 2024, www.freightwaves.com



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Postal union issues 72-hour strike notice to Canada Post



Source: Globe and Mail

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has given a 72-hour strike notice to Canada Post. The notice is for both the union's urban and rural bargaining units. In a release early Tuesday, November 12, 2024 morning, the union says workers will be in a legal strike position as of Friday, November 15, 2024 if negotiated settlements have not been reached. However, the union says its national executive board has yet to decide if a job action will happen at the deadline, saying that will depend on Canada Post's actions at the bargaining table in the coming days. Canada Post's latest contract offer included annual wage increases that amounted to 11.5 per cent over four years. It also offered protection of the defined benefit pension for current employees, as well as job security and health benefits. The union has rejected the proposal.

Postal union issues 72-hour strike notice to Canada Post, November 12, 2024, www.globeandmail.ca

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, October 2024



Source: Statcan

In October 2024, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile reached 5.3 million, up 4.9% from October 2023. By air, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada totalled 753,500 in October 2024, up 1.2% year over year. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad by air reached 1.5 million, a 4.5% increase from October 2023. By automobile, US residents took 1.0 million trips to Canada in October 2024, up 10.3% from the same month in 2023. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States by automobile also rose, up 4.0% year over year to reach 2.0 million trips in October 2024.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, October 2024, November 12, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Annual international trade in services, 2023



Source: Statcan

Canada's exports and imports of services both increased in 2023, led by the growth in international travel. Exports of services totalled \$208.5 billion in 2023, a 13.3% gain from 2022, while imports of services into Canada reached \$205.9 billion (+8.9%). Consequently, Canada's balance on international transactions in services posted a surplus of \$2.6 billion in 2023 as exports of services exceeded imports for the first time. In 2023, Canada's exports of services to the United States increased 7.2% to \$107.2 billion, while imports of services from the United States advanced 8.7% to \$121.0 billion. Exports of services to all other countries rose 20.6% to \$101.3 billion, while imports from these countries increased 9.3% to \$84.9 billion in 2023. The United States remained Canada's largest services trading partner in 2023, accounting for 51.4% of total exports of services and 58.8% of total imports of services. This compares with 54.3% of total exports and 58.9% of total imports in 2022.

Annual international trade in services, 2023, November 12, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

C.H. Robinson warns of potential volatility in upcoming USMCA review

C.H. Robinson, a transportation and third-party logistics company, released its Freight Market Update following the U.S. presidential election, stating that the upcoming U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) review in 2026 could be a “volatile process.” The update notes that “opposing pressures from the business and populist labour communities may make the USMCA review a volatile process.” Additionally, C.H. Robinson anticipates a heightened focus on trade diversion compliance, especially at the U.S.-Mexico border. The company advises supply chain professionals to maintain detailed records on suppliers and consider internal compliance audits to ensure proper documentation of the country of origin.

C.H. Robinson warns of potential volatility in upcoming USMCA review, November 13, 2024, www.insidelogistics.com

US/WORLD

EU to support continued global climate action and push for ambitious finance and investment goals at COP29

At the COP29 UN Climate Change Conference on 11-22 November in Azerbaijan, the European Union will work with international partners to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement of limiting global average temperature rise to as close as possible to 1.5C. Climate change continues to be an issue which knows no borders, and increasingly harms lives and livelihoods across Europe and around the world. At COP29, the Parties to the Paris Agreement must *ensure that global financial flows are increasingly aligned with the Paris Agreement*, unlocking investments, through the adoption of a *New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on Climate Finance*. The NCQG will be the main priority of this year's negotiations.

EU to support continued global climate action and push for ambitious finance and investment goals at COP29, November 7, 2024, www.europa.eu

Consultant bullish on Trump's impact on retail, e-commerce, FreightTech M&A



Source: Freightwaves

With the new Trump administration come expectations of regulatory changes, including potential shifts at the Federal Trade Commission, that could unlock M&A activity. These shifts could mean promising activity in retail and e-commerce, as well as greater investment in supply chains. Lower interest rates may also drive fresh investment in housing and retail, benefiting brands like The Home Depot and Lowe's,

while new entrants such as Temu, leveraging social commerce models, intensify competition in grocery and affordable retail. *Consultant bullish on Trump's impact on retail, e-commerce, FreightTech M&A, November 11, 2024, www.freightwaves.com*

September 2024 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Down 0.8% from the Previous Month and Up 0.4% 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 0.8% in September 2024 from August 2024, falling for the first month after two consecutive months of growth, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). From September 2023 to September 2024 the index rose 0.4%.

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The Big Deal: On Third Anniversary of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signing, Biden-Harris Administration Announces Over \$3.4 Billion in Grants to Expand Passenger Rail, Make Roads Safer, Improve Ports, and Strengthen Supply Chains

On November 15, 2024, on the third anniversary of the signing of the historic \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg released a [new video](#) titled “The Big Deal” highlighting the Biden-Harris Administration’s Investing in America agenda that is investing in workers, neighborhoods, and better

transportation like never before. In honor of today’s anniversary, the Biden-Harris Administration released a new [fact sheet](#) and [statement](#) from President Joe Biden.

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INVESTING IN AMERICA: USDOT Awards \$1.2 Billion in Grants to Help State Departments of Transportation Utilize Cleaner Construction Materials

As part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Investing in America agenda, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 14, 2024 announced the award of \$1.2 billion to 39 State Departments of Transportation under the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Discretionary Grant Program.

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* Senior Consultant / TMS Super User (Oracle Transportation Management) – Contract, Canadian Tire Corporation, Mississauga, ON

What You'll Do

The Senior Consultant, TMS (Oracle Transportation Management) role serves as a technical expert in Oracle Transportation Management (OTM), driving enhancements, support, and delivery of new features for the Operations Planning & Transportation Execution Teams. This position demands a strong background and knowledge in the configuration and impacts of changing, adding, or removing configurations in OTM. The Senior Consultant, TMS (OTM) Super User will coordinate and interact with the TMS Project Team, IT development and shared services teams, vendors and architecture teams to ensure requirements are understood and capable of being implemented. This is a technical role requiring strong analytical skills and a willingness to partner across several teams to implement project deliverables.

This role has project and sustaining accountabilities. It's required to support and tune our OTM West sustaining operations with the rest of our TMS Super User team, as well as participate in our contributions to the project team to build the net new functionality required for OTM East/Central.

For Sustaining

Support, develop, and maintain our OTM platform to ensure capabilities are delivered through optimal system configurations, settings, and controls. It will include participation in rotation for 24/7 support with the rest of the TMS Super Users.

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Partner with Product Owner on product vision, requirements definition (functional and non-functional), and capability analysis to ensure the product features support the needed business requirements. Participate in ongoing interaction with Oracle Support and related teams regarding Quarterly Releases, Patches, Oracle SRs, etc. to ensure timely testing and validation, as well as continued effective and efficient operation of the system and product flow. Provide subject matter expertise while developing and maintaining functional system configurations, documentation, and processes. Provide data content, modeling, and mapping expertise for OTM. Complete both hands-on configuration of the platform as well as management of internal and potentially outsourced configuration resources. Assist business stakeholders with testing of system changes and analyze data flows for process improvement opportunities.

For TMS OTM Project

Support testing efforts using business requirements and user acceptance criteria to validate that system configuration is working as expected. This includes Regression Testing to ensure new functionality doesn't harm current functionality in Production from previous phases. Partner with Solution Integrator consultants, to obtain deeper knowledge of Oracle Transportation Management (OTM) functionality and acquire the ability to support configuration efforts. Manage activities in alignment with Agile approach (sprint planning, story-execution, defect resolution, sprint demos, retrospectives, etc.) Work collaboratively with IT and Solution Integrator to support defect resolution and execute respective assignments captured in project plan. From an Organizational Change Management (OCM) perspective, act as conduit between business and project team (includes facilitating project updates, responding to inquiries, supporting training efforts). Oversee assigned activities in accordance with project timelines and agreed-upon detailed design.

Partner with project team and stakeholder groups (Transportation, Operations Planning, Distribution, and IT) to support a smooth implementation.

This position will be required to work Monday to Friday as a standard week, with a minimum of 2 days in the office (Mississauga campus). Additional days as required to support pre and post implementation activities. Participation in rotation for On Call 24/7 is also required to support our stakeholders' 7-day per week operations all year round.

What You Bring

Experience supporting, configuring, and implementing Oracle Transportation Management (OTM) modules.

Advanced OTM Workflow Agent design and configuration

Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills and the ability to interact with a diverse group of team members, including executives, managers, end users across a variety of business units, Technology professionals, and subject matter experts.

Skilled in data gathering and analysis with the objective of providing solution recommendations and validation from a data and information flow perspective.

Strong ability to work effectively within time constraints, changing priorities, and independently.

Ability to provide reliable solutions to a variety of problems using sound problem solving techniques including the ability to find root cause and corrective action for given problems.

Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite: Including Intermediate in Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.

Three or more years' experience as an OTM systems or functional analyst.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent technical and business experience.

Intermediate to strong skillset with PL/SQL (Programming Language/Structured Query Language) or other programming languages

Hybrid

We value flexibility. We have adopted a hybrid work model whereby employees use a combination of working in office and virtually in service of outcomes. Each leader is empowered to decide what work is best achieved in person based on the unique needs of their team.

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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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*** Ocean Import Specialist, DHL Freight, Saint-Laurent, Quebec, Canada**

Job Description

Coordinate and oversee the end-to-end ocean import process for FCL shipments, ensuring timely and accurate execution of all import activities.

Collaborate with customers to obtain shipping instructions, documentation, and necessary information for customs clearance and import compliance.

Liaise with carriers, freight forwarders, and other service providers to secure bookings, monitor shipment status, and resolve any transportation-related issues.

Prepare and submit import documentation, including bill of lading, commercial invoices, packing lists, and customs declarations, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Coordinate with customs brokers and agents to facilitate smooth customs clearance and ensure adherence to import regulations and requirements.

Track and monitor shipment milestones, providing timely updates to customers and internal stakeholders.

Proactively address and resolve any operational issues or exceptions that may arise during the import process.

Ensure accurate and timely data entry in relevant systems and maintain proper documentation for record-keeping purposes.

Collaborate with cross-functional teams, including sales, customer service, and operations, to ensure seamless communication and customer satisfaction.

Stay updated on industry regulations, market trends, and best practices in ocean freight forwarding and customs compliance

You have the following qualities and qualifications:

High school diploma or equivalent; additional education or certification in supply chain, logistics, or international trade is a plus.

Proven experience (2-3 years) in ocean freight forwarding, specifically in FCL import operations.

In-depth knowledge of import regulations, customs compliance, and documentation requirements.

Strong understanding of ocean carriers, freight forwarding, and international trade practices.

Proficient in using MS Office applications. CW1 experience is an advantage.

Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to interact effectively with customers, vendors, and internal teams.

Strong attention to detail and organizational skills, with the ability to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.

Problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities to address operational challenges and provide efficient solutions.

Ability to work in a fast-paced environment, handle multiple tasks simultaneously, and adapt to changing priorities.

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*** Logistics Order Fulfillment Specialist, Bosch USA, Fairport, NY**

Job Description

Responsible for communicating and coordinating customer requirements regarding product and service delivery. Develop and maintain relationships within procurement (CLP), distribution (CDC), sales and order desk teams. Ensure consistent and proactive communications to internal and external customers. The Logistics Order Fulfillment Specialist is to use his/her analytical abilities to resolve problems and make recommendations to the customer service associates. Coordinate customer delivery dates with procurement (CLP) to meet customer's expectations.

Principal Responsibilities

Advocate for customer concerns related to product availability, shipment, and delivery, contributing to timely resolution.

Oversee comprehensive order management processes, including delivery block management, outbound delivery creation, and order confirmation handling.

Monitor One Lot Shipment activities to ensure smooth execution.

Respond to and process spot pricing requests as required.

Create and manage virtual license files to facilitate order processing.

Coordinate kitting requirements and scheduling to meet production and delivery timelines.
Serve as the primary point of contact for first-level escalation in resolving order and customer-related issues.
Manage and resolve EDI data and SAP IDOC discrepancies and ensure smooth data flow.
Lead the prioritization of orders, adjusting based on business needs.
Act as the central point for communicating inventory levels.
Collaborate closely with procurement (CLP) to address supply chain and allocation challenges.
Provide input to business unit forecasting, drawing on communication with the RSO/field teams.
Serve as the primary liaison for the Sales Organization, facilitating communication on order exceptions, large orders, and project-related concerns.
Manage customer reserve stock levels, ensuring availability as required.
Provide key data and insights on delivery performance metrics.
Act as an SAP Key User and contribute as an active member of the GPS team to drive operational improvements within the Logistics Operations.
Develop and lead continuous improvement processes through the application of quality tools.
Ensure that best practice standards are reviewed and implemented to promote ongoing process enhancements.
Support the Manager and Logistics teams in identifying training and documentation needs to better serve customer requirements.

Qualifications

Associates degree in Business or related discipline. Preferred APICS Certification.
Minimum: 3 – 5 years' experience in a customer service, call center or logistics environment.
Excellent computer skills and working familiarity with multiple software packages, preferably MS Excel and SAP ERP software packages.
Individual must have strong verbal and written communication skills, professional telephone etiquette, and the ability to handle stressful situations in an efficient, professional manner.
Must have a sense of "team" response to satisfy sales goals and assure 100% customer satisfaction.
Must be willing to travel approximately 15% of the time.

Additional Information

Compensation Information:

This position is an salaried exempt position and the U.S. annual base salary range for this full-time position is \$64,500 to \$87,300 . Within this range, individual pay is determined based on several factors, including, but not limited to work experience, applicable education, job knowledge, role complexity, job geographic location, etc. This position is not bonus eligible.

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