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Air Transport Updates

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✈️ **Air Transat plans to repatriate 100% of its customers to their point of origin by February 17, 2026**



Source: Jet Photos

On February 13, 2026, Air Transat provided the following information: 1. In the event of repatriation, return flights from Cuba to Canada will take place between February 11 and February 17, 2026. Beside the originally scheduled flights additional flights have been added. 2. In the event of a stay extension, customers travelling on a Transat package will be accommodated at their hotel at Transat's expense. 3. In the event of an early return, Transat package customers will receive a refund for unused hotel nights within 21 days following their return. 4. In the event of cancellation and refund, the process will begin as of February 11, 2026 expected to span approximately 14 days.

Air Transat plans to repatriate 100% of its customers to their point of origin by February 17, 2026, February 13, 2026, www.airtransat.com

✈️ **Air Transat cutting last flights to Florida from Montréal and Québec City by June 2025**



Source: Jet Photos

A Montréal-based carrier flying Canadians to many popular vacation destinations, Air Transat will now completely cut all U.S. service by phasing out its flights to Florida from Montréal and Québec City by June 2026, Travel Weekly reported. The airline's flight between Montréal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL) and Orlando International (MSO) will run for the last time on May 4, and the flight from Québec City (YQB) and Fort Lauderdale (FLL) will end on May 30. The last flight between Montréal and Fort Lauderdale will run on June 13, 2026. Air Transat cutting last flights to Florida from Montréal and Québec City by June 2025.

Air Transat cutting last flights to Florida from Montréal and Québec City by June 2025, February 13, 2026, www.thestreet.com

✈️ Air Canada Expands its Mexico Presence with New Montréal-Guadalajara Route and 18% More Capacity this Summer to Sought After Destinations, Supporting Canada's Trade Diversification

Air Canada on February 17, 2026 announced that it is strategically expanding its summer schedule to Mexico with 18 per cent more seat capacity over last summer. While Canada and Mexico are deepening ties, the airline is further strengthening its schedule to Mexico to support growing travel to and from Mexico. Highlights of Air Canada's Mexican network growth include the addition of new, year-round flights from Montréal to Guadalajara, as well as increased frequencies to Cancún, Monterrey, Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta, four in-demand destinations with Canadians and international travellers alike. Flights are available for purchase now at aircanada.com.

Air Canada Expands its Mexico Presence with New Montréal-Guadalajara Route and 18% More Capacity this Summer to Sought After Destinations, Supporting Canada's Trade Diversification, February 17, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada Expands Travel Options to Türkiye Through New Partnership with Pegasus Airlines



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada and Pegasus Airlines announced on February 19, 2026 a new partnership that will give travellers more convenient access to Türkiye's most in-demand destinations. Through a new interline agreement, Air Canada customers will be able to book travel on nine Pegasus-operated routes, offering smooth connections via major European gateways to Istanbul and the Aegean coastal city of Izmir. The partnership strengthens Air Canada's connectivity to a dynamic market, providing customers with greater choice and flexibility.

Air Canada Expands Travel Options to Türkiye Through New Partnership with Pegasus Airlines, February 19, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Porter Airlines adding Austin and Chicago-O'Hare to North American network

A new destination in Austin, TX, plus an updated presence in Chicago at O'Hare International Airport are featured as Porter Airlines adds two airports and three routes to its growing North American network. In Canada, new seasonal service between Ottawa and Deer Lake (YDF) begins June 10. This route complements existing flights from Toronto Pearson and Halifax.

Porter Airlines adding Austin and Chicago-O'Hare to North American network, February 18, 2026, www.flyporter.com

US/WORLD

✈️ Trump's U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Doubles Down on Purging DEI From Our Skies, Calls on Airlines to Affirm Pilot Hiring Is Merit Based

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced on February 13, 2026 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing a new mandatory "Operations Specification" (OpSpec) requiring all commercial airlines to formally commit to merit-based hiring for pilots.

While the FAA has raised performance standards, dismantled DEI offices and contracts, and revised absurd Biden-Buttigieg era directives that wasted time renaming cockpits to flight decks, allegations of airlines hiring based on race and sex remain. Under this new mandate, all U.S. carriers will be required to certify that this practice is terminated. Failure to do so will subject airlines to federal investigation.

Trump's U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Doubles Down on Purging DEI From Our Skies, Calls on Airlines to Affirm Pilot Hiring Is Merit Based, February 13, 2026, www.dot.gov

✈️ First Quarter of OD40 Data is Live



Source: BTS

Last August, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) launched the Origin-Destination Survey of Airline Passengers (OD40) program. OD40 was a major milestone for the BTS and the aviation industry, as the amount of origin-destination data increased from a 10 percent sample of tickets collected quarterly from large carriers to a 40 percent sample of tickets collected monthly from existing and new reporting carriers. Data collected includes the fare and itinerary of each sampled ticket. On February 17, 2026, BTS announced the first OD40 data release for July-September 2025. This key dataset, known as DB1C, provides detailed information on airline passenger travel patterns within the United States.

First Quarter of OD40 Data is Live, February 17, 2026, www.bts.gov

DHL Group expands Airfreight Cold Chain Network to advance global health logistics



Source: AJOT

DHL Group announced major steps to strengthen its Life Sciences & Healthcare (LSH) logistics capabilities with an expanded dedicated Airfreight Cold Chain Network - a move designed to reshape how temperature-sensitive medicines, vaccines, pharmaceutical products and cell & gene therapies move across the world. The global network, another core element of DHL's €2 billion strategic investment in DHL Health Logistics gives customers full end-to-end visibility for highly sensitive healthcare products and supports the evolving logistics requirements of the world's largest healthcare and pharmaceutical companies.

[DHL Group expands Airfreight Cold Chain Network to advance global health logistics, February 19, 2026, www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)



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How McAdam plans to become a railway hub again



Source: CBC

Container traffic growth at Port Saint John could get a railway town back on track. Ken Stannix saw a community in economic decline when he retired from a career in the military and moved home to McAdam in 2012. It got even more challenging when the local wallboard plant shut down in 2021. By then, Stannix was mayor of the southwest New Brunswick village and had made economic development a priority. He spotted an opportunity to revive a once-thriving railway industry, building on the growth that's happening down the line at Port Saint John. "About six years ago we heard that the port expansion was in the planning phase and that was going to be starting," Stannix said. "We got a hold of [port officials] and asked if there was anything that McAdam could do to assist down the way, and they said maybe take a look at 'inland ports' and see how they work. "With the growth that's going on in Saint John, there's the potential for rebirth of the village." Can a rail boom get McAdam economy back on track? In its railway heyday, 3,000 people lived in McAdam, in southwest New Brunswick. The mayor has a plan to get them back by capitalizing on growth down the line at Port Saint John. The port was just embarking on a plan that would see it spend nearly \$250 million to

upgrade and expand port facilities at its west side container terminal. Since then, it has added a berth, deepened and widened the channel and brought in new cranes to offload more and larger ships. The port has quadrupled its yearly shipping capacity to more than 800,000 TEUs, which stands for twenty-foot equivalent units, the standard unit for measuring cargo capacity. To reach its growth targets, CEO Craig Bell Estabrooks says it could use an inland logistics and distribution hub on the rail line to Quebec and Ontario, serviced by its partners, Irving-owned New Brunswick Southern Railway and Calgary-based Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd., or CPKC. Bell Estabrooks said the port doesn't have enough land on the rail line to keep growing, opening up opportunities for other communities.

How McAdam plans to become a railway hub again, February 19, 2026, www.cbc.ca

Canadian Rail Traffic Uptick for Week 6



Source: Railway Age

For Week 6 (ending Feb. 14, 2026), total U.S. rail traffic rose 6.2% from the prior-year period, the Association of American Railroads reported Feb. 18. This follows a two-week downturn. Canadian railroads reported 94,385 carloads for the week, up 8.5 percent, and

72,528 intermodal units, up 10.6 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first six weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 947,293 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.2 percent.

Canadian *Rail Traffic Uptick for Week 6*, *Railway Age*, February 18, 2026, www.railwayage.com

US/WORLD

Union Pacific delivers third consecutive perfect peak season



Source: AJOT

Union Pacific posted its third consecutive “Perfect Peak” season in 2025, a clear sign the railroad’s Safety, Service and Operational Excellence strategy delivers dependable results when demand is highest. The achievement follows a record year in safety and service performance, reinforcing the strength of the overall network. Peak Season spans the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when holiday shipping surges and on-time performance is essential for premium customers. Union Pacific answered the call – moving time-sensitive freight safely and efficiently. Union Pacific delivered steady, reliable service and supported continued growth in intermodal traffic, handling more than 26,000 priority loads, surpassing last year’s total. Customer confidence reflects that performance. Alongside UPS, FedEx increased its presence on Union Pacific, increasing its annual peak volumes significantly during the height of the holiday season. “These results underscore the premium community’s confidence in Union Pacific’s ability to deliver sustained, best-in-class service,” said **Todd Lenczowski**, general director-Sales.

Union Pacific delivers third consecutive perfect peak season, February 13, 2026, www.joc.com

IANA: Intermodal Down in 4Q25



Source: Railway Age

Total intermodal volume fell 2.0% year-over-year in fourth-quarter 2025, the **Intermodal Association of North America (IANA)** reported Feb. 16, 2026. While domestic container originations grew 2.2%, international containers declined 4.7%, and trailers dropped 23.1%. For the year, total volume rose 2.3%. “While aggregate intermodal volume weakened 2.0% year-over-year for Q4 2025, the domestic market actually decoupled from this trend, showing 2.2% growth,” said IANA Director of Economics Andrew Sibold. “This stands in sharp contrast to the 4.7% drop in international containers.” According to IANA, only three of the seven highest-density trade corridors, which collectively handled more than 60% of total volume, were up in fourth-quarter 2025. The Trans-Canada jumped 10.8%; the Northeast-Midwest increased 3.0%; and the intra-Southeast edged 0.8% higher. The South Central-Southwest lost 4.3%, and the Midwest-Southwest contracted 9.9%. The Southeast-Southwest and the Midwest-Northwest delivered 12.9% and 19.7% less volume, respectively.

IANA: Intermodal Down in 4Q25, February 17, 2026, www.railwayage.com

Weekly rail traffic for the week ending February 14, 2026

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on February 18, 2026 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending February 14, 2026. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 510,399 carloads and intermodal units, up 6.2 percent compared with the same week last year. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2025. They included grain, up 8,175 carloads, to 27,822; coal, up 3,918 carloads, to 58,413; and chemicals, up 1,690 carloads, to 33,957. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2025 were motor vehicles and parts, down 173 carloads, to 14,608; forest products, down 172 carloads, to 8,074; and miscellaneous carloads, down 49 carloads, to 8,374. North American rail volume for the week ending February 14, 2026, on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled

333,151 carloads, up 7.8 percent compared with the same week last year, and 372,091 intermodal units, up 6.7 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 705,242 carloads and intermodal units, up 7.2 percent. North American rail volume for the first six weeks of 2026 was 4,035,344 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.1 percent compared with 2025.

Weekly rail traffic for the week ending February 14, 2026, February 18, 2026, www.ajot.com



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 Canadian pension funds to exit U.K.'s biggest port operator in \$18.5 billion deal



Source: Financial Post

Two Canadian pension giants plan to sell their stakes in Associated British Ports in a deal that they hope will value the U.K.'s biggest ports operator at more than £10 billion (\$18.5 billion.). The Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) and Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) — which own 34 per cent and 33 per cent of ABP respectively — have appointed bankers at investment bank Morgan Stanley to explore a sale of their stakes, according to people familiar with the situation.

Canadian pension funds to exit U.K.'s biggest port operator in \$18.5 billion deal, February 13, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

US/WORLD

 Hapag-Lloyd's plan to acquire Zim would deepen shipping oligopoly



Source: JOC

Hapag-Lloyd's plan to acquire Zim Integrated Shipping Services for more than \$3.5 billion, pending regulatory approval, will solidify the Hamburg-based carrier among the five largest container lines by capacity, deepening the industry oligopoly. The negotiations, as reported by Israeli media and confirmed by Hapag-Lloyd, would retain Jerusalem's golden share by allowing Hapag-Lloyd to take over international operations, leaving control of domestic operation to Israel-based private equity group FIMI. The acquisition will boost Hapag-Lloyd's existing fleet, including chartered ships, by 704,000 TEUs, bringing its total fleet capacity to more than 3 million TEUs, according to maritime analyst *Alphaliner*. Aside from the tonnage an acquisition of the 10th largest ocean carrier would bring, Hapag-Lloyd focus on container shipping versus end-to-end logistics mirrors that of Zim Integrated Shipping Services, which prides itself in its agility compared to larger carriers. Hapag-Lloyd said its board "was in advance negotiations regarding a potential acquisition of all shares in its Israeli competitor Zim Integrated Shipping Services Ltd." The deal, which has

been in the works for six months according to the Israel financial newspaper Calcalist, resolves government constraints on foreign ownership requiring a set amount of ships to be Israel-owned. *Hapag-Lloyd's plan to acquire Zim would deepen shipping oligopoly, February 13, 2026, www.joc.com*

Hapag-Lloyd bolsters fleet with \$4.2 billion deal to acquire Zim



Source: JOC

Hapag-Lloyd inked a \$4.2 billion deal on February 16, 2026 to acquire 100% of Zim Integrated Shipping Services, cementing the buyer's position as the world's fifth-largest container shipping company with a fleet of over 400 vessels, a slot capacity of over 3 million TEUs, and an annual transport volume of more than 18 million TEUs. Financing the transaction from cash reserves and a \$2.5 billion bridging fund, Hapag-Lloyd will take over the international operations of Zim but leave control of domestic operations to Israel-based private equity group FIMI Opportunity Funds.

Hapag-Lloyd bolsters fleet with \$4.2 billion deal to acquire Zim, February 16, 2026, www.joc.com

ZIM to be acquired by Hapag-Lloyd for \$35.00 per share

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. announced that it has entered into a merger agreement, under which Hapag-Lloyd will acquire ZIM for \$35.00 per share in cash. The price per share of \$35.00 represents a 58% premium to ZIM's stock price on February 13, 2026, a 90% premium to ZIM's 90-day VWAP and a 126% premium to ZIM's unaffected stock price of \$15.50 on August 8, 2025 prior to market speculation. The combination of the two carriers further strengthens ZIM's global market position and secures Hapag-Lloyd's status as the fifth-largest container shipping company worldwide. The transaction creates compelling benefits for ZIM stakeholders, including: 1.

Significant premium cash value for shareholders; 2. Enhanced capabilities with a large, modern fleet of over 400 vessels, capacity exceeding 3 million TEU, and an annual cargo volume of more than 18 million TEU in 2027; 3. Greater customer offerings via an expanded global network on Transpacific, Intra Asia, Atlantic, Latin America and East Mediterranean trades, complemented by Hapag-Lloyd's participation in the Gemini network; 4. Shared commitment to long-term customer relationships underpinned by dependable, high-quality service; 5. FIMI's newly formed Israeli liner company, "New ZIM", with a fleet of 16 vessels and a focus on directly connecting Israel to major ports in the EU, US, Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea will have access to Hapag-Lloyd's Gemini network; 6. Partnership with FIMI to assume Special State Share obligations with clear objective to provide continued secure liner shipping service to Israel; 7. "New ZIM" will have commercial support from Hapag-Lloyd; 8. Hapag-Lloyd expressed its intention to maintain a significant business presence in Israel, providing for long-term employment of ZIM employees.

ZIM to be acquired by Hapag-Lloyd for \$35.00 per share, February 16, 2026, www.ajot.com

Port of Los Angeles volume down 12% in January

The Port of Los Angeles experienced a 12% decline in volume for January 2026, according to Eugene Seroka, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles. Seroka was speaking at the Port's media briefing on Feb 17th, 2026. He made the following observations: 1. Imports were down 13% from 2025 levels at 421,000 container units; 2. Exports were down 8% from 2025 levels at 104,000 container units; 3. China trade through the Port is down to 40% after being at 60% in 2018; 4. Trade from other Southeast Asian countries has compensated for the losses of trade with China; and 5. Exports to China, he described as "dismal," with one of the biggest declines showing up with soybeans, where exports through the Port were down 80% in 2025. Economist Chad Bown, a leading authority on tariffs and US-China trade and a Reginald Jones Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute of Economics, said that uncertainty continues to plague US business leaders and their investment strategies due to the impact of Trump administration tariffs. Bown pointed out that right now tariffs are being paid by someone in the United States that includes companies reducing profit margins and not passing on the increased price of the imported product. This would help explain why prices have not yet risen substantially.

Port of Los Angeles volume down 12% in January, February 17, 2026, www.ajot.com

Port of Los Angeles Expects Continued Weakness After January Decline



Source: Maritime-Executive

The Port of Los Angeles foresees continued weakness in container volumes for the first quarter of 2026 after a 12 percent decline in January 2026. However, while highlighting that it does not expect increased certainty for U.S. trade policies, it believes the rate of decline is stabilizing and is not expected to “drop off a cliff” as the U.S. moves forward in 2026. As the largest container port in the Americas, the Port of Los Angeles is viewed as a key measure of U.S. trade, especially with China and Asia. Despite the uncertainties and changes in trade policies in 2025, the port recorded its third busiest year, handling more than 10 million containers. While it represented a marginal decline versus 2024, it marked the 26th year the Port of Los Angeles was the busiest port in the Western Hemisphere.

Port of Los Angeles Expects Continued Weakness After January Decline, February 18, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com



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Road Transport Updates

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Ontario Expanding Support for Road Safety Initiatives

As part of its plan to protect Ontario, the government is launching the next round of the Road Safety Initiatives Fund (RSIF). Starting February 19, 2026, eligible municipalities can apply for additional funding through the \$210 million program to support increased road safety measures in school zones and community safety zones without using speed cameras that make life more expensive for drivers and taxpayers.

Ontario Expanding Support for Road Safety Initiatives, February 13, 2026, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Urban public transit, December 2025



Source: Statcan

In December 2025, urban transit ridership in Canada stood at 114.8 million passenger trips, down 10.4% from the same month in 2024. In December 2025, agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) reached \$340.4 million, up 3.9% from the same month in 2024. For 2025, annual transit passenger trips in Canada totalled 1.55 billion,

2.4% lower than in 2024. To date, ridership has not recovered fully from the pandemic; the 2025 total represents 82.2% of the 2019 volume, down from a recovery rate of 84.2% in 2024. And while total operating revenue reached \$4.0 billion in 2025, up 4.1% from 2024, it was about \$115.6 million below the 2019 level, prior to the pandemic.

Urban public transit, December 2025, February 16, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Industry Divide: Parliamentary hearings expose deep rifts over Driver Inc., safety, and the future of Canadian trucking



Source: Today's Trucking

The great divide within Canada's trucking industry was on full display during months-long parliamentary transport committee hearings into the changing landscape of truck drivers in Canada. The hearings, which began last October and continued into February, included 59 witnesses and more than 24 hours of testimony. The Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, made up of 10 federal Members of Parliament, commenced to shed light on

trucking issues ranging from truck safety and driver abuse, to the driver classification scheme known as Driver Inc. Hearings are over and a report is expected in the near future. Testimony was provided by those against Driver Inc and those for. One opponent, Johanne Couture, executive director of the Women's Trucking Federation of Canada said "Driver Inc. is not innovation. It's exploitation disguised as flexibility. "It misclassifies employee drivers as independent contractors, stripping them of basic protections while allowing carriers to dodge source deductions that fund social programs. These drivers lose out on benefits and face added liabilities in the event of a workplace accident. This model rewards evasion and punishes compliance." What began as an Ontario problem – the classification of employee drivers as independent contractors – has spread across the country, including into Quebec.

Industry Divide: Parliamentary hearings expose deep rifts over Driver Inc., safety, and the future of Canadian trucking, February 12, 2026, www.todaystrucking.com

TFI International Announces 2025 Fourth Quarter and Full-Year Results

TFI International Inc. a North American leader in the transportation and logistics industry, on February 18, 2026 announced its results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2025. All amounts are shown in U.S. dollars. The highlights were: 1. Fourth quarter operating income of \$127.2 million compares to \$160.2 million in the same prior year quarter; 2. Fourth quarter net income of \$71.7 million compares to \$88.1 million in Q4 2024, while adjusted net income of \$89.5 million compares to \$101.8 million in Q4 2024; 3. Fourth quarter diluted earnings per share (diluted "EPS") of \$0.87 compares to \$1.03 in Q4 2024, while adjusted diluted EPS1 of \$1.09 compares to \$1.19 in Q4 2024; 4. Fourth quarter net cash from operating activities \$282.2 million compares to \$262.4 million in Q4 2024, while free cash flow1 of \$258.9 million compares to \$207.5 million in Q4 2024; 5. The Board of Directors approved a \$0.47 quarterly dividend, an increase of 4%. Alain Bédard, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer said "We finished 2025 on a favorable note, delivering robust free cash flow that topped \$10 per share for the year, driven by our entire team's keen emphasis on customer service and operational efficiencies."

TFI International Announces 2025 Fourth Quarter and Full-Year Results, February 18, 2026, www.tfintl.com

US/WORLD

Last-Mile Solutions: Delivering the Future

New technologies are transforming last-mile delivery from a cost center into a strategic differentiator. Drones, robots, intelligent routing, and other innovations are reshaping how goods move and how brands win loyalty. Innovation in the transportation sector often starts with cargo delivery, says Daniel Laury, chief executive and product officer with Udelv, which develops autonomous delivery vehicles. The reason? It's safer to try something new when moving goods, rather than people. Effective delivery operations, particularly at the last mile, are increasingly critical. In part, that's because the last mile can account for more than half of total shipping expense, Statista reports. A failed delivery can cost retailers around \$17, says Gautam Kumar, co-founder and chief operating officer with FarEye, a provider of last-mile delivery technology. "A missed stop is no longer just an inconvenience, but a direct hit to margins," he says.

Last-Mile Solutions: Delivering the Future, February, 2026, www.insidelogistics.com

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy's Audit of Illinois Non-Domiciled CDLs Finds Nearly 20% were Issued Illegally



Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on February 17, 2026 exposed that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)'s review of Illinois' non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) program found nearly 1-in-5 licenses to have been issued illegally. Illinois has 30 days to come into compliance and revoke the illegally issued licenses—or risk losing \$128 million in federal highway funding.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy's Audit of Illinois Non-Domiciled CDLs Finds Nearly 20% were Issued Illegally, February 17, 2026, www.dot.gov

FedEx doubles down on premium e-commerce, delivery surcharges



Source: Freightwaves

FedEx delivered its bluntest message yet about its approach toward fast fashion and other low-cost parcel shippers at last week's Investor Day event, doubling down on its shift in recent years toward more high-margin B2B logistics relationships and premium direct-to-consumer shipments. E-commerce sellers looking for cheap, no-frills home delivery: Goodbye. And B2C retailers with more specialized needs for high-quality shipping and reliability? Be ready to pay a larger premium and lots of surcharges. "Our strategy is to prioritize the high-value segments where our network provides a distinct advantage — long haul, heavyweight and cross-border e-commerce. Unlike those focused on the last mile, our strength is end-to-end solutions," Chief Customer Officer Brie Carere told stock analysts and industry stakeholders gathered at the company's Memphis, Tennessee, headquarters. "If you're shipping T-shirts, FedEx might not be for you. But if you were shipping Oura rings, FedEx is for you."

FedEx doubles down on premium e-commerce, delivery surcharges, February 18, 2026, www.freightwaves.com



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Canada Must Respond Strategically as EPA Moves to Eliminate Key GHG Emissions Regs



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is urging the Government of Canada to adopt a pragmatic and coordinated response following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent proposal to rescind the 2009 Endangerment Finding – the foundational authority for U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) regulation under the Clean Air Act. Repealing the Endangerment Finding would effectively eliminate the legal basis for EPA GHG emission standards for vehicles, including planned Phase III heavy-duty truck emissions standards.

Canada Must Respond Strategically as EPA Moves to Eliminate Key GHG Emissions Regs, February 16, 2026, www.ontruck.ca

Canadian annual inflation rate edges down in January as gasoline costs drop



Source: AJOT

Canada's annual inflation rate in January 2026 accelerated at a slower pace than the previous month as a big drop in gasoline prices helped cushion the impact of higher food and clothing prices, Statistics Canada said on Tuesday, February 17, 2027. The consumer price index rose 2.3% in January compared with 2.4% in December, beating an analysts' poll which pegged January's expected rise in consumer prices at 2.4%. On a monthly basis, the CPI was unchanged from the prior month, data showed. The gasoline price index was the largest contributor to the deceleration in headline inflation, StatsCan said, as the yearly decline in gasoline prices was huge. Prices at petrol pumps fell on average 16.7% in January 2026, after a decline of 13.8% in December 2025. But, excluding gasoline, the CPI rose 3% in January, matching the increase in December, the statistics agency said. A sales tax break during the same period last year created an opposite base effect for some products such as food, alcohol and

clothing. This pushed up the prices last month when compared with the same period a year ago. Food prices rose 7.3%, largely based on food from restaurants, and the category containing primarily alcoholic beverages rose 4.8% in January.

Canadian annual inflation rate edges down in January as gasoline costs drop, February 17, 2026, www.ajot.com

Canadian international merchandise trade, December 2025



Source: Statcan

In December 2025, Canada's merchandise exports increased 2.6%, while imports were up 0.6%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$2.6 billion in November 2025 to \$1.3 billion in December 2025. Some of the December 2025 highlights were as follows: 1. The appreciation of the Canadian dollar and impacts on import and export values; 2. Gold exports rebound and exports of aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts reach a record high; 3. Imports of passenger cars rebound and gold imports rise; 4. Trade surplus with the United States narrows; 5. Exports to countries other than the United States reach a record high; 6. Exports outpace imports in the fourth quarter.

Canadian international merchandise trade, December 2025, February 19, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Canadian international trade in services, December 2025



Source: Statcan

Canada's monthly international trade in services surplus widened from \$0.1 billion in November 2025 to \$0.7 billion in December 2025. Overall, imports of services declined 2.2% to \$19.4 billion, and exports of services increased 0.8% to \$20.2 billion. On an annual basis, exports of services increased 3.2% to \$239.2 billion in 2025, and imports were up 2.0% to \$234.8 billion. As a result, Canada's trade in services surplus widened from \$1.5 billion in 2024 to \$4.4 billion in 2025.

Canadian international trade in services, December 2025, February 19, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Trump plans to roll back some tariffs on steel and aluminum goods, FT reports



Source: Reuters

U.S. President Donald Trump plans to scale back some tariffs on steel and aluminum goods, the Financial Times reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter. Officials in the Commerce Department

and U.S. trade representative's office believe the tariffs are hurting consumers by raising prices for goods including pie tins and food-and-drink cans, the FT report said. As a result, shares of US steelmakers and aluminium firms fall in early trade on that day. The *Globe and Mail* reports that the reports of the scale back are speculation unless the announcement comes from the White House.

Trump plans to roll back some tariffs on steel and aluminum goods, FT reports, February 13, 2026, www.reuters.com

Transportation Consumer Price Index – January 2026

The CPI for all transportation goods and services fell 1.1% from January 2025 to January 2026. Transportation dampened 7.4% to the 2.4% increase in the price of all goods and services, per the CPI. Motor vehicle maintenance and repair contributed the most to inflation, rising 4.9% year-over-year and contributing 2.1% to the annual change in the price of all goods and services. By item, the top three contributors to inflation in January 2026 were: 1. Motor vehicle maintenance and repair: +2.1%; 2. Airline Fare: +0.9%; and 3. Motor vehicle insurance: +0.7%. The top three items dampening transportation's contribution to inflation in January 2026 were: 1. Gasoline (all types): -9.3%; 2; 3 Used cars and trucks: -2.5%; and 4. Leased cars and trucks: -1.0%

Transportation Consumer Price Index – January 2026, February 13, 2026, www.bts.gov

Informal EU leaders' retreat, 12 February 2026

EU leaders met for an informal retreat at Alden Biesen to discuss how to **deepen the single market, reduce economic dependencies and boost competitiveness**. We have a clear priority – to strengthen economic growth in Europe. This is essential for our prosperity, to create quality jobs, and to sustain our economic social model. The leaders were joined by Mario Draghi for a working session on EU competitiveness in a new global geoeconomic context, and by Enrico Letta for a working session on how to make better use of the single market in a fast-changing world. Looking ahead, the leaders agreed on a set of priority areas to **strengthen EU competitiveness and strategic autonomy**. They will follow-up on these discussions at the upcoming European Council meeting in March, at which point the Commission is also expected to present a roadmap on '**one Europe, one market**'.

Informal EU leaders' retreat, 12 February 2026, February 13, 2026, www.europa.eu



Walmart e-commerce sales top \$150B for first time



Source: Freightwaves

U.S. e-commerce as a share of Walmart's total sales reached a record 23% in the fourth quarter after growing 27% year over year and drove the majority of its sales growth, underscoring the retail titan's ability to compete with Amazon in the online and delivery space. For the full year, e-commerce sales exceeded \$150 billion for the first time, up 5.5% from two years ago, Walmart said in its 2025 fourth-quarter earnings report on Thursday, February 19, 2026. The e-commerce operation has well exceeded the breakeven level. Management said e-commerce was profitable each quarter last year in the U.S. market, with roughly double-digit incremental margin growth as the company enjoys the economies of scale from its marketplace infrastructure. *Walmart e-commerce sales top \$150B for first time, February 19, 2026, www.freightwaves.com*



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Policy and Practice: How Single Window Digitalisation Can Boost Canada's Trade Diversification

Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00 pm PT/ 7:00 pm CT/ 8:00 pm ET
8:00 am SGT (March 18)

Free 60-Minute Webinar

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/policy-and-practice-how-single-window-digitalisation-can-boost-canadas-trade-diversification/>

Moderated by: **Eddie Sng**
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Singapore

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Distinguished Fellow
Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
Vice Chair
Canadian National Committee on Pacific
Economic Cooperation (CANPEC)
Victoria, BC

Mike Yap
Vice President
Head of Group Business Development,
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As Canada seeks to diversify and expand its trade in the Indo-Pacific, how can digitalisation facilitate cross-border data exchanges in both the regulatory and commercial realms? Join us for an international Webinar by CILT Singapore and CILTNA Pacific chapters to hear from two leading experts on the latest developments in trade policy reforms and trade technologies emerging in the Indo-Pacific region.

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We at CILTNA would like to congratulate Ian Hamilton on being recognized by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce as the Executive of the Year at the Hamilton Chamber's 42nd Annual Outstanding Business Achievement Awards. Ian has been a long-time member and supporter of CILTNA and we recognize his exceptional leadership and the impact he and his organization has on the industry and community. Congratulations Ian on this well-deserved recognition!

Job Postings

* 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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*** Logistics Leader, Renewal By Andersen of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada**

Are you the kind of logistics leader who thrives on structure, teamwork, and results?

At Dunn Group of Companies, we're scaling across British Columbia and Alaska, building smarter systems, stronger teams, and more connected logistics networks. We're looking for a Logistics Leader who can energize teams, streamline operations, and turn strategy into execution across multiple locations.

If you're someone who leads with clarity, builds great culture, and finds satisfaction in seeing processes run seamlessly from warehouse to fleet, this role is for you.

About the Role

As our Logistics Leader, you'll oversee warehousing and logistics operations across British Columbia and Alaska. You'll be responsible for staffing, process optimization, consumables management, fleet, and property operations, all while driving consistency and efficiency between locations.

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

At Dunn Group of Companies, you'll build structure, culture, and growth from the ground up. You'll have the freedom to shape systems, lead with purpose, and make a tangible impact every day.

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* Logistics Management Specialist, Air Force Civilian Service, San Antonio, TX, USA

About the job

Come be a part of something big! Smart Minds, Cool Jobs and Awesome Rewards! Fueled by innovation, talent and ambition, the Air Force Civilian Service (AFCS) is seeking civilian professionals prepared to deploy war-winning capabilities on behalf of the United States Air Force.

The Air Force Civilian Service (AFCS) is looking for a full-time Logistics Management Specialist, GG-0346-12 located at Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland.

In this position you will serve as a logistics management specialist within the Cryptologic and Cyber Systems Division across multiple branches, programs, activities, and diverse mission disciplines. To provide logistics support and establish a viable logistics support posture of acquisition and sustainment of assigned systems, programs, and equipment.

This position is a Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) position aligned under authorities of Section 1601, Chapter 83 of Title 10, United States Code and DoD Instruction 1400.25-V2007.

- Salary \$90,823 - \$118,072
- Travel authorized up to 25%
- Permanent position
- AFCS Benefits:
- Paid Time Off:

- 11 Federal Holidays each year
- 13 sick leave days earned per year (accumulative)
- Paid Vacation Time:
- 13-26 days per year based on length of employment
- Life Insurance:
- Health Insurance:
- No waiting period to qualify for you and your family
- Retirement:
- Immediate coverage by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS)
- Basic Benefits Plan
- Social Security
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), similar to a 401(k) (Automatically receive 1% agency contributions and up to 5% matching)

Qualifications

- US citizenship is required.
- This position has been designated for drug testing. Member is subject to random urinalysis testing as a condition of employment.
- Position is designated special-sensitive and requires eligibility for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI), must be able to obtain and retain a TOP Secret (TS) security clearance. A non-disclosure agreement must be signed.
- This position has been designated as an acquisition position and is covered by the Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP). The employee must meet or be capable of meeting Defense Acquisition Work Improvement Act (DAWIA) requirements applicable to the duties of the position. The position is Acquisition Category L, Life Cycle Logistics Level II.
- Knowledge of basic theories and principles of systems design, specifications development techniques, and an understanding of acquisition and maintenance requirements as well as organizational functions involved in logistical support.
- Knowledge of theories and principles of support planning, development, and execution sufficient to coordinate and integrate functions into a total, well-structured, and viable program.
- Knowledge of system life cycle concepts and design as they apply to system research, development, acquisition, and production. Knowledge of contractual processes, procedures, and technical requirements.
- Ability to plan, analyze, and coordinate a system or portion of a major system acquisition and transfer into operational use; to

include the identification and correlation of specific requirements for money, manpower, materiel, facilities, and services needed to support requirements (including funding, contract development, and other technical support requirements), and establish relationships between the participants involved in deploying the plan.

- 6-9 years' experience requested.
- For further information regarding the 0346 series: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=Group-Standards>

Similar Job Titles/Fields of Study/Skills

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*** Logistics Management Specialist, CACI International Inc., Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, USA**

About the job

Job Title: Logistics Management Specialist

Job Category: Logistics

Time Type: Full time

Minimum Clearance Required to Start: Secret

Employee Type: Regular

Percentage of Travel Required: Up to 10%

Type of Travel: Continental US

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The Opportunity

CACI is seeking a Logistics Management Specialist to perform professional-level logistics management functions supporting government programs and operations. This role is responsible for overseeing the full life cycle of government and contractor-managed assets, including acquisition planning, inventory oversight, internal distribution, transportation coordination (both domestic and international), and disposition activities. The position emphasizes independent judgment, analytical decision-making, and coordination with cross-functional teams to ensure compliance, accountability, and operational efficiency. The specialist will manage and analyze inventory and shipping data, develop logistics solutions, and ensure accurate tracking and reporting of government-owned property in accordance with contractual, regulatory, and export compliance requirements.

Responsibilities

- Oversee and coordinate inventory management activities for government-owned and contractor-managed property, ensuring compliance with applicable regulations and contract requirements.
- Analyze inventory levels, usage trends, and logistics requirements to support planning, forecasting, and operational decision-making.
- Manage logistics documentation, records, and reporting related to inventory transactions, shipping, receiving, and asset accountability.
- Utilize enterprise inventory management systems (e.g., COLTS, or similar platforms) to track, reconcile, and report asset status.
- Coordinate domestic and international transportation activities, including shipments containing dangerous goods or hazardous materials, ensuring compliance with applicable regulations (e.g., IATA, IMDG, ICAO, DOT).
- Review shipping classifications, documentation, and regulatory requirements to ensure proper handling, labeling, and transportation compliance.
- Serve as a logistics point of contact for international shipping requirements, customs documentation, export compliance coordination, and transportation providers.

- Prepare and submit purchase requests and logistics recommendations based on technical input, operational needs, and program priorities.
- Support audits, inventories, and compliance reviews by providing data analysis, documentation, and subject-matter expertise.
- Collaborate with engineering, technical, program, and government teams to align logistics planning with mission and operational requirements.
- Provide professional guidance and oversight related to material handling activities when required, ensuring safe and compliant execution.

Qualifications

Required:

- Professional experience in logistics management, inventory control, or supply chain operations.
- Knowledge of Government Furnished Property (GFP) accountability and applicable regulatory requirements.
- Knowledge of domestic and international shipping processes, documentation, and coordination requirements.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications, including Excel for data analysis and reporting.
- Experience using inventory or asset management systems (e.g., COLTS, or similar platforms).
- Strong analytical, organizational, and documentation skills with attention to detail.
- Ability to independently manage multiple priorities and exercise sound judgment in complex logistics environments.
- Effective communication skills and the ability to coordinate with cross-functional and government stakeholders.
- Active Secret clearance with the ability to obtain a TS/SCI.

Desired

- Experience supporting or overseeing the shipment of dangerous goods or hazardous materials in compliance with regulatory frameworks.
- Familiarity with export/import considerations and working with transportation providers in a global logistics
- COLTS inventory management software experience.

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