

Transportation's Top Stories

Air Transport Updates

CANADA

Great expectations for supersonic travel as XB-1 breaks sound barrier by Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT



Source: Runway Girl Network

On Tuesday, 28 January 2025, aviation enthusiasts watching the amazing Boom Supersonic livestream presentation witnessed the dawn of second-generation, civilian, supersonic operations. With special permission granted by the FAA to fly high above California's Mojave Desert and across the designated Bell X-1 Supersonic Corridor, Chief Test Pilot Tristan "Geppetto" Brandenburg broke the Mach 1 sound barrier ("went supersonic") not just once but three times during his 33-minute test flight in the Boom Supersonic XB-1 demonstrator aircraft, registration N990XB.

The XB-1 test flight was a unique event that will live on in the aviation history books. Boasting a beautiful, slender-fuselage designed and built in America, the XB-1 is the very first civilian aircraft to fly supersonic above the United States continental landmass and the first civilian jet to break the Mach 1 sound barrier since the Anglo-French Concorde, which operated supersonic passenger services for British Airways and Air France at Mach 2, from 1976 to 2003.

The company explains that the XB-1 is setting the foundation for the Boom Overture. This will be a second-generation supersonic jet designed to fly over water at Mach 1.7, approximately twice the speed of today's fastest commercial aircraft.

The proposed flying time from Washington, D.C. to London is approximately four hours, and about three hours from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Billed as being environmentally viable — it will run on sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) — Boom Overture will have a range of 4,250 nautical miles (7,871 kilometers) and be built to carry 65 to 80 passengers at Mach 1.7.

After a hiatus of more than 20 years, Concorde loyalists — and all other air travelers — can thrill to the idea of making long-haul flights in about half the time normally taken by subsonic aircraft, enjoying a turbulence-free onboard environment and without the problems of jetlag.

To read the full article, please visit: https://runwaygirlnetwork.com/2025/02/supersonic-xb-1-breaks-sound-barrier/

Great expectations for supersonic travel as XB-1 breaks sound barrier, February 2, 2025, www.runwaygirlnetwork.com

Statement by the Minister of Transport on the mid-air collision involving United States military Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines flight 5342 in Washington

The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Transport and Internal Trade on January 30, 2025 said "It is with great sadness that I learned of the mid-air incident. I would like to offer my heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends affected by this terrible incident. "The United

States' National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is the lead on the investigation. Given that Canada is the State of Design of the airplane involved, the <u>Transportation Safety Board (TSB) has deployed two investigators</u> to support the NTSB in their investigation. Transport Canada has appointed an advisor from its Minister's Observer/Technical Advisor Program to support the TSB investigators. "Canada is ready to support our American counterparts in the investigation."

Statement by the Minister of Transport on the mid-air collision involving United States military Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines flight 5342 in Washington, January 30, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

Porter Airlines landing in Hamilton with four routes

Porter Airlines is bringing significant new air service to Hamilton, with four routes launching in June, 2025. John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (YHM) will be connected coast to coast through daily flights to Calgary (YYC), Edmonton (YEG), Halifax (YHZ) and Vancouver (YVR), starting this June, coinciding with a series of airport terminal enhancements.

Porter Airlines landing in Hamilton with four routes, February 5, 2025, www.flyporter.com

Porter Airlines growing Atlantic Canada access to Charlottetown and Deer Lake

Porter Airlines is continuing to expand its presence across Atlantic Canada, with new flights connecting Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) to Charlottetown Airport (YYG) and Deer Lake Regional Airport (YDF) starting June 2025. Seasonal service between Toronto Pearson and Deer Lake starts June 10, 2025, with three weekly roundtrips, while Toronto Pearson-Charlottetown starts June 13, 2025 with four weekly roundtrips. Flights will operate on Porter's new, 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft.

Porter Airlines growing Atlantic Canada access to Charlottetown and Deer Lake, February 6, 2025, www.flyporter.com

US/WORLD

U.S. Transportation Secretary Announces New FAA Action to Ensure Safety in Airspace

With the support of President Trump and in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, effective January 31, 2025, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will restrict helicopter traffic in the area over the

Potomac River around Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and stretching to Wilson Bridge. These areas include: 1. Memorial Bridge to South Capitol Street Bridge, excluding the Tidal Basin; 2. Haines Point to Wilson Bridge; and 3. Over the top of DCA U.S. Transportation Secretary Announces New FAA Action to Ensure Safety in Airspace January 31, 2025, www.dot.gov

U.S. Airlines' December 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 0.7% from November 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 2.7% from Pre-Pandemic December 2019

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on February 6, 2025 released U.S. airlines' December 2024 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.594 billion gallons of fuel, 6.8% more fuel than in November 2024 (1.492 billion gallons) and 2.7% more than in prepandemic December 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in December 2024 (\$2.32) was up 2 cents (0.7%) from November 2024 (\$2.31) and up \$0.32 (16.0%) from December 2019. Total December 2024 fuel expenditure (\$3.71B) was up 7.6% from November 2024 (\$3.44B) and up 19.1% from pre-pandemic December 2019.

U.S. Airlines' December 2024 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 0.7% from November 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption up 2.7% from Pre-Pandemic December 2019, February 6, 2025, www.bts.gov



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Rail Transport Updates

CANADA

STB Green-Lights CN IANR Acquisition



Source: Railway Age

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) on Jan. 14, 2025 approved, with conditions, CN's acquisition of Class III lowa Northern Railway Company (IANR), as well as related notices of exemption for trackage rights. There were no objections to the transaction; only certain conditions were requested. Current STB Chair Robert Primus filed the lone dissent. IANR is a 218-mile short line located entirely within lowa. On Jan. 30, 2025, STB amended the transaction's labor protection conditions.

STB Green-Lights CN IANR Acquisition, February 3, 2025, www.railwayage.com

CN's 2024 Annual Financial Statements and Annual Information Form available on Company Website

CN announced o February 5, 2025 that the Company's 2024 Annual Financial Statements, Notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis, and its 2024 Annual Information Form and Form 40-F, have been filed with Canadian and U.S. securities regulators and are now available in the "Investors" section of its website, www.cn.ca/investors. Printed copies of CN's 2024 Annual Financial Statements, Notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis

will also be available to shareholders free of charge upon request. CN's 2024 Annual Financial Statements and Annual Information Form available on Company Website, February 5, 2025, www.cn.ca

CPKC reaches tentative collective agreement with United Steelworkers



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on February 5, 2025 said it has reached a tentative four-year collective agreement with United Steelworkers (USW) representing clerical and intermodal employees in Canada. "We are very pleased to have reached another collective agreement at the bargaining table, our third tentative agreement this year in Canada," said Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer. "Working together with the United Steelworkers, we've come to a tentative agreement that is good for our railroaders and their families. With this and other recent agreements, we can continue our work safely and efficiently serving our customers, enabling growth and prosperity in the Canadian economy." USW represents approximately 600 employees in Canada.

CPKC reaches tentative collective agreement with United Steelworkers, January 5, 2025, www.cpkc.ca

Keeping Northern Manitoba connected by rail

On February 4, 2025, Minister for PrairiesCan, the Honourable Terry Duquid, on behalf of Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced an investment of over \$43 million to support the operations and maintenance of the Hudson Bay Railway, owned by Arctic Gateway Group (AGG). AGG is a partnership of 29 First Nations and 12 isolated communities served by Hudson Bay Railway in Northern Manitoba. This investment, to be delivered under Transport Canada's Remote Passenger Rail Program, will ensure safe year-round surface transportation to 33,000 residents in remote northern and Indigenous communities in Northern Manitoba. Since 2018, Canada has invested \$277 million in support of the restoration, operation and maintenance of the Hudson Bay Railway and AGG assets.

Keeping Northern Manitoba connected by rail, February 4, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

CPKC Dedicates 'Patrick K. Ottensmeyer International Railway Bridge,'



Source: Railway Age

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) in a Feb. 6, 2025 ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicated the Patrick J. Ottensmeyer International Railway Bridge, the new second span crossing the Rio Grande linking Laredo, Tex., with Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

CPKC Dedicates 'Patrick K. Ottensmeyer International Railway Bridge,' February 6, 2025, www.railwayage.com

US/WORLD



U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy Issues Statement Regarding Second Anniversary of East **Palestine Derailment**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy on February 3, 2025 said "The East Palestine community has shown its resilience while continuing to recover from the devastating train derailment that changed its residents' lives forever. In partnership with the Trump-Vance Administration and Congress, USDOT will work to advance rail safety. As President Trump has pledged, we will ensure the people of East Palestine are not forgotten, and we will use every resource to prevent other communities from enduring what they experienced." U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy Issues Statement Regarding Second Anniversary of East Palestine Derailment, February 3, 2025.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending February 1, 2025



Source: Railway Age

www.dot.gov

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on February 5, 2025 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending February 1, 2025. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 513,622 carloads and intermodal units, up 4.5 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending February 1, 2025 were 222.071 carloads, down 0.1 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 291,551 containers and trailers, up 8.2 percent compared to 2024. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included chemicals, up 1,332 carloads, to 33,374; grain, up 1,151 carloads, to 22,114; and nonmetallic minerals, up 672 carloads, to 26,637. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included coal, down 2,849 carloads, to 59,863; metallic ores and metals, down 633 carloads, to 18,815; and forest products, down 506 carloads, to 8,271. Canadian railroads reported 90,301 carloads for the week, down 1.6 percent, and 71,385 intermodal units, down 1.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first five weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads

reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 788,036 carloads, containers and trailers, up 5.9 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending February 1, 2025, February

5, 2025, <u>www.ajot.com</u>



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Marine Transport Updates

CANADA

Seaspan Energy completes first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering in Canada



Source: Seapsan

Seaspan is pleased to share that we have successfully completed the first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering in Canada, which took place in the Port of Vancouver in the Upper Harbour on Thursday, January 30, 2024. The ship-to-ship LNG bunkering to a tanker at anchor was performed by the Seaspan Lions, one of three 112m long LNG bunkering vessels in Seaspan Energy's fleet. More information and a quote from Harly Penner, President of Seaspan Energy, can be found in the attached press release here.

Seaspan Energy completes first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering in Canada, February 3, 2025, www.seaspan.com/

Government of Canada launches consultations on expanding security clearances at ports to strengthen our borders

On January 31, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced a public consultation to gather feedback on expanding security screening requirements at Canada's ports. These proposed changes would enhance security. Consultations will be open until March 31, 2025. Currently, only individuals with specific occupations and those requiring access to highly restricted areas at Canada's ports are required to hold a Transportation Security Clearance. The consultation will explore strengthening security with more background security checks at Canadian ports and marine facilities.

Government of Canada launches consultations on expanding security clearances at ports to strengthen our borders, January 31, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

Prince Rupert promoting transload operations to improve logistics efficiency



Source: JOC

The intermodal logistics provider IntermodeX will develop a transload and logistics facility near the Port of Prince Rupert in Western Canada

that will be the latest component of the port authority's master plan to expand import and export transload operations. Phase 1 of the logistics facility, known as LinX, is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2027, the port said in a statement Monday. The 33-acre facility will be located close to Prince Rupert's Fairview Container Terminal and Canadian National Railway's (CN's) intermodal hub. CN provides intermodal rail service linking Prince Rupert to Eastern Canada and Chicago.

Prince Rupert promoting transload operations to improve logistics efficiency, February 4, 2025, www.joc.com

The Government of Canada invests port infrastructure for Atlantic Canada

On February 5, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced an investment of up to \$25 million for the Halifax Port Authority. This investment bolsters both environmental sustainability and supply chain efficiency, while actively supporting decarbonization efforts in the transportation sector and strengthening infrastructure resiliency.

The Government of Canada invests in port infrastructure for Atlantic Canada, February 5, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

ONE upgrades full-year profit forecast by \$1 billion after robust Q3



Source: JOC

ONE carried 9.7 million TEUs in the nine months from April to December, a year-over-year increase of 7.7%. Ocean Network Express (ONE) is now expecting \$4 billion in net profit for its operating

year ending March 31, 2025 upping the forecast by almost \$1 billion after posting a strong fiscal third quarter with significant gains in revenue and earnings. The full-year net profit as forecast would be a 30% increase over the previous year, even as container shipping enters its traditional slack season following the rush to export in the runup to the Lunar New Year. "A slowdown in cargo movement is expected, coupled with increasing uncertainty in the business environment," ONE said in its earnings statement on January 31, 2024 ONE upgrades full-year profit forecast by \$1 billion after robust Q3. January 31, 2025, www.joc.com

Hapag-Lloyd concludes green financing of its 24 new container ships



Source: AJOT

Hapag-Lloyd will use green financings for the 24 large container ships it ordered in October 2024. The newbuildings will have a combined capacity of 312,000 TEU and involve a combined investment volume of around USD 4 billion. The financing consists of four components. Around USD 900 million of the purchase price will be financed using the company's own funds. A total of USD 500 million will be made available from two banks in the form of bilateral mortgage loans. Another part, in the amount of USD 1.8 billion, will be financed via three leasing structures, and USD 1.1 billion will be financed via a syndicated credit facility backed by the China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinosure). The financing share amounts to a total of around 80% of the investment volume, with maturities ranging between 10 and 18 years.

Hapag-Lloyd concludes green financing of its 24 new container ships. February 4, 2025, www.ajot.com

Shippers want more visibility data than terminals are

providing: survey



Source: JOC

The lack of direct commercial relationships between shippers and terminals leads to a lack of incentives for better communication of data, according to a report from software vendor Kaleris. A lack of alignment around visibility data between container terminal operators around the globe and the shippers and forwarders they serve results in underuse of operating systems and general supply chain inefficiencies, according to a report on the subject. The report, produced by maritime consultant Thetius on behalf of terminal software vendor Kaleris, found that nearly 57% of terminal operators surveyed believe they provide good or very good visibility to their customers, while just 27% of shippers and freight forwarders participating said they are the recipients of good visibility from terminals. Nearly 82% of shippers said they faced discrepancies.

Shippers want more visibility data than terminals are providing: survey, February 5, 2025, www.joc.com

Panama Canal denies US claim of preferential crossing rights



Source: AJOT

The Panama Canal Authority on February 5, 2025 denied the U.S. State Department's claim that U.S. government vessels would be able to cross the canal without paying fees, likely ratcheting up tensions

after President Donald Trump threatened to take back control of the crossing. The canal authority, an autonomous agency overseen by the Panamanian government, said in a statement that it had not made any changes to charge fees or rights to cross the canal, adding its statement was directly in response to the U.S. claims. The U.S. State Department had said earlier in the day that Panama's government had agreed to no longer charge crossing fees for U.S. government vessels, in a move that would save the U.S. millions of dollars a year.

Panama Canal denies US claim of preferential crossing rights, January 6, 2025, <u>www.ajot.com</u>



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Road Transport Updates

CANADA

Access to public transport by distance in Canada



Source: Statcan

The data in this release provide information on spatial access to public transport by walking distance and public transport carrying capacity, geography, gender, and selected demographic and socio-economic characteristics. Access under certain combinations of walking distance and public transit carrying capacity represents the national and international indicators under the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities. The SDG international framework Indicator 11.2.1, measuring the "Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age and persons with disabilities," was adopted under the Canadian Indicator Framework for the Sustainable Development Goals as Indicator 11.4.1, Percentage of the population living within 500 metres of a public transport

Access to public transport by distance in Canada, February 3, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

🔜 Jost buys global hydraulics manufacturer



Source: Inside Logistics

Jost has announced its acquisition of Hyva, a global player in commercial vehicle hydraulics. Hyva produces front-end tipping cylinders, and a full range of double acting cylinders, container lifting systems, waste handling systems, and truck-mounted cranes. "Joining the Jost world represents an exciting new chapter for Hyva," said Hyva chief executive officer Alex Tan. "Our shared commitment to advancing technology and providing reliable & innovative solutions for transportation, agriculture, construction, mining, and environmental applications creates a strong foundation for mutual success. Together, we will drive growth and deliver even greater value to our customers globally."

Jost buys global hydraulics manufacturer, February 3, 2025, www.insidelogistics.com

Purolator acquires Livingston International



Source: Todays Trucking

Purolator announced it has closed a deal to acquire Livingston International, an international trade services firm that specializes in customs brokerage, global freight forwarding and trade consulting, from Platinum Equity. Established in 1945, Livingston has served as an advisor to more than 30,000 businesses engaged in cross-border and global trade. Livingston has been a partner in supporting Purolator's customs and global trade service needs for over 30 years. John Ferguson said "Strategically, this transaction represents a generational opportunity to acquire a highly complementary and growing international business with a proven track record of success. Purolator president & chief executive officer (CEO), in a news release. With these broader capabilities and increased breadth, we can offer more choice and greater flexibility to current and future customers." Purolator acquires Livingston International, February 5, 2025, www.insidelogistics.com

Glover International named top Canada/U.S. International dealer



Source: Todays Trucking

Alberta dealer network Glover International Trucks has been named the 2024 International U.S. and Canada Dealer of the Year. The award was presented during International Motors' annual dealer meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. "The annual dealer meeting is such an exciting time for all of us at International," said Dan Kayser, executive

vice president, commercial operations, International. "Our industry moves so quickly, so it's important to reflect on and celebrate the success of the previous year. Our truck and bus dealers are true partners who are dedicated to delivering the highest level of service to International customers."

Glover International named top Canada/U.S. International dealer, February 5, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

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APTA Director Delivers Trade Barriers, Driver Inc Message to Transport Minister



Source: Cantruck

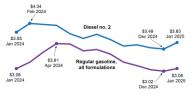
Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association executive director Chris McKee recently met with Atlantic Canadian business leaders for a roundtable session in Halifax with Federal Minister of Transport and Internal Trade Anita Anand to discuss the impacts of tariffs and examine barriers to internal trade within our country. "We applaud Team Canada and the efforts being made to immediately eliminate internal trade barriers across all industries, including trucking – to allow our members to better thrive domestically. The good news is that the trucking sector is already well positioned to participate in such a process," said McKee.

APTA Director Delivers Trade Barriers, Driver Inc Message to Transport Minister, February 6, 2025, www.cantruck.ca

US/WORLD

Motor Fuel Prices – January 2025

Monthly Sales Price of Transportation Fuel to End-Users: January 2024–January 2025 (Current dollars per gallon)



Notes: Regular motor gasoline (all formulations) and dissel to 3 (on highway dissel) fust prices are retail prices and include bases paid by the end-sark. On highway dissel does not limited bit desire for other alternative basis.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy information Administration, available at alt preciously, However, and Park Price (Park Price), Price (Park Price), Price (Park Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price), Price (Park Price), Price), Price), Price, Price), Price, Price, Price, Price, Price), Price, Price,

Source: BTS

On January 5, 2025, the <u>Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)</u> released <u>monthly motor fuels prices</u> for January 2025. In January 2025, the average price for regular motor gasoline was \$3.08; up 1.9% from December 2024. The January 2025 price for regular motor gasoline was back to the January 2024 level after having risen from \$3.08 in January 2024 to a 12-month high of \$3.61 in April 2024. *Motor Fuel Prices – January 2025, February 5, 2025, <u>www.bts.gov</u>*



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Mexico and Canada strike back with retaliatory tariffs on US



Source: Frreightwaves

Officials in Canada and Mexico struck back hours after President Donald Trump imposed a 25% tariff February 1, 2025 on imports from the neighboring countries, announcing they would retaliate by implementing their own import duties on U.S. goods. Trump signed an executive order putting 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico, while Chinese products will receive an additional 10% tariff. Canadian energy imports will only be tariffed at 10%. The U.S. duties on all three countries will be fully in force starting Tuesday. Trudeau said Canada would put matching 25% tariffs on up to \$155 billion in U.S. imports.

Mexico and Canada strike back with retaliatory tariffs on US, January 31, 2025, www.freightwaves.com





Source: AJOT

Canada will take legal action under the relevant international bodies to challenge the 25% tariffs imposed by the United States on most Canadian goods, a senior government official said on February 2, 2025, calling the tariffs illegal and unjustified. The comments come a day after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a wide array of retaliatory levies of 25% on U.S. goods in response the tariffs announced on February 1, 2025 by President Donald Trump. "We will obviously pursue the legal recourse that we believe we have through the agreements that we share with the United States," the official said. briefing reporters in Ottawa on condition of anonymity. Trump applied a 25% import tariff on all Canadian goods, except energy products such as oil and gas and electricity, which will carry a duty of 10% while entering the United States. The 25% tariff will be in effect starting on Tuesday, February 3, 2025 while the energy tariff will be implemented starting on Feb. 18, 2025. In response, Canada has imposed tariffs on 1,256 products, or 17% of all the products imported from the United States, starting on February 3, 2025. The products, including orange

juice, peanut butter, wine, beer, motorcycles, cosmetics and more - which will add up to up to C\$30 billion. Some of the big ones are cosmetics and body care of C\$3.5 billion, appliances and other household items of C\$3.4 billion, pulp and paper products C\$3 billion, the official said.

Canada to take legal action against US for tariffs, February 3, 2025, www.ajot.com

Despite U.S. tariff pause, uncertainty remains over Canada



Source: Todays trucking

Uncertainty still hangs over the Canadian economy despite U.S. President Donald Trump announcing a 30-day pause in tariffs that were to take effect on February 3, 2024. The temporary reprieve halts — at least for now — a continental trade war that economists on both sides of the border warned would raise prices. Trump's decision meant Canada and the provinces also halted their moves to retaliate including with tariffs and bans on U.S. alcohol sales north of the border. Unifor, the country's largest private sector union, insists that Trump's threat of tariffs remains in effect, threatening Canadian jobs. Trump on February 1, 2025 signed an order to impose 25% across-the-board tariffs on Mexican and Canadian imports, with a lower 10% tariff on Canadian energy.

Despite U.S. tariff pause, uncertainty remains over Canada, February 3, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com



Canadian international merchandise trade, December 2024



Source: Statcan

In December 2024, Canada's merchandise exports increased 4.9% and imports were up 2.3%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world went from a deficit of \$986 million in November to a surplus of \$708 million in December2024. This was the first merchandise trade surplus since February 2024. The depreciation of the Canadian dollar continues to impact the statistics. Following a 6.7% increase in November 2024, exports to the United States rose 5.0% in December 2024, in part on higher exports of energy products. Meanwhile, imports from the United States fell 1.5% in December 2024. As a result, Canada's trade surplus with the United States widened from \$8.2 billion in November to \$11.3 billion in December. Canadian imports continue to outpace its exports.

Canadian international merchandise trade, December 2024, February 5, 2025, <u>www.statcan.gc.ca</u>

US/WORLD



Faster progress needed to protect Europe's waters and better manage flood risks



Source: Europa

Clean water is the driving force of life. It is an essential resource for people and nature and for regulating the climate. And yet, according to new reports published by the European Commission on the state of water in the EU, while progress has been made to improve the EU's water bodies over the past six years, more action is needed. There have been several positive trends resulting from the implementation of the Water Framework Directive, with ground water bodies continuing to achieve good quantitative and chemical status. However, work is needed to meet EU targets on freshwater quality and quantity. Only 39.5% of EU surface water bodies are achieving good ecological status, and only 26.8% achieving good chemical status. The EU has made key recommendations to Member States to improve water management by 2027.

Faster progress needed to protect Europe's waters and better manage flood risks, February 4, 2025, <u>www.europa.eu</u>



Congratulations to Prabhu Rajendran CMILT (https://www.linkedin.com/in/prabhu-supplychainleader/) on his appointment as Chair of the CILTNA US Chapter. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Prabhu is Director of the Supply Chain Practice at CSCS and has 15 years experience in transportation, logistics and supply chain management.

Prabhu is also a member of the Forbes Technology Council, serves on the Business Advisory Council of the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Logistics Systems and hosts the Coffee with Leaders supply chain podcast.

Events



Manufacturing and Exporting in the New World Order – Trade, Tariffs and Trump Event - Wednesday February 19, 2025 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm ET hosted by the Empire Club of Canada

Join them in-person at Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street, Simpson, tower 8th floor, Toronto, ON M5H 2Y4 or virtually.

With over 1.8 million Canadians working in the manufacturing sector, and over \$600 billion in Canadian exports to the United States, President-elect Donald Trump's potential tariffs will certainly impact a decades-long trade eco system. The impact of such tariffs will extend far beyond manufacturing, with senior

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economists warning that the ripple effects will, disrupt supply chains and the existing world order, possibly driving Canada into a recession.

A recent survey by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters found that only 11% of manufactures believe they can fully absorb tariff costs and only for a limited time. What does this mean for the future of Canada's integrated trading relationship with the U.S., and our ability to make goods together? What are the long- term potential impacts to Canadian markets and, most importantly, how can Canada's governments and Canadians protect against this threat and support this important sector beyond the impending trade negotiations?

With Canadian jobs, and the economy at stake, bold action and leadership is required.

Don't miss out on February 19, 2025, as the Empire Club of Canada joins forces with Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters to present Manufacturing and Exporting in the New World Order – Trade, Tariffs and Trump. This event will

feature a distinguished panel of experts, including David Glover, co-owner of Harbour Technologies, Emily Olson, Chief Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Officer at Vale Base Metals, Frank Voss, President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada and Rob Wildeboer, Executive Chairman of Martinrea, with Vincent Caron, Vice President, Ontario Government Relations and Member Advocacy at Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, as a moderator – who will discuss this existential threat to trade and Canadian sovereignty.

To register, please visit: https://empireclubofcanada.com/event/manufacturing-and-exporting-in-the-new-world-order-trade-tariffs-and-trump/?utm_campaign=6877853-Feb%2019%20-

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Vancouver Area Council

WINTER SOCIAL

Come join us at the famous Terminal Pub in New Westminster for a fun-filled evening to kick off the start of CITT's Vancouver branch in person 2025 networking events. The food is fabulous and plenty as are the conversations!

This is a great opportunity to network with people in the Transportation industry and catch up with old friends, CITT members and students working towards their CCLP designation.

Bring a friend! Everyone welcome!

Prize and 50/50 draws and great company! Any prize donations graciously accepted!

February 19, 2025 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$25 - Members/Guests/Affiliates \$20 - Students

*Beverage/appies included

The Terminal Pub 115 12th Street New Westminster, BC



Please RSVP here by Monday, Feb 17, 2025



Questions? You can reach us at: mmulcahy@telus.net

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February 19, 2025 @ 5-8 pm PT at The Terminal Pub,115 12th Street, New Westminster, BC

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\$20 - Students

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Job Postings

* 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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* Senior Logistics Coordinator ocean, ShipWise Logistics Inc., Mississauga, ON

Position: Logistics Coordinator

Location: Office-Based in Mississauga, Monday to Friday, 8 AM - 5

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Job Overview: As a Logistics Coordinator, you will be instrumental in managing ocean shipments for both import and export processes. This role demands precise coordination with transportation companies for shipment delivery and pick-up, meticulous tracking of shipments to their final destinations, and ensuring optimal methods are used for shipping.

Key Responsibilities:

 Handle ocean shipments for both import and export, ensuring the timely and cost-effective delivery of goods.

- Arrange and plan shipment delivery/pick-up with transportation companies; track and trace shipments until final delivery.
- Verify the accuracy of all freight documentation and booking information prior to shipment execution, ensuring compliance with the approval process.
- Prepare essential import/export documentation, including House Bill of Lading (HBL), Master Bill of Lading (MBL), and Air Waybills.
- Communicate with global offices/agents to ensure proper documentation and compliance for shipments.
- Collaborate with customs brokers for customs release and compliance with other government agencies as required.
- Negotiate with carriers to secure optimal freight rates and maintain effective service relationships.
- Manage documentation to meet customer and insurance requirements, adhering to international regulations and fiscal policies.
- Deliver exceptional client service and maintain robust business relationships with clients and carriers.
- Handle all client and partner communications promptly and professionally.
- Resolve operational issues and customer complaints, implementing measures to reduce recurrence.
- Audit supplier invoices and reconcile payments/remittances.
- Responsible for accurate billing of shipments, ensuring all service charges are included and billed as per the quotations.
- Perform other duties as may be necessary to support the logistics team.

Required Skills and Experience:

- Proven experience in logistics or a related field, with specific expertise in managing ocean shipments.
- Strong ability to negotiate and maintain professional relationships.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills, with an emphasis on timely and accurate documentation.
- Proficiency in managing multiple tasks and resolving issues promptly.
- Commitment to providing high-quality client service and maintaining effective communication with all stakeholders.
- This position requires physical presence in the office with a standard work schedule of Monday to Friday, from 8 AM to 5 PM, ensuring dedicated handling of our logistics operations.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$40,000.00-\$60,000.00 per year

Additional pay:

Bonus pay Commission pay Schedule:

Monday to Friday

Experience:

Ocean logistics: 2 years (required) Ocean import: 2 years (required)

Canadian freight forwarding: 2 years (required)

Language:

Mandarin (preferred) Korean (preferred) Work Location: In person

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* Shipping Coordinator, TC Transcontinental, Aurora, ON

About This Opportunity

Reporting to the Logistics Supervisor, the Shipping Coordinator will be responsible for the seamless processing of outgoing shipments, perform any and all tasks deemed necessary including but not limited to operating a variety of hand and power tools, equipment and machinery. The incumbent must understand the impact of this position to other business functions that depend on the accuracy and efficiency of outgoing items. Inventory management and vendor relations with shipping companies are essential functions for this position.

What you will do

- Provide shipping status and order visibility information as required to both internal and external clients, monitor shipping information, close shipped orders, provide order status, etc.;
- Schedule outgoing shipments to successfully meet ship dates;
- Conduct analysis on shipping quality incidents as required;
- Prepare accurate bills of lading and packing slips;

- Coordinate ship schedule report daily;
- Attend daily Production meeting;
- Complete Customs paperwork for shipments destined for USA;
- Maintain regular and on-going communication with CSR's and production to ensure and verify priorities and timing;
- Extensive knowledge required of courier systems, such as, FedEx, Purolator, UPS and Canpar/Loomis;
- Strong telephone etiquette when calling external trucking companies or internal clients to set up shipments or book delivery appointments;
- Complete an end of day report for production team to indicate what shipments have been shipped based on the Kitting schedule;
- Coordinate with material handlers to get shipments prepared and/or shipped accordingly;
- Special attention required to jobs that have breakdowns, distribution lists or special labeling or shipping info;
- Ensure that Proof of Deliveries are filed daily and readily accessible if inquiries occur, at the end of the month all POD's should be scanned and kept electronically;
- Receive stock and check it against inventory records and prepare stock for delivery;
- Ensure different products can move between businesses, on time and in the correct quantities;
- Provide transit times and shipment quotes to CSR's and estimating by using our local carriers or Third Party carriers;
- Assist in coordinating the transportation of finished products to the customers;
- Work overtime as required and perform other duties as requested to support the team;
- Support and contribute to a healthy and safe work environment by following all workplace regulations, policies, and initiatives, including reporting all first aid injuries, accidents, and workplace hazards.

What You Have To Offer

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent, with previous relevant experience;
- Good understanding of shipping and receiving processes within a manufacturing environment;
- Good understanding of Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel;
- Strong capability to work within the organization and harmoniously within a team environment is required;
- Fast paced environment, must be able to handle stress and deal with issues in a timely fashion;

- Sound interpretation and analysis skills;
- · Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail;
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written;
- Must be extremely self-motivated and able to work under minimal supervision.

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