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✈️ WestJet reverses seat layout plan after passenger backlash



Source: Financial Post

The airline says it will return to its previous economy seat pitch on 21 reconfigured aircraft by removing a row of seats. WestJet is rolling back recent seating changes on a portion of its fleet after guest feedback and a viral TikTok video raised concerns about cramped spaces. The airline says it will return to its previous economy seat pitch on 21 reconfigured aircraft by removing a row of seats, reversing a move that had increased capacity to 180 seats. WestJet said on January 16, 2025 the move is in response to “feedback and guest data.” “As an entrepreneurial airline founded on making air travel affordable to Canadians, it’s in our DNA to try new products. At the same time, it is just as important to react quickly if they don’t meet the needs of our guests,” WestJet Group chief executive officer Alexis von Hoensbroech said in a news release.

WestJet reverses seat layout plan after passenger backlash, January 16, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

✈️ Annual civil aviation statistics, 2024



Source: Statcan

In 2024, Canadian air carriers continued to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, recording increases in passengers carried and operating revenue, albeit at slower rates of growth than the previous two years. In 2024, Canadian air carriers transported 92.7 million passengers, up 3.2% from 2023 and representing 98.4% of the passengers flown in 2019. Operating revenue totalled \$37.8 billion in 2024, a 4.8% increase from 2023, however profits declined as increases in operating expenses outpaced revenue growth. The highlights were: Profits decline from 2023; Operating expenses continue to rise; and International traffic continues to rise, while domestic traffic stabilizes

Annual civil aviation statistics, 2024, January 16, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Joint announcement by Porter Airlines and CALDA - Porter reaches tentative agreement with flight dispatchers

On January 16, 2026—Porter Airlines and its flight dispatchers, represented by the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association (CALDA),

jointly announce that the parties have reached a tentative collective agreement. This agreement reflects constructive and productive discussions at the bargaining table. The union will schedule a ratification vote for its members in the coming days. "We're very pleased to have come to a resolution with CALDA," said Kent Woodside, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Porter Airlines. "Flight dispatchers are an important part of our team. They perform crucial duties and we want them to continue doing so with a contract in place. Coming to terms on a first collective agreement often takes perseverance. We appreciate the commitment of everyone involved in doing so."

Joint announcement by Porter Airlines and CALDA - Porter reaches tentative agreement with flight dispatchers, January 16, 2026, www.flyporter.com

Air Canada Unveils New Brand Spot as the 10-Day Countdown to Takeoff for Milano Cortina 2026 Begins



Source: Air Canada

As the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games draw closer, Air Canada released on January 1, 2025 a new brand spot featuring Team Air Canada Athlete Ambassador Tyler McGregor, captain of Canada's Para ice hockey team, as he prepares for the Games. Entitled *Tyler's Walk*, [the spot tells the story of McGregor's resilience](#) after a life-changing event, bringing to light the obstacles Team Canada athletes must overcome in pursuit of their dreams – and one athlete's unwavering commitment to sporting excellence. The highlights were: Air Canada launches new FlyTheFlag spot featuring Paralympian Tyler McGregor; Air Canada is prepared to transport more than 750 Team Canada athletes and delegates; and Air Canada's people will go above and beyond in taking care of Team Canada as they travel to and from Italy.

Air Canada Unveils New Brand Spot as the 10-Day Countdown to Takeoff for Milano Cortina 2026 Begins, January 19, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

WestJet launches service from Calgary to São Paulo as its 100th non-stop destination from the city



Source: AJOT

WestJet on January 19, 2026 announced service to Guarulhos International Airport (GRU) in São Paulo, Brazil, marking the airline's 100th destination from YYC Calgary Airport. As of this fall, WestJet will offer the only non-stop flight between Western Canada and South America, operating three times weekly between Calgary and São Paulo. "Our first flight between Western Canada and South America is the beginning of an exciting chapter in WestJet's Calgary story. From our very first flight in 1996 to 100 non-stop destinations on four continents, this city has stood alongside us every step of the way," said Alexis von Hoensbroech, Chief Executive Officer of the WestJet Group. "We're deeply grateful to our Calgary partners and the millions of guests who have trusted us over the years; this support has made the road from one to 100 possible and we are proud to further strengthen Calgary's position as the best connected mid-sized city in North America!"

WestJet launches service from Calgary to São Paulo as its 100th non-stop destination from the city, January 19, 2026, www.ajot.com

Air Canada Recognized as One of Canada's Top Employers for Young People 2026 for the Third Consecutive Year



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada has been named for the third consecutive year, one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People 2026 by *Mediacorp*. The

award affirms the company's strong commitment to fostering meaningful opportunities that help the next generation thrive and build their future leadership potential. Air Canada's range of innovative human resources initiatives includes languages training, a buddy system to help young professionals integrate into the organization, and ongoing engagement events throughout the year. Arielle Meloul-Wechsler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and Public Affairs at Air Canada said. "We are very proud of our progressive HR programs, which again have earned Air Canada recognition as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People..."

Air Canada Recognized as One of Canada's Top Employers for Young People 2026 for the Third Consecutive Year, January 20, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

Epic Snow, Ramen, Legendary Beer: Air Canada Unveils its First-Ever Winter Seasonal Service to Sapporo



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada on January 21, 2026 announced the only non-stop flights from North America to Sapporo will begin December 2026, in time for travellers to experience Japan's world-recognized winter activities and experiences. Air Canada's new service will bring travellers directly to Japan's Hokkaido prefecture and the area's exceptional powder conditions, the renowned Sapporo Snow Festival, relaxing hot springs, and authentic culinary adventures. This new addition further boosts Air Canada's extensive international network and positions the airline as the carrier with the most non-stop Japanese destinations from the North American mainland.

Epic Snow, Ramen, Legendary Beer: Air Canada Unveils its First-Ever Winter Seasonal Service to Sapporo, January 21, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

Joint announcement - CALDA and Porter Airlines confirm collective agreement ratification with flight dispatchers

The Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association (CALDA) and Porter Airlines jointly announce that flight dispatchers have ratified their first collective agreement. In a significant showing of engagement, 97% of eligible members participated in the process, with 97% of those members voting in favour of the agreement. Both parties are pleased with the result and look forward to working with each other over the course of the agreement, as Porter continues growing its network across North America.

Joint announcement - CALDA and Porter Airlines confirm collective agreement ratification with flight dispatchers, January 22, 2026, www.flyporter.com

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Trump's Transportation Secretary Formalizes Permanent Restrictions for Aircraft in Reagan National Airport Airspace

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on January 22, 2026 announced that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is formalizing permanent restrictions for helicopters and powered-lift from operating in certain areas near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), unless these aircraft are conducting essential operations. These restrictions were put in place immediately following the American Airlines 5342 crash and supported by the NTSB's preliminary recommendations. While the interim final rule goes into effect tomorrow, the public is invited to submit written comments, which the FAA will consider before issuing a final rule.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Formalizes Permanent Restrictions for Aircraft in Reagan National Airport Airspace, January 22, 2026, www.dot.gov

IATA and CFM International Renew Pro-Competitive Agreement on Engine Maintenance



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced the renewal of an agreement with CFM International (CFM) through February 2033, supporting increased competition in the market for maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services for engines manufactured by CFM, a 50/50 partnership between GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines. “Airlines have long struggled with the aftermarket business practices of manufacturers, which have limited competition and resulted in high costs for airlines. These pressures have become even more acute as limited maintenance capacity and aerospace supply chain constraints have driven up costs and grounded aircraft. A recent IATA study estimated that these challenges added \$5.7 billion to engine leasing and maintenance costs for airlines in 2025.

IATA and CFM International Renew Pro-Competitive Agreement on Engine Maintenance, January 20, 2026, www.iata.org

IATA WLS to Address Liability Challenges in Global Aviation



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) will hold the 2026 edition of the World Legal Symposium (WLS) from 17-19 February in Warsaw, Poland, hosted by LOT Polish Airlines, under the theme

“Liability in a Changing World”. Airlines face a variety of enduring and new categories of liability, including their classic insured risks, and a host of contemporary compliance areas, such as ESG, greenwashing, taxation, privacy, and artificial intelligence. WLS will discuss these issues against the background of changing landscapes for consumer protection, trade tariffs, and geopolitics. “Internationally agreed airline liability principles are facing growing pressure from divergent national measures, which risk undermining the uniform application of the international liability treaties and their benefits to connectivity. The challenges this creates for airlines, who must navigate through these inconsistencies to support global operations, will be at the heart of discussions at this year’s WLS,” said Leslie MacIntosh, IATA’s Corporate Secretary and Acting General Counsel.

IATA WLS to Address Liability Challenges in Global Aviation, January 22, 2026, www.iata.org



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Change and Growth at Quebec's Sartigan Railway



Source: Railway Age

The Ontario Southland Railway, a short line based out of Salford, Ontario, operates about 50 miles of track. Long known to roster vintage locomotives, President and CEO David Warne recently announced that the ALCO/MLW era of the Ontario Southland is over, and is selling some units to the Sartigan Railway, which is undergoing a major rebuilding and expansion.

[Change and Growth at Quebec's Sartigan Railway, January 20, 2026, www.railwayage.com](#)

CPKC investing US\$800 million in American manufacturing with Tier 4 locomotives



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) this year is continuing the renewal of its locomotive fleet with the world's two leading locomotive manufacturers as part of an ongoing multi-year US\$800 million investment in American industry. Having completed the purchase of 100 Wabtec Tier 4 locomotives built in Texas in 2025, on January 21, 2026, CPKC said it will purchase 30 additional Tier 4 locomotives from Progress Rail in 2026 to be built in Indiana. This year, CPKC also expects delivery of 70 more Texas-built Tier 4 units from Wabtec.

"Our purchase of additional new Tier 4 locomotives, proudly made in the USA, continues CPKC's commitment to renew our locomotive fleet through a more than US\$800 million investment in American manufacturing capacity," said Mark Redd, CPKC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "We are investing in our road locomotive fleet for growth and to maintain our industry-leading service for our customers and the North American economy, powered by a fleet with improved reliability and fuel efficiency."

CPKC investing US\$800 million in American manufacturing with Tier 4 locomotives, January 21, 2026, www.cpkc.ca

US/WORLD

STB rejects UP-NS merger application as ‘incomplete’



Source: JOC

The US Surface Transportation Board dealt a blow on January 16, 2026 to Union Pacific Railroad’s \$85 billion deal to acquire Norfolk Southern Railway, ruling the merger application UP filed last month is “incomplete.” The regulator’s decision was unanimous, but Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern can fix what is deficient in the application and resubmit it at a later date. UP must inform the STB before Feb. 17, 2026 whether it plans to refile an amended application, and can refile any time prior to June 22, 2026. Once resubmitted, the STB will initiate a similar 30-day review of the application’s completeness. The STB’s decision to rule the UP-NS merger application “incomplete” doesn’t mean the deal is dead, though a final decision will likely take until at least the second half of 2027 should UP decide to resubmit a revised application.

STB rejects UP-NS merger application as ‘incomplete’, January 16, 2026, www.joc.com

Senators Introduce Passenger Rail Crew Protection Act



Source: Railway Age

U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and John Hoeven (R-ND) recently introduced the bipartisan Passenger Rail Crew Protection Act (PRCPA) to enhance public safety by “ensuring passenger rail crew members are provided the legal protections that have been afforded to flight crew members and attendants for decades.”

Senators Introduce Passenger Rail Crew Protection Act, January 16, 2026, www.railwayage.com

U.S. Rail Traffic Uptick Continues in Week 2



Source: Railway Age

U.S. rail traffic was up slightly for the second week of the year (ending Jan. 17), the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported Jan. 21, 2026. Volume came in at 505,385 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.1% from the same week in 2025, with carload gains partially offset by intermodal losses. Three of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2025. They were grain, up 5,070 carloads, to 25,786; nonmetallic minerals, up 3,612 carloads, to 28,232; and metallic ores and metals, up 2,285 carloads, to 19,973. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2025 included chemicals, down 750 carloads, to 33,412; motor vehicles and parts, down 448 carloads, to 13,306; and coal, down 403 carloads, to 58,641. Canadian railroads reported 90,331 carloads for the week, down 1.9 percent, and 71,246 intermodal units, down 2.6 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first two weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 319,802 carloads, containers and trailers, down 2.5 percent.

U.S. Rail Traffic Uptick Continues in Week 2, January 21, 2026, www.railwayage.com

Norfolk Southern reopening second terminal in congested Louisville



Source: JOC

Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) is reopening an idled terminal in Louisville, giving the railroad a second facility to support what is now a congested market. The Buechel Intermodal Facility will reopen on Jan. 26, 2025 as NS battles long truck turn times and congestion at Appliance Park, its primary terminal in Louisville. Appliance largely replaced the older Buechel facility that was built nearly 50 years ago. Buechel briefly reopened in 2021 during the pandemic-related freight surge but was idled again as volumes cooled off. But container flows in Appliance Park slowed considerably in December 2025 and into January 2026.

Norfolk Southern reopening second terminal in congested Louisville, January 21, 2026, www.joc.com

CSX sees small drop in revenue, slight gain in volume



Source: Freightwaves

CSX said on Thursday, January 22, 2026 that its fourth quarter profits were weighed down by ongoing freight doldrums that the railroad doesn't expect to turn around anytime soon. "Our quarterly results reflect the subdued industrial demand environment and actions taken to adjust our cost structure," Chief Executive Steve Angel said in a statement on Thursday afternoon. "CSX has a strong operational foundation, and we are positioned to deliver improved financial performance in 2026 as we focus on driving productivity, cost control,

and capital discipline while continuing to provide safe and reliable service." Quarterly operating income was flat at \$1.11 billion, while revenue declined 1%, to \$3.5 billion. Expenses declined 1%, to \$2.39 billion. The operating ratio was 68.4%, a 0.3-point improvement compared to a year ago. Earnings per share grew 3%, to 39 cents. Adjusted for \$50 million in one-time items, including costs related to management cutbacks and expenses related to rationalization of technology investments, operating income declined 9% and earnings per share declined by 7%. Overall volume was up 1% in the fourth quarter, with intermodal up 5%, coal up 1%, and merchandise down 2%.

CSX sees small drop in revenue, slight gain in volume, January 22, 2026, www.freightwaves.com



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PRPA Provides \$241,186 to Prince Rupert Regional Hospital through Rampage Fights Cancer Campaign

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA), Rupert Rampage hockey team, and North Coast Health Improvement Society have partnered to purchase several pieces of essential equipment for Prince Rupert Regional Hospital. These investments were made possible through the record-breaking Rampage Fights Cancer campaign, which PRPA's Community Investment Fund supports as key sponsor. Matching community donations to the 2024-2025 Rampage Fights Cancer campaign, PRPA's Community Investment Fund committed \$241,186 to acquire equipment that is crucial to diagnose, treat, and manage conditions connected to the urinary system and male reproductive organs, including cancer and non-cancer related procedures. This major investment enhances access to specialized services for local patients and reduces the stress and burden of travelling outside northwest BC for urological care.

PRPA Provides \$241,186 to Prince Rupert Regional Hospital through Rampage Fights Cancer Campaign, January 19, www.rupertport.com

Quebec City, Port of Québec unveil 10-year City-Port Vision

Quebec City and the Port of Québec have unveiled a 10-year joint City-Port Vision aimed at positioning the city as a sustainable and innovative port and maritime hub. The 2026–2035 vision was presented by Mayor Bruno Marchand and Port of Québec president and CEO Olga Farman in the presence of Jean-François Simard, minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, natural resources and forests and Bruno Delsalle, general manager of the Association internationale Villes et Ports (AIVP). The plan focuses on

strengthening collaboration between the city and the port to support economic competitiveness while improving quality of life for residents and riverside communities. Key priorities include modernizing port infrastructure, improving urban integration and balancing economic performance with environmental and social considerations.

Quebec City, Port of Québec unveil 10-year City-Port Vision, January 20, 2026, www.insidelogistics.ca

ECHO Program's 2026 voluntary slowdowns and route alteration for commercial ships

To reduce the impacts of commercial shipping on at-risk whales in key areas of critical habitat, the port authority-led Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program is coordinating three voluntary on-water initiatives off the southern coast of B.C. in collaboration with government agencies, Indigenous communities, the marine transportation industry, and environmental groups. Southern resident killer whales are listed as endangered in Canada and the United States, with underwater vessel noise identified as a key threat because it interferes with their ability to hunt, navigate, and communicate via echolocation. Since 2017, thousands of ship operators have participated in the initiatives, helping reduce underwater sound intensity from commercial vessels by up to 50% in key foraging areas. Participation rates will be monitored using Automatic Identification System data and will be reported throughout the initiative via the ECHO Program's bi-weekly newsletter. Thank you to the commercial shipping industry for your participation in these efforts to reduce threats to at-risk whales.

ECHO Program's 2026 voluntary slowdowns and route alteration for commercial ships, January 22, 2026, www.portmetrovancouver.com

'Ports of Manitoba Project' to Boost Trade in Manitoba



Source: Railway Age

Together with **Prairies Economic Development Canada** and the **Province of Manitoba**, the **Arctic Gateway Group (AGG)**, **Winnipeg Airports Authority (WAA)**, and **CentrePort Canada Inc.** on Jan. 20 reported signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is intended to “strengthen Manitoba’s trade network, further diversify Canadian trade routes, and provide better access for businesses to global markets.” Under the agreement, called the “Ports Manitoba Project,” AGG, which owns and operates the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway; WAA, an international cargo airport; CentrePort Canada Inc., a trimodal inland port; and the government partners “commit to developing an integrated, resilient supply chain that moves goods and people more efficiently across air, land, and sea.” Additionally, the agreement “emphasizes shared goals of expanding access to international markets, increasing trade capacity, attracting international investment, and leveraging Manitoba’s central location and maritime access through Hudson Bay.”

'Ports of Manitoba Project' to Boost Trade in Manitoba, January 22, 2026, www.railwayage.com

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IMO welcomes entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement



Source: AJOT

The world's first global treaty to protect ocean life in international waters enters into force on 17 January 2026, bringing into effect legally-binding rules for the sustainable use and management of marine resources in the high seas. Formally known as the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement), the treaty addresses: 1. Marine genetic resources, including the fair and equitable sharing of benefits; 2. Measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas; 3. Environmental impact assessments; and 4. Capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology.

IMO welcomes entry into force of the BBNJ Agreement, January 16, 2026, www.ajot.com

Hacegaba sets bold new vision for Port of the Future



Source: AJOT

The Port of Long Beach is defining what's possible as the Port of the Future by spurring innovation and building the infrastructure needed to double its cargo throughput by 2050, Port CEO Dr. Noel Hacegaba said on January 15, 2026 during his first State of the Port address. While announcing a record-setting 2025 with nearly 9.9 million cargo containers moved with no backlogs or delays, Hacegaba said a newly released forecast shows the Port of Long Beach is projected to move 20 million containers annually by 2050. “We have 24 years to prepare to double our container throughput and figure out how we’re going to handle all that additional cargo quickly, safely, efficiently and sustainably,” Hacegaba told 1,300 industry partners, community members and civic and labor leaders gathered at the Long Beach Arena for the State of the Port address. “We have set our sights on 2050 because thinking big and planning ahead are critical to our collective success,” Hacegaba said. “Speed to market is the key to our success and rail connectivity is the key to our future.”

Hacegaba sets bold new vision for Port of the Future, January 16, 2026, www.ajot.com

Carriers expand MPV fleets with \$450 million in new vessel orders



Source: JOC

Multipurpose vessel (MPV) operators are continuing to add to their fleets, with owners in Germany and China placing orders for up to 12 ships totalling approximately \$450 million. The move comes amid continued strong growth in the global wind energy sector as turbines, blades and monopiles provide stable cargo for MPV and heavy-lift operators. Nordic Hamburg Group signed firm contracts this week for three 13,300-deadweight metric ton (dwt) heavy-lift multipurpose vessels, plus options for two similar vessels with Wuhu Shipyard, the east China shipbuilder said in a statement. The shipyard did not disclose financial details, but shipbrokers said the total order was worth about \$150 million.

Carriers expand MPV fleets with \$450 million in new vessel orders, January 16, 2026, www.joc.com

Supply chain certainty, rather than price, will shape shipping in 2026



Source: JOC

This year – 2026 – will not be marked by freight rates collapsing due to overcapacity and shippers weary from tariff costs reaping a windfall in ocean freight discounts. Despite the largest order book in history and volumes expected to slow globally, that is not the scenario coming into

focus for the year ahead, even if widespread Red Sea transits resume. Rather, according to several sources in recent weeks, a different picture is Rates will likely moderate, perhaps by a few hundred dollars per container, and as shippers realize that threats to service are not periodic but systemic, their focus on reliability will only intensify this year. The year ahead, in other words, reflects long-term macro trends under way in containers: capacity tightening despite cyclical due to infrastructure limitations, etc.

Supply chain certainty, rather than price, will shape shipping in 2026, January 20, 2026, www.joc.com

Long Beach volume to double to 20M containers by 2050



Source: Freightwaves

On the strength of another record year for container volume, the Port of Long Beach is making wide-ranging plans to double its cargo throughput by 2050. The hub, which along with the Port of Los Angeles comprises the busiest U.S. import gateway, handled about 9.9 million containers in 2025, Chief Executive Noel Hacegaba said at his first State of the Port address. A new forecast projects Long Beach will move 20 million containers annually by 2050. “We have 24 years to prepare to double our container throughput and figure out how we’re going to handle all that additional cargo quickly, safely, efficiently and sustainably,” said Hacegaba, who succeeded retired CEO Mario Cordero. “We have set our sights on 2050 because thinking big and planning ahead are critical to our collective success. “Speed to market is the key to our success and rail connectivity is the key to our future.”

Long Beach volume to double to 20M containers by 2050, January 20, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Port of Los Angeles forging ahead with aggressive construction program



Source: JOC

The Port of Los Angeles will expand two existing container terminals and develop an 89-acre chassis operations facility, it announced on January 22, 2026. That is in addition to building a new 200-acre container terminal, a project that was announced last year. In order to retain its position as the largest US container port and accommodate growth, Los Angeles must expand its infrastructure and enable port stakeholders to operate more efficiently using technology, Gene Seroka, the port's executive director, said in his State of the Port address. "We must build bigger and we must build smarter: bigger capacity, smarter technology, increased sustainability." Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka said replacing the key Vincent Thomas Bridge with a new structure to allow the transit of larger container ships is still an option being considered.

Port of Los Angeles forging ahead with aggressive construction program, January 22, 2026, www.joc.com



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Removing the T4A Moratorium a Major Move Against Driver Inc: Law Firm



Source: Cantruck

As of December 4, 2025, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has lifted the moratorium on penalties for businesses in the trucking industry that fail to report fees for services on T4A slips for the 2025 tax year and subsequent tax years. Businesses in this sector will now be assessed penalties if they fail to report payments for services exceeding \$500 in a calendar year that are made to a Canadian-controlled private corporation in the trucking industry. A business is considered to be operating in the trucking industry if more than 50% of its primary source of income is from trucking activities. Lifting the T4A penalties moratorium makes it riskier and more costly for companies to hide “driver-employee” relationships behind inappropriate contractor or incorporated arrangements, which in turn helps expose and reduce employee misclassification in Canada’s trucking sector. By forcing payers to accurately report fees for services on T4A slips and reinstating penalties when they fail to do so, the measure creates better data for enforcement and stronger incentives to classify drivers correctly.

Removing the T4A Moratorium a Major Move Against Driver Inc: Law Firm, January 16, 2026, www.cantruck.ca

Manitoba partners sign MOU to strengthen trade corridors, diversify routes



Source: Inside Logistics

The federal and Manitoba governments have signed a new memorandum of understanding with key transportation and logistics organizations aimed at strengthening the province’s trade network and improving access to global markets. The agreement, known as the Ports Manitoba Project, brings together Prairies Economic Development Canada, the Province of Manitoba, Arctic Gateway Group, Winnipeg Airports Authority and CentrePort Canada Inc. It is intended to create a more integrated and resilient supply chain across air, land and sea transportation. The partnership links the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway, owned by 41 northern and Indigenous communities through Arctic Gateway Group, with CentrePort Canada’s inland trimodal port and foreign trade zones, and Winnipeg’s international cargo airport.

Manitoba partners sign MOU to strengthen trade corridors, diversify routes, January 20, 2026, www.insidelogistics.ca

Urban public transit, November 2025



Source: Statcan

In November 2025, the number of urban transit passenger trips in Canada reached 135.5 million, 4.3 million fewer than in November 2024. Year over year, urban transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) was up 2.4% in November 2025, reaching \$357.9 million.

Urban public transit, November 2025, January 20, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Roots signs 10-year logistics partnership with Metro Supply Chain

Roots Corp. has signed a new 10-year strategic partnership with Canadian third-party logistics provider Metro Supply Chain that will see the retailer move its distribution operations from a company-operated facility to a Metro Supply Chain site in Ontario. Metro Supply Chain is a privately owned logistics provider offering warehousing, transportation, fulfillment and contract packaging services. Headquartered in Montreal, the company operates facilities across North America and Europe, serving sectors including retail, consumer goods, automotive, food and beverage and health care.

Roots signs 10-year logistics partnership with Metro Supply Chain, January 22, 2026, www.insidelogistics.ca

Trucking market holds up in January



Source: Freightwaves

The typical January doldrums—a hangover from the frenetic November and December, when retailers rapidly replenish their inventories to maximize holiday sales—have stayed away from spoiling the U.S. trucking market so far. Tender rejections, as measured by STRI.USA, remain at 9.97%, meaning that nearly one out of every ten truckload shipments tendered to a carrier is being rejected for lack of capacity or better rates elsewhere on the spot market. That's a level higher than any experienced by the trucking industry in all of 2025, 2024, or 2023, and only matched in 2022 during the rapid come-down from COVID highs. Carriers are still rejecting enough freight to cause problems for shippers' routing guides and put upward pressure on spot rates. Truckload spot rates are also remaining elevated at \$2.62/mile, inclusive of fuel. Rates have come down from their absolute peak at \$2.76 on December 30, 2025 but they appear to be staying higher for longer, indicating that the trucking market's balance of supply and demand is still healthy.

Trucking market holds up in January, January 20, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

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Multimodal Safety and Security Programs Oversight Delivery Indicators, first and second quarters 2025/2026



Source: Statcan

Transport Canada's Multimodal Safety and Security Programs Oversight Delivery Indicators are now available for the first and second quarters of the 2025/2026 fiscal year (i.e., April to June and July to September 2025).

Multimodal Safety and Security Programs Oversight Delivery Indicators, first and second quarters 2025/2026, January 16, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Canadian economy expected to recover in Q1 after turbulent 2025, report says



Source: Financial Post

After a “turbulent” 2025, the Canadian economy is poised for modest growth in the first quarter of 2026 and throughout the year, according to the latest Main Street quarterly report by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). The report, released January 15, 2026, forecasts 3.4 per cent growth in Q1 2026, following estimated growth of 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2025. After a contraction in the second quarter of last year and a rebound in the third, December’s estimate means year-over-year growth slowed to 0.9 per cent, while overall GDP growth settled at 1.7 per cent in 2025, up from 1.6 per cent in 2024. “Looking ahead, GDP growth is expected to accelerate in the first quarter of 2026,” CFIB said in its report.

Canadian economy expected to recover in Q1 after turbulent 2025, report says, January 16, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

Consumer Price Index: Annual review, 2025 and Consumer Price Index, December 2025



Source: Statcan

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.1% on an **annual average** basis in 2025, following an increase of 2.4% in 2024. Although this was the smallest annual average increase since 2020, prices remained elevated in 2025, rising 19.9% over the past five years. Excluding energy, the annual average CPI rose 2.6% in 2025, matching the increase in 2024. The highlights were: 1. Prices continue to grow at a faster pace for services than for goods in 2025; 2. Lower energy prices moderate growth in the all-items Consumer Price Index; 3. Grocery prices accelerate in 2025; 4. Shelter prices increase at a slower pace; and 5. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec were the only provinces where the growth was faster. For December 2025, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.4% year over year, up from an increase of 2.2% in November 2025. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI rose 0.3% in December 2025.

Consumer Price Index: Annual review, 2025 and Consumer Price Index, December 2025, January 19, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

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Borderlands Mexico: Volatile trade, rising carrier costs reshaping shipping strategies



Source: Freightwaves

As tariffs fluctuate and shipping costs climb, retailers are increasingly turning to technology, multi-carrier strategies and greater price transparency to protect margins and customers, according to Josh Steinitz, chief strategy officer at ShipStation. "Customer expectations are high and always getting higher, and that hasn't changed despite all of the thrash in the shipping environment," Steinitz said. "Speed, service and transparency are still key differentiators." Austin, Texas-based Shipstation, powered by Auctane, is a global company focused on providing e-commerce shipping and fulfillment solutions for businesses.

Borderlands Mexico: Volatile trade, rising carrier costs reshaping shipping strategies, January 18, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

IMF sees steady global growth in 2026 as AI boom offsets trade headwinds



Source: AJOT

The International Monetary Fund again edged its 2026 global growth forecast higher on January 19, 2026 as businesses and economies adapt to U.S. tariffs that have eased in recent months and a continued AI investment boom that has fueled asset wealth and expectations of productivity gains. The IMF in its World Economic Outlook update forecast global GDP growth at 3.3% in 2026, up 0.2 percentage point from its last estimate in October. That's even with 3.3% growth in 2025, which will also beat the October estimate by 0.1 percentage point, the IMF said. The global crisis lender forecast 2027 growth at 3.2%, unchanged from the previous forecast. It has revised global growth rates higher since last July in response to trade deals that have reduced President Donald Trump's tariff rates that peaked in April 2025. "We find that global growth remains quite resilient," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas told reporters, adding that the Fund's 2025 and 2026 growth forecasts now exceed predictions made in October 2024, before Trump was elected to a second term. "So, in a sense, the global economy is shaking off the trade and tariff

disruptions of 2025 and is coming out ahead of what we were expecting before it all started," Gourinchas said.

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Rooftop solar could meet 40% of EU's long-term electricity demand



Source: Europa

A new EU-wide analysis shows that rooftop solar photovoltaics could supply around 40% of Europe's electricity by 2050. The analysis provides an open access, high resolution basis for more precise and targeted energy planning. The rooftops of EU's 271 million buildings could host around 2.3 terawatts peak (TWp) of solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity and generate approximately 2,750 terawatt-hours (TWh) of electricity per year with current PV technology, according to a new study. This would provide 40% of the electricity needed in future zero emission scenarios, underlining how rooftop PV could play a decisive role in meeting both near- and long-term EU climate and energy objectives. This work presents, for the first time, per-building rooftop solar-PV estimates at the EU scale, by exploiting an updated EU-wide model of the building stock together with national administrative data. It also takes account of recent improvements in PV technology, which has seen energy conversion efficiency jump from 18% in 2018 to 22% in 2025 and the higher power density possible on flat roofs typical of large commercial buildings.

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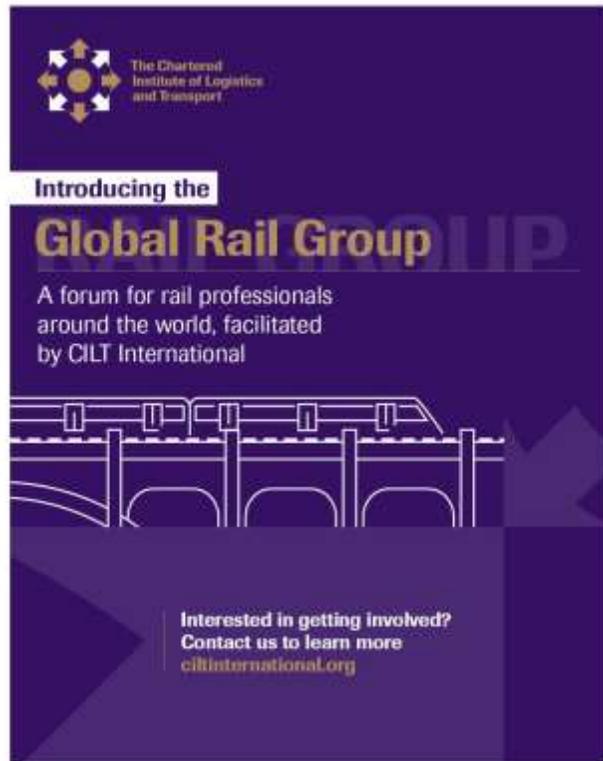
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- Able to demonstrate significant expertise in site logistics, traffic management, site coordination, material and equipment delivery, and other applicable technical fields.
- Demonstrated experience in managing teams to deliver integrated logistics solutions on complex projects and programs.
- Strong technical capability in all project phases, including design, planning, construction, operations, and maintenance preferably large program/projects.
- Demonstrable experience in managing senior stakeholder relationships and providing strategic level reporting to enable effective decision making.
- Excellent stakeholder engagement and communication skills including the ability to facilitate meeting / workshops with large groups of stakeholders.
- Drive and optimize all logistics operations to support all installation activities.
- Experience with Third-Party Logistics (3PL) subcontractors and contracts.
- Experience with international logistics including supply chain, freight, customs, duties, import and export.
- Provide strong leadership to the logistics team.
- Responsible for the budgets based on schedule and project needs for all program logistics

Mandatory:

- A recognized university degree;
- 7-10 years experience in a logistics-related leadership role;
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in large railway projects or equivalent infrastructure programs;
- A working understanding of the requirements from the Ontario Health and Safety Act;

- Proven track record of managing logistics programs including warehousing, logistics management, and transportation management;
- Fluent in English;
- Knowledge of the typical logistics, supply chain and warehousing processes supporting major projects.

Competencies and Skills:

- Relevant industry software to support logistics, supply chain and administrative duties.
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- Exceptional communication and collaboration skills

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* Trade Compliance Specialist (Logistics), Ottawa, ON, Canada

Job Description Reporting to the Senior Manager Global Logistics & Customs, the Trade Compliance Specialist (Logistics) primary function is to ensure adherence to import and export regulations while promoting collaboration across various departments to enable efficient international trade operations. The role focuses on mitigating risks, maintaining compliance with relevant laws, company policies and facilitating the smooth functioning of our global supply chain.

Key Responsibilities

- Multitask and prioritize tasks in a fast-paced environment while maintaining accuracy and attention to detail.
- Act as a point of contact for trade compliance inquiries within the organization.
- Work with Procurement to maintain all foreign trade data for purchased raw and finished materials and sold goods, including classification for EAR.
- Partner with Engineering and Logistics to classify products and technologies under the appropriate Harmonized System (HS) codes and retain proper records.
- Coordinate with Logistics to manage customs clearance and shipping documentation.
- Liaise with Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) and Nordion Security to address embargoes, sanctions, and other trade restrictions.

- Proactively identify and resolve import and export issues, develop risk mitigation strategies, and monitor changes in global trade regulations (i.e. Dual-Use Items (Export Control) Regulations.
- Collaborate with the Senior Manager of Global Logistics and Customs to design and implement processes and procedures that ensure full compliance with import and export regulations across Canada, the U.S. the UK, and other EU countries.
- Build exceptional relationships with internal & external stakeholders, achieving compliance, operational excellence, and strategic alignment.
- Collect and report data for KPI measurement.

Education And Experience

3–5 years of experience in import/export regulations, trade compliance policies and customs procedures.

Previous experience in trade compliance, logistics, supply chain, or international business.

Experience with customs declarations, shipping documentation, global customs operations and trade agreements such as CUSMA/USMCA or WTO policies.

Proficient with Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes classifications.

Ability to identify trade compliance risks and recommend corrective actions.

Strong skills in coordinating with customs brokers, freight forwarders, and government agencies.

Analytical and problem-solving abilities.

Excellent communication and collaboration skills.

Education

Diploma or associate degree from a recognized community college in one of the following disciplines:

International Business

Supply Chain Management

Logistics and Transportation

Customs and Border Services

Business Administration

Skills and Experience

Equivalent combination of education and 3–5 years of relevant experience in trade compliance, import/export operations, customs brokerage, or global logistics will also be considered.

Demonstrated experience in customs declarations, shipping documentation, global customs procedures, and trade agreements such as CUSMA/USMCA and WTO policies

Proficient in classifying goods using Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes

Skilled at identifying trade compliance risks and implementing effective corrective measures

Strong coordination abilities with customs brokers, freight forwarders, and regulatory agencies

Excellent analytical thinking and problem-solving capabilities

Solid technical understanding of company products, including hand tools, mechanical and computer components, and electronic systems

Certificates

Current or working towards a certification, such as Canadian Society of Customs Broker (CSCB), Certified Customs Specialist (CCS) or Certified Export Specialist (CES) is highly desirable.

A customs broker license is an asset.

Additional Requirements

Flexibility to work occasional overtime to support project deadlines

Willingness to travel occasionally for training, meetings, or project-related activities

Training Required

Must complete all required training and certification as a Nuclear Energy Worker.

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A major part of this role will be building systems and standardizing processes that define how we operate. You'll design and implement standard operating procedures, improve workflows, and help shape a scalable structure for future growth.

You'll also sit as a member of our Health and Safety Team, leading initiatives that promote a strong safety culture across all sites.

What You'll Do

Lead multi-location warehouse and logistics operations

Build and implement systems, SOPs, and standardized processes

Oversee fleet and property operations, ensuring compliance and reliability

Manage inventory, consumables, and purchasing coordination (Min/Max levels)

Develop and execute training and growth plans for all team members

Drive continuous improvement and efficiency across the logistics network

Champion health and safety and conduct regular site audits

What You Bring

7+ years of logistics, warehouse, or operations management experience
Proven success leading teams across multiple sites
Expertise in logistics systems, fleet operations, and warehousing
Strong process-building, systems-thinking, and problem-solving skills
Experience contributing to Health and Safety programs
Collaborative, high-energy leadership style with a passion for people and progress

Why Join Us

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