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Air Transport Updates

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Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, January 2025



Source: Statcan

In January 2025, major Canadian airlines flew 6.9 million passengers on scheduled and charter services, while capacity reached 23.5 billion available seat-kilometres. Canada's major and select small airports recorded a total of 380,486 aircraft movements in January, up 19.6% from January 2024. Local movements jumped 44.2% year over year to 114,564 in January 2025, while itinerant movements rose 11.5% to 265,922. Capacity of major airlines increased more than demand. Consult the Aviation Data Visualization Hub to explore aircraft movement statistics and monthly civil aviation statistics in an interactive format.

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, January 2025, March 28, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

WestJet Drops Freight Operations Completely As Cargo VP Resigns



Source: WestJet

Canadian carrier WestJet recently announced an end to its all-cargo operations. The airline, which mainly focuses on passenger transport, was not able to create long-term viability for its cargo branch in a relatively small market and a cooling-off cargo industry. The carrier now must decide what to do with its converted freighter aircraft, which are not in high demand. The news of WestJet Cargo's end comes as its Vice President of Cargo, Kirsten de Bruijn steps down.

WestJet Drops Freight Operations Completely As Cargo VP Resigns, March 28, 2025, www.westjet.ca

Smoked Meat meets Haggis - Air Canada to Launch New Flights from Montreal to Edinburgh; Adds Capacity to Paris, Rome, Athens



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada announced on March 31, 2025 that it is adding a new route and boosting frequencies to popular Europe destinations for the upcoming summer travel season. New summer services from Montreal to Edinburgh will complement the carrier's existing summer services from Toronto to the Scottish capital city. The carrier is also adding close to 1300 weekly seats to Paris and Athens, and is also extending its peak Toronto to Rome schedule until October. "Air Canada is excited to add the only non-stop flights between Montreal and Edinburgh! Our new flights will link Scotland to Canada's second largest metropolitan area, bringing additional travel choices to the legendary land of castles, lochs and more through our extensive network at our Montreal hub," said Mark Galardo, Air Canada's Executive Vice President, Revenue and Network Planning, & President, Cargo. "We are also adding flights to Paris, Athens and Rome from our Toronto global hub this summer to meet expected demand. At Air Canada, we are proud to support tourism as well as connect people visiting friends and family. We look forward to welcoming customers onboard our flights."

Smoked Meat meets Haggis - Air Canada to Launch New Flights from Montreal to Edinburgh; Adds Capacity to Paris, Rome, Athens, March 31, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, February 2025



Source: Statcan

In February, 4.2 million passengers were recorded passing through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, a slight increase (+0.4%) over February 2024 and close to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level from February 2020. For comparisons with previous years, note that February 2025 had 28 days, while there were 29 days in February 2020 and 2024 (both were leap years). It is worthwhile noting that Transborder traffic was down and growth at airports was uneven.

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, February 2025, March 31, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Porter expands service throughout North America this summer

Porter Airlines is updating its 2025 summer schedule. Increases in capacity are spread across new destinations, the continuation of winter routes into summer, and added frequencies. Domestic flying during this period is now 80% of total network capacity, up from 75% in its original summer plan. This is balanced by targeted frequency reductions in select U.S. markets. Despite the changes, Porter's presence in the Canada-U.S. market will be 25% larger than last summer.

Porter expands service throughout North America this summer, March 31, 2025, www.flyporter.com

✈️ WestJet Cargo named official transport provider for The Beagle Alliance

WestJet Cargo has announced its official cooperation with The Beagle Alliance, reinforcing its commitment to the safe and compassionate transport of rescued animals across Canada. Through this collaboration, WestJet Cargo provides secure air travel for beagles rescued from research facilities, ensuring they reach their forever homes quickly and with minimal stress. The relationship between pet air travel specialist WestJet Cargo and The Beagle Alliance was formed through a shared commitment to animal welfare and safe transport. The Beagle Alliance rescues former research animals who would otherwise be euthanized and advocates for animal free science. Named after beagles, since they are the most used breed of dog in animal testing, the NGO helps former research pets adjust to freedom and live in a family environment.

WestJet Cargo named official transport provider for The Beagle Alliance, March 31, 2025, www.ajot.com

✈️ Air Canada Celebrates Resumption of Ottawa-London Heathrow Flights



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada marked the resumption of its international flights linking Canada's capital city with the United Kingdom's largest airport and international gateway. A celebration in Ottawa was attended by airline representatives and stakeholders prior to the departure of AC888 from Ottawa to London Heathrow onboard the airline's flagship Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. The major features of the new service are: 1. A four weekly flights linking Canada's capital city to the UK's largest airport and international gateway; 2. A wide array of connections at Heathrow across Europe, the Middle East, India and Africa; and 3. A service from six Canadian cities, with up to 63 weekly flights in summer 2025.

Air Canada Celebrates Resumption of Ottawa-London Heathrow Flights, April 1, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Maligayang Pagdating Sakay! Air Canada Inaugurates its Newest International Route from Vancouver to Manila



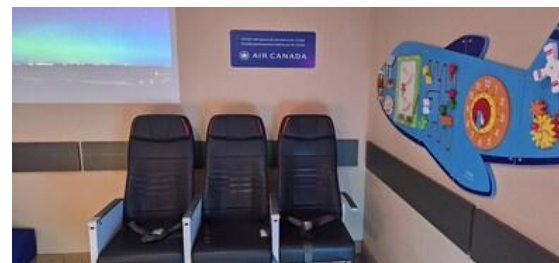
Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on April 1, 2025 marked the inauguration of its newest international flights linking Vancouver and Manila, solidifying the

airline's presence in Southeast Asia and supporting Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy. The launch of service to Manila also positions Air Canada as the North American airline serving the most destinations non-stop in Southeast Asia. It is the only Canadian carrier flying to the Philippines from Canada. The major features of the new service are: 1. Four times weekly, year-round service linking Canada and the Philippines. 2. Twenty-five Canadian connections to destinations at Air Canada's YVR Pacific hub; and 3. Twelve destinations by Air Canada in Asia-Pacific, solidifying it as the North American airline serving the most non-stop destinations in Southeast Asia.

Maligayang Pagdating Sakay! Air Canada Inaugurates its Newest International Route from Vancouver to Manila, April 1, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada Foundation and Air Canada Celebrate the First Autism Aviation Days Event of the Year in Edmonton



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada and the Air Canada Foundation have partnered with the Edmonton International Airport (YEG) and Autism Edmonton to host Autism Aviation Day this coming weekend at YEG. This is the first of a series of planned special Autism Aviation events Air Canada will host across the country in 2025. This event aims to provide a supportive environment where children on the spectrum can familiarize themselves with elements of air travel involving the entire pre-flight process, helping to ease anxiety and build confidence for future journeys — not only for the children but also for their parents.

Air Canada Foundation and Air Canada Celebrate the First Autism Aviation Days Event of the Year in Edmonton, April 2, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Porter Airlines expands aircraft maintenance operations with Halifax hangar

Porter Airlines is expanding its maintenance operations by leasing a 20,000 sq. ft. hangar at Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ). This investment reinforces Porter's growing presence in Halifax, and strengthens the airline's commitment to operational reliability and efficiency as it expands across North America. The facility will provide dedicated maintenance capacity for Porter's Embraer E195-E2 and De Havilland Dash 8-400 fleets, enhancing service standards and reliability for passengers. The new facility will create job opportunities for the local aviation community, including Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AMEs) and material handlers.

Porter Airlines expands aircraft maintenance operations with Halifax hangar, April 2, 2025, www.flyporter.com

Air Canada's Québec City Ground Operations to be Airline's First Station with Fully Electric Main Ground Support Equipment



Source: Air Canada

To mark Earth Month, Air Canada announced on April 4, 2025 that its ground operations in Québec City will be the airline's first station in Canada to achieve 100% electrification of its GSE fleet across all main categories by the end of 2025. This milestone will represent a complete transition from fossil fuel-powered equipment to electric alternatives for all baggage and ramp tractors, belt loaders, power stows, container loaders and aircraft tractors. This transition will eliminate Air Canada's use of fossil fuel equipment in these key GSE categories at this station.

Air Canada's Québec City Ground Operations to be Airline's First Station with Fully Electric Main Ground Support Equipment, April 3, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

Urgent Changes Needed for NZ's Economic Regulatory Framework for Airports



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) called for urgent changes to New Zealand's Economic Regulatory Framework for Airports. This follows the publication of the New Zealand Commerce Commission's review of Auckland Airport's Price Setting Event 4. "It is not surprising that the Commerce Commission has concluded that Auckland Airport's charges are excessive in the range of NZD150 million to NZD226 million." IATA highlighted the following concerns in the economic regulatory framework: 1. The current light-touch regulatory approach means Auckland Airport can set the aeronautical pricing as they wish. Auckland Airport, being the sole monopoly provider, can game the regulatory process by setting their pricing artificially high at the start of the regulatory process, and then respond, if they so wish, by lowering their pricing following the conclusion by the regulator or to ignore the report. 2. Non-aeronautical activities (which generally draw much higher returns) are excluded from the purview of the Commerce Commission. 3. While Auckland Airport is investing significantly in infrastructure, there are outstanding concerns highlighted by airlines about the size, phasing, cost allocation and affordability of these major investments. Some of these costs could have been avoided if infrastructure planning and investments had been managed appropriately in the past.

Urgent Changes Needed for NZ's Economic Regulatory Framework for Airports, April 1, 2025, www.iata.org

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✈️ Passenger Demand Growth Slows Slightly in February



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for February 2025 global passenger demand with the following highlights: 1. **Total demand**, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 2.6% compared to February 2024. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 2.0% year-on-year. The February 2025 load factor was 81.1% (+0.4 ppt compared to February 2024). 2. **International demand** rose 5.6% compared to February 2024. Capacity was up 4.5% year-on-year, and the load factor was 80.2% (+0.9 ppt compared to February 2024). 3. **Domestic demand** fell 1.9% compared to February 2024. Capacity was down 1.7% year-on-year. The load factor was 82.6% (-0.2 ppt compared to February 2024). “While traffic growth slowed in February, much of this can be explained by factors including the leap year, and lunar new year falling in January compared to February last year. February traffic hit an all-time high, and the number of scheduled flights is set to continue increasing in March and April. But we need to keep a close eye on developments in North America, which saw falls in both domestic and international traffic,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General.

Passenger Demand Growth Slows Slightly in February, March 31, 2025, www.iata.org

✈️ Air Cargo Demand Declines Slightly in February



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for February 2025 global air cargo markets showing: 1. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), declined by 0.1% compared to February 2024 levels (+0.4% for international operations). This marks the first decline since mid-2023. 2. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), decreased by 0.4% compared to February 2024 (+1.1% for international operations). “February saw a small contraction in air cargo demand, the first year-on-year decline since mid-2023. Much of this is explained by February 2024 being extraordinary—a leap year that was also boosted by Chinese New Year traffic, sea lane closures and a boom in e-commerce. Rising trade tensions are, of course, a concern for air cargo. With equity markets already showing their discomfort, we urge governments to focus on dialogue over tariffs,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General.

Air Cargo Demand Declines Slightly in February, March 31, 2025, www.iata.org

✈️ IATA Ground Handling Conference 2025 to Focus on People, Processes and Performance



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the 37th IATA Ground Handling Conference (IGHC) will focus on the need to modernize operations, invest in workforce development, and strengthen coordination and collaboration to improve performance. “Ground handling is critical for the safety, efficiency and resilience of the entire aviation industry. The key word we will focus on at this year’s IGHC is “elevate”. We’ll be looking for ways to drive better performance in the ground handling sector. That means modernizing operations, investing in the workforce, and strengthening coordination and collaboration so that ground handling can support growth even more efficiently,” said Willie Walsh, IATA’s Director General. IGHC is taking place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 13 to 15 May 2025, hosted by Kenya Airways. It is the first time that the conference will be hosted on the African continent.

IATA Ground Handling Conference 2025 to Focus on People, Processes and Performance, April 2, 2025, www.iata.org

✈️ SAF Registry Goes Live



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has launched the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Registry with its release to the Civil Aviation Decarbonization Organization (CADO). The Registry, now live under CADO management, will enable a global market for SAF that will accelerate the transition to net zero emissions by 2050.

SAF Registry Goes Live, April 3, 2025, www.iata.org



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Rail Transport Updates

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Railway carloadings, January 2025



Source: Statcan

In January 2025, the volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways reached 32.1 million tonnes, up 8.0% from January 2024. Year-over-year gains in carloadings of wheat, coal and canola in January 2025 contributed to the overall increase. The overall freight volume in January was above the five-year average of 30.3 million tonnes for the month. The increase in total freight carried in January 2025 was due to higher volumes across all types of rail operations: non-intermodal loadings (mainly commodities), intermodal loadings (mainly containers) and freight traffic from connections with American railways. To further explore the latest data and historical trends in an interactive format, please visit the "Monthly Railway Carloadings: Interactive Dashboard." *Railway carloadings, January 2025, March 31, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca*

Freight Rail Services Price Index, March 2025



Source: Statcan

Data for March for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available. The freight index was 130.1 in March 2025 compared to 129.1 in February 2025 and 127.2 in March 2024. The freight index was 129.4 for the first quarter of 2025 compared to 126.9 in the last quarter of 2024 and 127.2 for the first quarter of 2024.

Freight Rail Services Price Index, March 2025, March 31, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

CPKC and Lanco Group/Mi-Jack sell Panama Canal Railway Company to APM Terminals



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited (CPKC) on April 1, 2025 said CPKC and the Lanco Group/Mi-Jack have sold the Panama Canal Railway Company (PCRC) to APM Terminals, a global terminal operator and an independent division of A.P. Moller - Maersk. PCRC provides ocean-to-ocean freight and passenger services along the Panama Canal and has been a 50/50 joint venture between CPKC subsidiary Kansas City Southern and Lanco Group/Mi-Jack since its formation in 1998. In 2024, the PCRC generated revenue of US\$77 million and EBITDA of US\$36 million.

CPKC and Lanco Group/Mi-Jack sell Panama Canal Railway Company to APM Terminals, April 1, 2025, www.cpkc.ca

CN Update on March Grain Movement



Source: AJOT

CN announced on April 4, 2025 that it moved more than 2.85 million metric tonnes of grain from Western Canada and 2.98 million metric tonnes nationally, establishing new monthly records. This performance is a direct result of close collaboration with customers to recover from the extreme cold weather experienced in Western Canada in January and February, which required safety-related train length restrictions. "Our team remains focused on delivering for Canadian farmers and our grain industry customers. We can only achieve record grain movements with close collaboration across all parts of the supply chain."

CN Update on March Grain Movement, April 4, 2025, www.cn.ca

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AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Climb Continues in Week 13



Source: Railway Age

U.S. rail traffic for the week ending March 29, 2025 (Week 13) came in at 513,553 carloads and intermodal units, up 8.6% from the same point last year, based on 235,865 carloads—up 7.8% from 2024—and intermodal volume of 277,688 containers and trailers—up 9.4%, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported April 2, 2025. North American rail volume for the week ending March 29, 2025, on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled 349,262 carloads, up 5.3 percent compared with the same week last year, and 367,820 intermodal units, up 8.8 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 717,082 carloads and intermodal units, up 7.1 percent. North American rail volume for the first 13 weeks of 2025 was 8,679,986 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.0 percent compared with 2024. Canadian railroads reported 96,435 carloads for the week, up 4.0 percent, and 77,833 intermodal units, up 9.7 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 13 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,056,954 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.3 percent.

AAR: U.S. Rail Traffic Climb Continues in Week 13, April 2, 2025, www.railwayage.com; and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending March 29, 2025, April 2, 2025, www.ajot.com

Rail: Strong, Resilient – And More Flexible Than Ever



Source: Railway Age

When you're carrying the world's freight, it can be hard to change direction. It's a challenge that every railroad and railroad customer faces. But rail is an industry that's known for doing the impossible: learning from mistakes, adapting to become smarter, and evolving to do a big job even better.

Rail: Strong, Resilient – And More Flexible Than Ever, April 3, 2025, www.railwayage.com

BNSF-Norfolk Southern unveil faster inland service from Pacific Northwest April 3, 2025, www.joc.com

BNSF-Norfolk Southern unveil faster inland service from Pacific Northwest



Source: JOC

BNSF Railway will launch a faster international intermodal service linking the ports of Seattle and Tacoma to Chicago and points east with Norfolk Southern (NS), the two railroads announced along with the Northwest Seaport Alliance. Transit times from dock to Chicago will be reduced to six days from nine and include a streamlined handoff to a Norfolk Southern crew at Chicago for service on the same train to inland markets in the Midwest and Northeast. “This service product collaboration was an outcome of listening to our joint customers.



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Plan to tax Chinese ships turned maritime malaise into 'brainstorming session'



Source: JOC

More than 500 comments were submitted to the US Trade Representative prior to hearings in Washington this week on a plan to levy hefty fees on Chinese tonnage calling US ports. Hearings this week held by the US Trade Representative (USTR) over the potential levying of fees on Chinese-built and -operated ships calling at US ports certainly struck a nerve in the maritime industry. The Section 301 investigation, officially known as "China's Targeting of the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance," prompted 520 comments submitted to the USTR by the March 24 deadline. More than 60 individuals gave testimony over two days of hearings. Perhaps the process was designed to elicit the heavy response the USTR received.

Plan to tax Chinese ships turned maritime malaise into 'brainstorming session', March 28, 2025, www.joc.com

IMO takes action on seafarers' rights, substandard shipping



Source: AJOT

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted crucial new guidelines to protect seafarers from unfair treatment when detained in foreign jurisdictions in connection with alleged crimes committed at sea. The guidelines, adopted by the Legal Committee during its meeting in London from 24 to 28 March, aim to protect seafarers' rights and ensure they are treated with fairness and dignity, no matter where they are in the world. IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez stated: "Unfortunately, incidents of unjust treatment of seafarers are on the rise, posing a significant challenge to the sustainability of shipping. These cases not only undermine seafarers' morale but also discourage young talent from pursuing a career at sea." He said the guidelines "will add a significant value in resolving the challenges faced by seafarers and ensure that seafarers are treated fairly." Key aspects of the guidelines relate to due process, protection from arbitrary

detention, coercion or intimidation, and ensuring that wages, medical care and repatriation rights should remain intact during any legal proceedings. The guidelines aim to improve coordination among countries, including port States, flag States, coastal States, States of which the seafarer is a national, shipowners, as well as seafarers.

IMO takes action on seafarers' rights, substandard shipping, April 3, 2025, www.ajot.com

California's export surge in February: May be the last but of positive trade news for quite some time



Source: AJOT

The value of California's export trade expanded by a robust 7.3% on an annual basis, according to data released on April 3, 2025 by the U.S. Census. This monthly data is lagged and today's data release reflects the month of February - prior to much of the Trump administration's tariff activity. "This may be the last bit of positive trade news we will be reporting for quite a while," said Jock O'Connell, Beacon Economics' International Trade Advisor. "There can be no doubt that President Trump's new tariffs will severely limit the ability of California businesses to sell their products abroad." The state's agricultural exports may be the hardest hit. For reasons that remain unclear, President Trump continues to insist that his tariffs will result in a massive transfer of capital from other countries that will enrich the U.S. Treasury, a position disputed by nearly all economists as well as major business organizations like the National Retail Federation. Virtually all economists, editorialists, and pundits outside of the president's immediate circle of advisers recognize that the estimated \$6 trillion in revenue the tariffs are projected to generate will ultimately be paid by American businesses and consumers.

California's export surge in February: May be the last but of positive trade news for quite some time, April 3, 2025, www.ajot.com

GPA grows March container trade 22.5 percent



Source: AJOT

In its busiest March ever, the Port of Savannah's container trade increased by 22.5 percent or 98,000 TEUs compared to the same month last year. In intermodal cargo, the Port of Savannah set an all-time record of 52,645 containers moved by rail, an increase of 17 percent over the same month last year. The Georgia Ports Authority handled 534,000 twenty-foot equivalent container units in March 2025, for its second monthly record in a row. In February, GPA moved 479,850 TEUs, also a high. Savannah is the fastest growing container port on the U.S. East and Gulf coasts. "The rate of growth was due in large part to two factors: Cargo coming back from the U.S. West Coast after the completion of labor contract negotiations, and second, customers front-loading orders to avoid new tariffs," said GPA President and CEO Griff Lynch.

GPA grows March container trade 22.5 percent, April 3, 2025, www.ajot.com

Supply chain visibility tops Maersk logistics trends survey; AI finishes last



Source: Freightwaves

Supply chain visibility and diversification, and the Internet of Things topped a new survey of most relevant logistics trends, as AI, while broadly hyped, finished at the bottom of the list. The Logistics Trend Map, developed by Maersk in collaboration with Statista, leveraged expert interviews, deep data analysis and insights from over 500 industry leaders to construct a comprehensive guide to the most impactful trends shaping global trade and supply chains.

Supply chain visibility tops Maersk logistics trends survey; AI finishes last, April 3, 2025, www.freightwaves.com



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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, February 2025



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for February. The index was 144.7 in February 2025 compared to 142.6 for January 2025 and 134.1 in February 2024. *Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, February 2025, March 28, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca*

Five takeaways from State of Freight: Getting ready for auto tariffs



Source: Frerightwaves

In the middle of a crashing stock market on March 2, 2025 that by most analyst observations is being created to a large degree by the uncertainty of U.S. tariff policy, the FreightWaves State of Freight webinar for March confronted what tariffs would mean for the freight market and what consequences could be seen already. Here are five takeaways from the online discussion between FreightWaves founder and CEO Craig Fuller and SONAR chief of market intelligence Zach Strickland. 1. Tariffs are about to be here, along with the uncertainty; 2. The lack of a runway; 3. The earlier FreightWaves call on the end to the freight recession; 4. No big increase seen in LTL; and 5. Flabed is on fire (i.e. doing well).

Five takeaways from State of Freight: Getting ready for auto tariffs, March 28, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

CTA Warns Bankers of Risks of Lending to Illicit Carriers



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has learned the Bank of Montreal (BMO) has revised its mortgage policies for borrowers in high-risk sectors impacted by the tariff war. In a memo sent to brokers this week, BMO announced it is tightening some of its lending criteria for self-employed borrowers working in tariff-impacted sectors. CTA reached out to the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) to caution and offer guidance on how lending practices affects the trucking sector, namely the risk of lending funds to those who operate in the underground economy and whose business models are based on non-compliance and averting regulations.

CTA Warns Bankers of Risks of Lending to Illicit Carriers, March 28, 2025, www.ontruck.ca

Six insights from TCA's large carriers panel



Source: Today's Trucking

Three major fleet leaders — including Canada's TFI International — offered a look at how large carriers navigate economic uncertainty, build resilience, and plan for the future during the Truckload Carriers Association's annual convention in Phoenix, Ariz. While they represented different operating models, all companies said that everything comes down to knowing your fleets' numbers and sticking to what works, while discipline, data, and flexibility remain important to navigating uncertainty. Major issues discussed were: 1. Large fleets don't have it easy — they do face diseconomies of scale. 2. Revenue

and efficiency - TFI International's focus has shifted from cost-cutting to improving velocity and revenue per asset. 3. Acquisitions - TFI has completed around 127 acquisitions since 2008 and focuses on maintaining independent operations while leveraging synergies across its large portfolio. 4. Spot vs. contract market - Each fleet is weighing how to balance exposure between spot and contract markets, with flexibility seen as critical in the current economic climate. 5. Independent contractor support remains strong - Despite regulatory pressures and market shifts, all three fleets reaffirmed their commitment to supporting independent contractors — though each approaches it differently. 6. Tariff tensions hit cross-border confidence - Uncertainty around tariffs and border policies complicates planning for fleets operating in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico.

Six insights from TCA's large carriers panel, April 1, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Caledon, Ont. secures several convictions against illegal trucking operations



Source: Today's Trucking

An Ontario town has successfully secured several convictions for illegal trucking operations since June 2024, resulting in more than \$330,000 in fines. These efforts show the Town of Caledon's commitment to identifying and addressing illegal land uses through enforcement and to make trucking operators comply with applicable bylaws, according to a news release. The town sits atop the Region of Peel in the province's trucking heartland. "These convictions send a clear message that illegal trucking operations will not be tolerated in Caledon," Rebecca Carvalho, manager of strategic initiatives and chairwoman of the Illegal Land Use Task Force, said in the release. "We will continue to take decisive action against those who disregard our regulations and put our community at risk."

Caledon, Ont. secures several convictions against illegal trucking operations, April 2, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Funding for Communities to Improve Road Safety

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced a new opportunity for cities, towns, counties, Tribal governments, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to apply for funding available through the updated Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The SS4A program supports communities in both planning and carrying out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. Over \$982 million is made available by this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and a similar amount is expected to be available next year in a future funding round.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Funding for Communities to Improve Road Safety, Tuesday, April 1, 2025, www.dot.gov



U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Finalizes \$221 Million in Federal Grant Funding to Rebuild Rhode Island's Washington Bridge

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced a grant agreement has been executed for \$221 million in federal funding awarded to Rhode Island's Washington Bridge project. This comes as the Trump Administration inherited roughly 3,200 unobligated grants that had been promoted by the previous administration but never fulfilled. This unprecedented backlog of unobligated grants delayed critical investments in communities across the country. The previous administration announced funding for Washington Bridge in Fall 2024 but failed to sign the agreement.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Finalizes \$221 Million in Federal Grant Funding to Rebuild Rhode Island's Washington Bridge, March 31, 2025, www.dot.gov



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Internal trade in Canada: Value of interprovincial trade of manufactured goods and wholesale trade, 2023



Source: Statcan

Interprovincial trade in both manufacturing and wholesale trade fell in 2023. In 2023, the value of interprovincial trade (including trade with and between territories) of manufactured goods fell 0.7% to \$169.2 billion compared with 2022, while that of wholesale goods fell 2.4% to \$545.1 billion. The majority of provinces post lower interprovincial manufacturing sales in 2023. The lower sales were the result of decline of interprovincial trade of wholesale goods from Alberta.

Internal trade in Canada: Value of interprovincial trade of manufactured goods and wholesale trade, 2023, March 31, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Changes in the Government of the Northwest Territories

Yellowknife, NT—Premier RJ Simpson announced changes to some ministerial portfolios and senior management on March 31, 2025. Hon. Vince McKay was appointed Minister of Infrastructure, in addition to his

current responsibilities as Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Minister Responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, and Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board. Minister Caroline Wawzonek will continue as Minister of Finance, Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, and Deputy Premier. She will also become the Minister Responsible for Strategic Infrastructure, Energy and Supply Chains. Cathy Maniego was appointed Deputy Minister of Infrastructure, replacing Steve Loutitt, who is retiring following an accomplished career in public service.

Changes in the Government of the Northwest Territories, March 31, 2025, www.westac.ca

Trump announces 10% across-the-board tariffs on all US imports – Canada escapes new levies



Source: JOC

President Donald Trump on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 said the US will assess a minimum 10% tariff on all imports into the US, although countries the Trump administration views as having an unfair trade imbalance with the US will be hit with much higher levies. The so-called “reciprocal” tariffs that Trump unveiled Wednesday will be

equivalent to half of what the US calculates each individual country imposes, through tariffs and non-tariff barriers, on US exports. The tariffs vary by country and will go into effect in two stages between April 5 and April 9. Products from countries will be subject with the baseline 10% tariff on trading partners, as well as 25% tariffs on certain imported vehicles and auto parts arriving into the U.S. The tariffs will not exactly reciprocate what other countries levy on exports from the U.S. but will be calculated with that as a starting point, he said. "This is not full reciprocal, it is kind reciprocal," Trump said. "We will charge them approximately half of what they are and have been charging us." Canada, however, was not on the list, and the executive order later confirmed that it would not face additional tariffs. Rather, the existing tariff regime, which exempts goods covered by the Canada-United-States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), will remain in place. Canada still faces a number of tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration, including a 25 per cent tariff on autos and auto parts, which are set to take effect on April 3, 2025.

Trump announces 10% across-the-board tariffs on all US imports, April 2, 2025, www.joc.com; Trump unveils wide-ranging global 'reciprocal' tariff plan, April 2, 2025, www.freightwaves.com; and Canada escapes new levies as Trump imposes sweeping reciprocal tariffs, April 3, 2025, www.financialpost.ca

Canada hits back with tariffs on U.S. vehicles as auto sector reels



Source: Financial Post

In response to the tariff imposed by the US on the auto sector, Mark Carney said "Canada will be responding by matching the U.S. approach with a 25 per cent tariff on all vehicles imported from the United States that are not compliant with CUSMA, our North American free trade agreement," he said at a press conference on Thursday, "and on the non-Canadian content of CUSMA-compliant vehicles from the United States." He said the tariff regime would not affect Mexican-made vehicles. The tariffs imposed on the rest of the world led to a

sharp decline on the stock market. China also retaliated with a reciprocal tariff of 34% on all US imports. *Canada hits back with tariffs on U.S. vehicles as auto sector reels, April 4, 2025, www.financialpost.ca*

Canadian international merchandise trade, February 2025



Source: Statcan

In February 2025, Canada's merchandise exports decreased 5.5%, while imports were up 0.8%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world went from a surplus of \$3.1 billion in January to a deficit of \$1.5 billion in February 2025.

Canadian international merchandise trade, February 2025, April 4, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

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What's in Trump's April 1 trade reports ahead of US reciprocal tariffs



Source: AJOT

President Donald Trump's hotly anticipated reciprocal tariff announcement on April 2, 2025 will be based in part on consolidated reports due on Tuesday from his trade, Commerce and Treasury chiefs to thoroughly review U.S. trade policy. Trump has dubbed April 2 as "Liberation Day" for the U.S. economy from what he considers to be the unfair practices of trading partners. He has already acted on some of the assessments ordered in his January 20 trade memorandum, which is a roadmap for his second term trade policies. These include:

1. Identify other countries' unfair trade practices and recommend remedies, in conjunction with Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and White House trade adviser Peter Navarro.
2. Launch a public consultation to review the impact of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) on trade on American workers, farmers and businesses and "make recommendations regarding the United States' participation in the agreement."
3. Review other U.S. trade agreements to recommend changes to "maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions."
4. Identify countries with which the U.S. can negotiate agreements on a bilateral or sector-specific basis to obtain export market access for American goods and services.
5. Consult with Navarro to review the impact of all trade agreements, including a World Trade Organization procurement agreement, on Trump's 2017 "Buy American, Hire American" directives.
6. Determine whether China is living up to its commitments under the 2020 "Phase 1" U.S.-China trade agreement, recommend appropriate corrective actions "up to and including the imposition of tariffs or other measures as needed."
7. Review the Biden administration's steep tariff hikes on Chinese electric vehicles, solar products and other strategic goods that resulted from its review of Trump's first-term tariffs on Chinese goods and consider additional tariff modifications to thwart circumvention through third countries.

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