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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

✈️ **Government of Canada invests in safety and connectivity at the Val-d'Or Regional Airport**



Source: Images

On May 19, 2026, the Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services, on behalf of the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, announced that the Government of Canada is strengthening air safety and connectivity at the Val-d'Or Regional Airport. Through the Airports Capital Assistance Program, the federal government is providing nearly \$12 million to the Val-d'Or Regional Airport for the rehabilitation of a 6,000 ft section of Runway 18-36, as well as the reconstruction of the existing asphalt pavement of the Echo Taxiway.

*Government of Canada invests in safety and connectivity at the Val-d'Or Regional Airport, May 19, 2026, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

✈️ **Air Canada and Aeroplan Celebrate 20 Years of the Aeroplan Member Donation Program, and Over 1.8 Billion Points Donated to Charities**

This month marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aeroplan Member Donation Program. For two decades, the program has empowered approved Canadian charities to set fundraising goals and redeem donated points for air travel, hotel stays, car rentals, merchandise, and more. Charities also use donated points to support fundraising activities, including offering travel or redeemed merchandise as prizes. "Since 2006, Aeroplan Members have donated more than 1.8 billion points to 1,554 charitable organizations, helping to fund critical travel, essential goods, and community-building initiatives," said Craig Landry, Executive Vice President & Chief Innovation Officer at Air Canada and President of Aeroplan. "The scale of this impact speaks to the power of collective giving. As we celebrate two decades of the Aeroplan Member Donation Program, we remain committed to helping charities reach farther and do more." On May 21, 2026, more than 100 active charities participate in the program, supported by 11 corporate partners, including three original partners that have remained since 2006: the Air Canada Foundation, Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders, and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

*Air Canada and Aeroplan Celebrate 20 Years of the Aeroplan Member Donation Program, and Over 1.8 Billion Points Donated to Charities, May 21, 2026, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

### US/WORLD

## ✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Delivers \$835.8 Million for Air Traffic Control Facility Upgrades Across U.S.**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 15, 2026 announced the Department's investment of over \$750 million to replace eight air traffic control towers and Terminal Radar Approach Controls (TRACONS) with brand-new, state-of-the-art facilities. Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is providing \$85.8 million to upgrade Federal Contract Towers (FCTs) at 41 airports across 24 states.

*Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Delivers \$835.8 Million for Air Traffic Control Facility Upgrades Across U.S., May 15, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Invests Nearly \$1 Billion into Making Airports More Family-Friendly**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 18, 2026 announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has invested \$970 million in America's airports to enhance the travel experience for families. The Department delivered 133 grants to airports in 45 states through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Airport Terminal Program (ATP) to invest in family-friendly airport projects including: 1. *\$2.8 million to Boston's General Edward Lawrence Logan International* to renovate four Kidports areas with new play structures and themes for children of all ages. 2. *\$2 million to Mississippi's Tupelo Regional Airport* to expand their terminal to include a family-friendly security screening lane to enhance the family travel experience. 3. *\$8 million to Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport* to modernize 37 restrooms across five terminals with family-friendly features. 4. *\$10 million to Palm Beach's Donald J. Trump International Airport* to expand the terminal to include new restrooms, mother's rooms, and a new sensory room for families.

*Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Invests Nearly \$1 Billion into Making Airports More Family-Friendly, May 18, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to Invest \$26 Million to Bolster Pilot and Maintenance Technician Workforce**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 18, 2026 announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is investing \$26 million to develop the next generation of aviation professionals. The

investments will strengthen the workforce pipeline for the aerospace industry—from mechanics and technicians to pilots and drone operators. The FAA's investment will go towards: 1. Aviation training programs to equip future pilots with technical skills; 2. Aviation apprenticeships and internships to provide new pilots with hands-on experience; 3. Proactive student outreach to bolster recruitment numbers; and 4. Training future pilots using state-of-the-art tools like simulators.

*Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to Invest \$26 Million to Bolster Pilot and Maintenance Technician Workforce, May 18, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ✈️ **Stronger Standard Implementation, Modern GSE, and Digitalization Are Key to More Resilient Ground Handling**



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) called for stronger implementation of global standards, a transition to modernized ground support equipment (GSE) and greater digitalization in the ground handling sector. This will support safer, more efficient, sustainable, and resilient ground handling. IATA made the call at the 38th IATA Ground Handling Conference (IGHC), which opened in Cairo today, hosted by EgyptAir. "Ground handling is often invisible to passengers, but when it goes wrong, everyone notices. A delayed bag, a damaged aircraft, a loading error, or a disrupted turnaround may last minutes, but the consequences can ripple across an entire network. Stronger implementation of standards, smarter equipment, and digitalization are the fundamentals that will make ground operations safer, more efficient, more sustainable, and more resilient," said Monika Mejstrikova, IATA's Director Ground Operations. The three areas that need development are: 1. Stronger Implementation of Global Standards; 2. Modernizing GSE Fleets; 3. Digitalization - Fragmented data, manual processes and delayed information remain major barriers to safer and more efficient ground handling.

*Stronger Standard Implementation, Modern GSE, and Digitalization Are Key to More Resilient Ground Handling, May 19, 2026, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ Egypt Positioned for Strong Aviation Growth



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) presented data showing Egypt's strong aviation growth outlook and called for continued collaboration between government and industry to ensure that future growth is supported by cost-effective infrastructure, globally aligned regulation, and progress on sustainability. IATA's long-term passenger traffic outlook for Egypt shows: 1. In the mid-range scenario, demand is forecast to grow by 3.4% annually from 2024 to 2050. This places Egypt above the global average growth rate (3.1%) over the long horizon. 2. In the high-range scenario, demand is forecast to grow by 3.8% annually. "Egypt has a strong aviation growth potential that can underpin prosperity. The opportunity is clear: more connectivity, more jobs, more trade, and more tourism. Airlines are investing for growth, and the regulatory environment must keep pace. That means infrastructure that is efficient and cost-effective, regulation that follows global standards, and policies that keep aviation sustainable. IATA is working with the Government of Egypt and industry partners to ensure aviation can deliver its full economic and social value," said Nick Careen, IATA's Senior Vice President Operations, Safety and Security.

*Egypt Positioned for Strong Aviation Growth, May 19, 2026, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ IATA Launches Baggage Community System (BCS) to Modernize Global Baggage Messaging



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has developed the Baggage Community System (BCS), a secure digital platform to support the progressive adoption of the Modern Baggage Messaging (BIX) standard. BCS will enable airlines, airports, ground handlers, and solution providers to gain the operational and passenger experience benefits of BIX even while parts of the industry are in transition from legacy Type B messages for baggage handling. "Improving baggage operations depends on timely, accurate, and secure information exchange. We cannot do that with legacy Type B messages on teletype networks. And we cannot wait for everyone to convert to modern BIX capabilities. That is where BCS plays an essential role. By handling both BIX and legacy Type B systems, it enables early adopters to gain the benefits of their investments without losing connectivity with those still operating legacy systems," said Nick Careen, IATA's Senior Vice President for Operations, Safety, and Security.

*IATA Launches Baggage Community System (BCS) to Modernize Global Baggage Messaging, May 20, 2026, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

## ✈️ EU Air Connectivity Flatlined Under High Costs and Onerous Regulation



Source: IATA

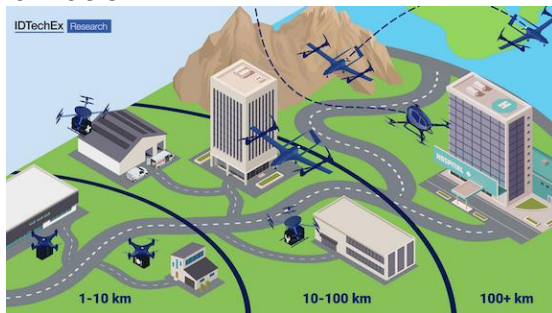
The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data showing that European air connectivity essentially flatlined in 2025 with a net 1% growth in the total number of routes connecting the continent (both internally and with other parts of the world). This is below the compound annual growth of 1.5% over the last decade. "The growth of airline route networks reflects both developments in demand and the operating environment. That the European Union (EU)'s air connectivity virtually flatlined in 2025 is no surprise. The regulatory burden is onerous, costs are high, and the EU's well-documented underlying competitiveness issues have not been seriously addressed. Consumer protections are a case in point. The flaws of the current regulation have been known but attempts to correct them appear to be doomed to just make them worse. These are the kind of frustrations that make it more difficult for airlines to grow the connectivity that Europe relies on to power jobs and economic growth," said Thomas Reynaert, IATA's Senior Vice President External Relations. In sum: 1. 1,127 routes across the EU were cancelled in 2025. 2. 1,281 routes were added (568 of which were 'starts' of routes operated in the last decade, but paused for at least one year). 3. The net gain of 154 routes is a 1% growth of the route network that now totals 14,797.

*EU Air Connectivity Flatlined Under High Costs and Onerous Regulation, May 21, 2026, [www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)*

billion by 2036, representing a CAGR of 7.9%. Within this expansion, the commercial drone sector is becoming increasingly important, with annual commercial drone shipments projected to exceed 9 million units by 2036. However, future growth will not be evenly distributed across all applications. IDTechEx expects the strongest opportunities to emerge in areas where drones address clear labour constraints, reduce operational risk, improve asset utilization, or enable services that are difficult to achieve through conventional methods. Among the commercial applications to watch, delivery, agriculture, and inspection stand out as three of the most important categories. Each is moving toward commercialization through a different pathway, shaped by its own regulatory barriers, operating environment, platform requirements, and return-on-investment profile.

*From drone market growth to application-level commercialization, May 21, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## From drone market growth to application-level commercialization



Source: AJOT

The drone industry is entering a more application-led phase of growth. After years of pilot projects and technology validation, the question for the market is shifting from whether drones can fly safely and collect data, to where they can deliver repeatable operational value at scale. According to the IDTechEx report "Drones Market 2026-2036: Technologies, Markets, and Opportunities", the global drone market is forecast to grow from approximately US\$69 billion in 2026 to US\$147.8



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **CN Announces \$100 Million Over Ten Years for Homelessness Prevention**

CN on May 20, 2026 announced a \$100 million CAD commitment over the next ten years to support the prevention of homelessness through its new signature giving initiative, *CN Railroaders for Change*. The initiative will support non-profit organizations focused on early intervention and sustainable solutions that help prevent homelessness and strengthen communities. At CN, safety is a core value, and that commitment extends beyond the railway into the communities where CN railroaders live and work. Through *Railroaders for Change*, CN will focus its support on breaking down stigma and changing perceptions, rebuilding connections by partnering with community organizations, and funding solutions-based research to help prevent homelessness. *CN Announces \$100 Million Over Ten Years for Homelessness Prevention, May 20, 2026, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **Merger markup: BNSF hiked grain train charges as much as 472%, UP says in complaint**



Photo: FreightWaves/Jim Allen

BNSF Railway has cancelled longstanding reciprocal switching rates for some unit grain train shipments, which has forced Union Pacific customers to pay a higher per-car merchandise train rate, UP said in a complaint filed with federal regulators on Friday, May 15, 2026. "This action almost tripled the switching rate for unit train grain shipments bound for Union Pacific," UP's complaint states. "Indeed, BNSF informed multiple customers and Union Pacific that it would refuse to perform reciprocal switching for unit trains of grain shipping to or from customer facilities via Union Pacific."

*Merger markup: BNSF hiked grain train charges as much as 472%, UP says in complaint, May 18, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## **PENN STATION UPDATE: Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy & Amtrak Announce Penn Transformation Partners (Halmar and Skanska) as Master Developer Team for New York Penn Station Renovation**



Source: DOT

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and the Amtrak Board of Directors on May 20, 2026 announced the selection of Penn Transformation Partners (Halmar and Skanska) as the private Master Developer team to lead the transformation of New York Penn Station. Penn Transformation Partners will build a brand-new, world-class station that will provide daily commuters and tourists with a more seamless travel experience through a vibrant gateway into America’s largest city. USDOT is investing an additional \$200 million to ensure the project is on track to break ground on a new station in 2027.

*PENN STATION UPDATE: Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy & Amtrak Announce Penn Transformation Partners (Halmar and Skanska) as Master Developer Team for New York Penn Station Renovation, May 20, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## **AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending May 16, 2026**

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) today reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending May 16, 2026. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 511,216 carloads and intermodal units, up 4.2 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending May 16 were 230,497 carloads, up 0.6 percent compared with the same week in 2025, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 280,719 containers and trailers, up 7.3 percent compared to 2025. Seven of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2025. They included grain, up 2,066 carloads, to 23,173; metallic ores and metals, up 1,044 carloads, to 22,450; and petroleum and petroleum products, up 1,004 carloads, to 11,278. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2025 were coal, down 3,667 carloads, to 55,302;

miscellaneous carloads, down 634 carloads, to 9,658; and nonmetallic minerals, down 136 carloads, to 32,515. North American rail volume for the week ending May 16, 2026, on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totalled 341,822 carloads, up 1.6 percent compared with the same week last year, and 374,372 intermodal units, up 6.7 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 716,194 carloads and intermodal units, up 4.2 percent. North American rail volume for the first 19 weeks of 2026 was 13,154,868 carloads and intermodal units, up 1.9 percent compared with 2025. Canadian railroads reported 96,919 carloads for the week, up 4.4 percent, and 78,109 intermodal units, up 1.0 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first 19 weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,115,805 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.3 percent.

*AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending May 16, 2026, May 20, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **AAR slams “hypocrisy” as Trump-backed rail safety measure is included in transportation funding bill**



Source: Freightwaves

A controversial safety measure railroads and other businesses claim will cost them billions to implement and push up consumer prices in the process will be included in the wide-ranging surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The Railway Safety Act rode an endorsement this week from President Donald Trump as part of the Build America 250 Act that cleared the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Thursday, May 21, 2026. “Freight railroads have been clear from the beginning of the surface transportation reauthorization process: Rail policy provisions should be targeted, justified by data, and tied to clearly demonstrated operational or safety needs,” said Association of American Railroads President and Chief Officer Ian Jefferies, in a statement late Thursday. “Unfortunately, some provisions advanced today fail that test. Rather than focusing narrowly on evidence-based reforms connected to the actual causes of incidents like [the] East Palestine [hazmat derailment in 2023], the package includes a wide range of extraneous mandates

under the veil of safety that will only increase costs throughout the freight network and broader supply chain with no proven safety benefit – ultimately harming rail customers, manufacturers, energy producers, farmers and American consumers already facing significant affordability pressures.” The AAR indicates that *Rail Safety Act* puts financial burden on carriers that will push up costs for consumers.

*AAR slams “hypocrisy” as Trump-backed rail safety measure is included in transportation funding bill, May 21, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



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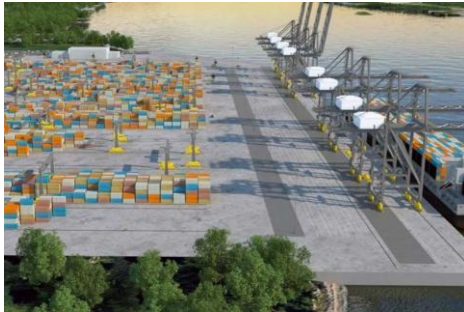
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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Port of Montreal's former commercial chief to return as CEO



Source: MPN

The Port of Montreal is bringing back former commercial officer Paul Bird as its new chief executive, citing his experience with large-scale projects as the port embarks on its biggest expansion ever. The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) said in a statement Friday, May 15, 2026 that Bird will take over as president and chief executive on June 8. Bird, who had been with the MPA since June 2020, had left to pursue new professional opportunities, the MPA said in March. Much of Bird's previous tenure at the MPA involved helping shepherd through development of the Contrecoeur marine terminal project, which had been proposed. The C\$1.7 billion Contrecoeur marine terminal will allow Montreal to serve much larger ships than it can currently.

*Port of Montreal's former commercial chief to return as CEO, May 15, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

#### Western Canadian ports push IPI advantage to grow Q1 imports from Asia



Photo credit: Liang Sen / Xinhua via Getty Images.

The Western Canadian ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert are enhancing their presence in the Asia-North America trade by building on their intermodal advantages in serving the interior of North America, resulting in an increase in imports in the first quarter while their western US counterparts recorded a first-quarter import decline. Containerized imports moving through Vancouver in the first quarter increased 9% year over year, while imports in Prince Rupert grew 7.8%, according to data from Sea-Intelligence Maritime Analysis. Vancouver, Canada's largest container gateway, serves both the interior of Canada and the US Midwest with direct inland point intermodal (IPI).

*Western Canadian ports push IPI advantage to grow Q1 imports from Asia, May 15, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Minister of Transport launches call for proposals to improve boating safety across Canada

More than 12 million Canadian adults participate in recreational boating every year and 90 people die each year. Given these findings, on May 19, 2026, as part of the North American Safe Boating Awareness Week, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, announced a call for proposals under the Boating Safety Contribution Program. This program supports organizations that: 1. promote safe boating practices, behaviour, and knowledge; 2. improve access to national boating safety data; and 3. help reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage from boating accidents.

Minister of Transport launches call for proposals to improve boating safety across Canada, May 19, 2026, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

## Port of Halifax and PSA Halifax welcome first electric remotely operated rail cranes



Source: AJOT

The Port of Halifax has received two new electric rail-mounted gantry (RMG) cranes at PSA Halifax's Atlantic Hub terminal, introducing the first remotely operated yard equipment in Halifax, which increases capacity, efficiency and reliability. The new cranes enable operators to control movements from a centralized control room, improving safety and comfort by eliminating the need to work at height and in variable weather conditions, while enhancing operational accuracy and throughput in yard operations. The addition of the electric RMG cranes supports faster turnaround times for customers and consistent performance across the terminal. As electric-powered units, they also contribute to lower emissions. The new equipment is expected to reduce carbon emissions by at least 640 tonnes annually, the equivalent of removing nearly 140 passenger vehicles from the road. The investment is part of the Inter-Terminal Rail Solution Project, a multi-year initiative led by the Halifax Port Authority and supported by Transport Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund. This project includes optimizing the railhead at Atlantic Hub to scale capacity in line

with growing demand. The cranes will handle the loading and unloading of containers for rail shuttles to and from the PSA Halifax Fairview Cove terminal, removing up to 75% of truck traffic generated by port activities from Halifax's urban roads. The increased rail capacity will also allow the Port of Halifax to handle full container trains to Toronto, Montreal and other destinations in Canada. This further enhances Halifax's value proposition of "big ships – big trains", as it is the only port on Canada's East Coast capable of handling vessels of 18,000 TEUs. *"These new cranes are an investment in people and performance,"* says Fulvio Fracassi, President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority. *"As the new railyard is built at the Atlantic Hub terminal, the cranes are key elements contributing to safe, resilient operations and terminal efficiency"*

Port of Halifax and PSA Halifax welcome first electric remotely operated rail cranes, May 20, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)

## US/WORLD

### Evergreen profit sank 70% in Q1



Source: Photo: Evergreen

Evergreen Marine Corp. saw revenue and profits plunge in the first quarter as unspecified higher container volumes were hit by weaker shipping rates. The world's seventh-largest liner (2603.TW) reported consolidated revenue fell more than 21% to \$2.75 billion, while net profit after tax of \$264 million was off 70% from the same quarter a year ago. Global carriers have struggled with weaker rates even as container volumes post solid results, amid unbalanced capacity in the face of shipper uncertainty and higher operating costs as the Iran conflict pushes up the price of fuel. Evergreen was hopeful that the approaching peak shipping season will boost rates and tariff issues drive shipper frontloading.

*Evergreen profit sank 70% in Q1, May 15, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

## SC Ports to expand ro-ro operations to North Charleston Terminal



Source: Photo/Matthew Peacock

SC Ports plans to expand ro-ro operations to its rail-served North Charleston Terminal to further support the state's thriving automotive industry. SC Ports' Board of Directors voted on May 15, 2026 to approve the design contract, the first step in the process. For decades, SC Ports has proudly served as a key supply chain partner to South Carolina's automotive sector. Today's board vote will further expand SC Ports' ro-ro capacity and capabilities to support existing customers and longtime partners' supply chains, while also allowing additional shippers to move more cargo through the Port of Charleston. "South Carolina is home to some of the world's largest advanced manufacturers, who rely on the Port of Charleston to keep their supply chains fluid and businesses competitive," SC Ports President and CEO Micah Mallace said. "SC Ports cares deeply about serving our customers. This plan demonstrates our commitment to investing in timely projects to meet their needs, and it ensures capacity to meet their growth every step of the way."

*SC Ports to expand ro-ro operations to North Charleston Terminal, May 15, 2026, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## Panama Canal not planning to curb ships' passage for 2026 despite drought threat



Source: REUTERS/Enea Lebrun/File Photo

The Panama Canal is not planning vessel passage restrictions for the remainder of 2026 even if an El Niño weather pattern begins in the second half of the year as predicted, potentially leading to another drought in the Central American country, the waterway told Reuters. The canal linking the Pacific and Atlantic oceans is currently allowing 38 ships to pass through each day and has seen demand increase in recent months mainly due to the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran, which is affecting the use of other corridors like the Suez Canal. The El Niño climate pattern, which occurs every two to seven years, leads to warm ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, which typically means wetter, colder winters in portions of the U.S. and rainfall reduction in Central America, leading to droughts.

*Panama Canal not planning to curb ships' passage for 2026 despite drought threat, May 15, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Justice Department Indicts Four Chinese Container Makers for Price-Fixing



Source: Maritime-Executive

The Justice Department has secured an indictment for four of the largest shipping-container manufacturers and seven of their top executives for allegedly conspiring to drive up the price of standard

containers - a critical commodity for shipping, used for the transport of materials and finished goods of virtually every kind. DOJ alleges that by 2020, a group of Chinese container OEMs - market leader CIMC, Dong Fang, CXIC, Singamas and an unnamed fifth firm - began working together to suppress their collective rate of production and raise their prices for standard dry shipping containers. To carry out the scheme, they allegedly agreed to a nonaggression pact for output and restricted shifts and hours for their respective production lines. To eliminate cheating - always a problem for cartels - they installed video cameras on nearly 50 container production lines so that they could all watch each other's operations. They also set up a funding mechanism that would penalize overproduction.

*Justice Department Indicts Four Chinese Container Makers for Price-Fixing, May 19, 2026, [www.maritime-executive.com](http://www.maritime-executive.com)*

## US move against container makers is latest entry in logistics battle with China



Source: JOC

The US Department of Justice's (DOJ's) indictment of four of the world's largest ocean shipping container makers and seven of their senior executives marks the latest US-China supply chain-linked row that has previously included tit-for-tat port fees and tariffs on China-made port equipment. It also follows earlier US warnings about China's dominance in container and chassis manufacturing that led one of the indicted companies to drop its planned \$987 million acquisition of Maersk's refrigerated container production business in 2022 after the DOJ raised a red flag on the deal. DOJ, in an indictment unsealed Tuesday, May 19, 2026 accused the parties of engaging in price fixing of containers. Chinese container manufacturers produce about 95% of the world's dry freight containers, according to maritime consultancy Drewry, a source of consternation for Washington.

*US move against container makers is latest entry in logistics battle with China, May 20, 2026, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Savannah container trade 2.5 percent lower through April



Source: AJOT

For the 2026 fiscal year to date (July – April), Georgia Ports has handled approximately 4.7 million TEUs in the Port of Savannah, a decrease of 2.5 percent or 118,422 TEUs. For the month of April 2026, the port handled 443,650 twenty-foot equivalent container units in April, a decrease of 71,850 TEUs or nearly 14 percent compared to the same month last year, when GPA achieved its busiest April on record. Port officials said April 2025 was a record volume month where customers were front-loading their cargo prior to tariffs. “Our customers are managing through a softer market with higher operating costs. The Georgia Ports Authority remains focused on delivering capacity for the longer term so when the market changes we are ready to seamlessly absorb their growth,” said Georgia Ports President and CEO Griff Lynch. GPA's ten-year plan forecasts 54 percent growth with a \$5 billion investment plan to add five new container berths in Savannah and one new Rollon/Rolloff berth in the Port of Brunswick. No other U.S. port is expanding at that scale.

*Savannah container trade 2.5 percent lower through April, April 19, 2026, [www.aot.com](http://www.aot.com)*

## Quarterly loss for Zim ahead of Hapag-Lloyd takeover



Source: Freightwaves

ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. said it carried less cargo than a year ago as weak demand sent it to a loss in the first 2026 quarter.

The Israeli liner which is set to be acquired by Hapag-Lloyd of Germany, posted a net loss of \$86 million compared to net income of \$296 million in the first quarter of 2025. A diluted loss per share of \$.71 marked a reversal compared to diluted earnings per share of \$2.45 a year ago. Revenues slumped 30% to \$1.4 billion y/y. Most major carriers in the quarter saw profits tumble on increased shipments. Zim was an exception as carried volume in the first quarter was 866,000 twenty foot equivalent units (TEUs), off 8% y/y.

*Quarterly loss for Zim ahead of Hapag-Lloyd takeover, May 20, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*



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## Road Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Jobs Minister Bolsters Battle Against Driver Inc-Related Labour Misclassification



Source: Cantruck

In what can be described as the strongest language against Driver Inc from the government to date, Patty Hajdu, federal minister of Jobs and Families, unequivocally declared Ottawa continues to be committed to ending rampant labour misclassification in the Canadian trucking industry. Speaking to the board of the Canadian Trucking Alliance in Ottawa in the first week of May 2026, the Thunder Bay-Superior North MP stated Labour Canada and ESDC have been working hard to combat the misclassification crisis in trucking. “Tackling misclassification is a key part of our plan on building a more competitive and stronger Canada. Misclassification has been illegal under the Canada Labour Code.. but more recently we shifted the burden onto employers to show that a worker is in fact an independent contractor,” she said to CTA member carriers and about 30 other MPs, staffers and senators attending CTA’s reception. Hajdu said the government continues to collaborate with labour rights stakeholders and other federal and provincial government agencies to ensure “bad

actors that are breaking the rules experience real consequences.” She added ESDC has strengthened cooperation with government departments at various levels of government, including CRA, which has on its own issued \$7.7 million in tax re-assessments over related tax misclassification since February 2026.

*Jobs Minister Bolsters Battle Against Driver Inc-Related Labour Misclassification, May 15, 2026, [www.cantruck.ca](http://www.cantruck.ca)*

#### Traffic Flow Dashboard



Source: Statcan

Statistics Canada has launched the Traffic Flow Dashboard as a source of experimental statistics to provide information on the traffic flow on selected road segments in the cities of Calgary and Toronto. This dashboard shows traffic count data that are obtained from traffic camera imagery using a computer vision-based system developed at Statistics Canada's Data Exploration and Integration Lab.

*Traffic Flow Dashboard, May 15, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Urban public transit, March 2026



Source: Statcan

In March 2026, the number of urban transit passenger trips in Canada was 132.9 million, down 3.1% from March 2025, or 4.2 million fewer trips. This marked 11 straight months of year-over-year decline. In March 2026, transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) reached \$348.7 million, an increase of 2.3% (+\$7.9 million) from March 2025. In March 2026, transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) reached \$348.7 million, an increase of 2.3% (+\$7.9 million) from March 2025.

*Urban public transit, March 2026, May 19, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## Investing in one of Ontario's largest public transit systems

Canada and Ontario have partnered with the Regional Municipality of Durham to jointly invest \$11.6 million in public transit upgrades. As one of the fastest growing regions in the world, Durham Region will benefit from these investments, which will contribute to a modern and efficient public transit system helping more people reach their destinations in Durham and across the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area

*Investing in one of Ontario's largest public transit systems, May 20, 2026, [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)*

## OTA Welcomes Provincial Action on Illegal Truck Yards; Calls for Responsible Implementation



Source: Ontruck

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) is welcoming the Ontario government's announcement it will propose amendments to the *Planning Act* aimed at strengthening municipal enforcement against illegal truck yards. The amendments would enable municipalities to impose administrative monetary penalties for illegal land uses, including illegal truck yards that are frequently established on rural, agricultural or near residential properties. The plan also looks to source "appropriate lands that can accommodate truck and trailer parking" in high-priority areas such as Peel, York and Halton regions.

*OTA Welcomes Provincial Action on Illegal Truck Yards; Calls for Responsible Implementation, May 20, 2026, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## Amerit Fleet Solutions expands into Canada with Pro Reefer acquisition

Amerit Fleet Solutions has acquired Canadian reefer maintenance specialist Pro Reefer, expanding its refrigerated fleet service capabilities and establishing a stronger footprint in Canada. The companies announced the deal on May 21, 2026, saying the acquisition will enhance support for customers operating across both the U.S. and Canadian markets. Founded in 1998, Pro Reefer specializes in maintenance and repair of refrigerated trailers and transport refrigeration units serving food distribution, cold chain logistics and temperature-sensitive freight operations. "Pro Reefer's deep technical expertise in refrigerated equipment, excellent and tenured leadership team, and strong entrepreneurial culture make the company a fantastic fit for Amerit," said Ross Rachey, CEO of Amerit Fleet Solutions. "This acquisition allows us to further support customers while expanding our service capabilities and geographic reach in Canada," Rachey added. Pro Reefer provides preventive maintenance, diagnostics, emergency repairs and compliance-related services for reefer equipment.

*Amerit Fleet Solutions expands into Canada with Pro Reefer acquisition, May 21, 2026, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## US/WORLD

## North American Transborder Freight increased 3.2% in March 2026 from March 2025



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

The transborder freight data program provides comprehensive monthly and annual data on North American cross-border freight activity, detailing the value of U.S. imports and exports with Canada and Mexico by mode of transportation, commodity, and geography. These data inform infrastructure planning, trade corridor studies, and logistics research. Total Transborder Freight by Border in March 2026, Compared to March 2025 between: the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico is as follows: 1. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$65.5 billion, down 2.9% from March 2025; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$84.0 billion, up 8.6% from March 2025; 3. Trucks moved \$98.6 billion of freight, up 4.7% compared to March 2025; 4. Railways moved \$16.5 billion of freight, down 10.2% compared to March 2025; 5. Vessels moved \$9.5 billion of freight, up 3.8% compared to March 2025; 6. Pipelines moved \$9.4 billion of freight, up 3.6% compared to March 2025; 7. Air moved \$8.0 billion of freight, up 33.7% compared to March 2025. Total transborder freight between Canada and the US for March 2026 were as follows: 1. Truck \$35.9b; 2. Pipelines \$8.8b; 3. Rail \$8.4b; 4. Air \$3.7b; and 5. Vessel \$3.3b.

*North American Transborder Freight increased 3.2% in March 2026 from March 2025, May 15, 2026, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

## Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to Invest \$217 Million into Strengthening Trucking Safety Enforcement and Workforce Development



Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 18, 2026 announced the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is investing \$217 million in U.S. trucking and bus industries. The investments will go towards strengthening supply chains, restoring integrity to the trucking industry by rooting out bad actors, expanding workforce opportunities for Americans, and improving roadway safety for families.

*Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy to Invest \$217 Million into Strengthening Trucking Safety Enforcement and Workforce Development, May 18, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

## ATRI report looks at trucking's rising insurance costs



Source: Trucknews

The cost of liability insurance premiums for motor carriers continues to outpace consumer inflation, even as the heavy-duty truck-involved crash rate has declined, according to new research from the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI). ATRI's [new report](#) found that between 2021 and 2024, liability insurance premium costs rose by 18.6% to 10.2 cents per mile – outpacing consumer inflation by 5.4

percentage points. Over this same period, truck-involved crash rates fell by 2.6%. A sharp rise in crash claims expenses has fuelled the rise in insurance costs, with ATRI's survey finding per-mile liability losses rose by an average of 33.1%.

*ATRI report looks at trucking's rising insurance costs, May 19, 2026, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

### **ATA truck tonnage index unchanged in April**

U.S. trucking activity remained steady in April 2026, after increasing 1% in March 2026, according to the American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted for-hire tonnage index. ATA said the truck tonnage index was 117.8 in April 2026, which was 3.5% above the same month in 2025. "April's unchanged tonnage level is more impressive when considering that the index increased a total of 4.7% since the end of 2025 and hasn't decreased so far in 2026," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "The index is back to levels last seen during the fall of 2022." During the first four months of the year, tonnage was up 2.6% from the same period last year. The index is based on 2015 as 100. ATA also said March's increase was slightly revised upward from what was initially reported. The not seasonally adjusted index, which measures raw changes in tonnage hauled, was 116.8 in April, 3.4% below the March reading of 120.9.

*ATA truck tonnage index unchanged in April, May 19, 2026, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

decades-old network of loosely connected applications rife with fraud, waste, and abuse. Previously, bad actors applying for a federal trucking registration number could easily hide their identity, game the system, and endanger American families on the road. It's estimated that there are several thousand suspicious registration numbers tied to fraudulent carriers. With Motus in place, the Department will now use biometrics and modern data analytics to verify that those who apply for these numbers are: 1. Who they say they are; and 2. The businesses they represent are legitimate, legal entities.

*Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches New Anti-Fraud Registration System for America's Trucking Industry, May 19, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

### **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches New Anti-Fraud Registration System for America's Trucking Industry**



Source: DOT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator (FMCSA) Derek D. Barrs on May 19, 2026 announced the rollout of a new registration system for truck drivers, motor coach operators, and other motor carriers. This state-of-the-art tool — called Motus: the U.S. DOT Registration System — replaces a



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## Other Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Consumer Price Index, April 2026



Source: Statcan

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 2.8% year over year in April 2026, up from an increase of 2.4% in March. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI rose 0.3% in April. Higher energy prices, most notably gasoline prices, drove the acceleration in the headline CPI. The removal of the consumer carbon levy in April 2025, which resulted in monthly declines for gasoline and natural gas, has now fallen out of the 12-month movement, putting upward pressure on the all-items CPI. Excluding gasoline, the CPI rose at a slower pace year over year in April (+2.0%) compared with March (+2.2%).

*Consumer Price Index, April 2026, May 19, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

#### Travel between Canada and other countries, March 2026



Source: Statcan

In March 2026, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States decreased 6.4% year over year, while trips to Canada by United States residents increased 4.4%. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from overseas (+3.5%) and trips to Canada by overseas residents (+5.6%) increased in March compared with the same month one year earlier. Trips to Canada by United States residents and overseas residents increase 4.4% and 5.6%, respectively.

*Travel between Canada and other countries, March 2026, May 21, 2026, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### Transportation bill sets \$240B for major modes



Photo: Wikimedia Commons

The text of the massive federal surface transportation bill, branded as the BUILD America 250 Act, was released on May 18, 2026 by the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill, formally known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, in total allocates \$674 billion in core reauthorization, with \$240 billion in authorized and direct funding for services and infrastructure across trucking, rail, aviation, and ports. Debate is scheduled to begin Thursday, May 20, 2026.

*Transportation bill sets \$240B for major modes, May 18, 2026, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### Lost with Probe Data? BTS Marks the Spot.

Over the last decade, probe data have become a common tool for measuring mobility in the United States, yet much about these innovative, yet rapidly-changing, data types remains a mystery to many of the planners and policymakers who need them for their jobs. To help, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) created the Probe Data Learning Hub, where current and prospective users can learn more about common types of probe data in one location. Users can browse a series of user guides that outline the origin, features, and applications, shining a light on the informational “black box” that surrounds these data.

*Lost with Probe Data? BTS Marks the Spot, May 20, 2026, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

### BTS Releases Transportation Public Finance Statistics 2024 Data

On May 20, 2026, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released the Transportation Public Finance Statistics (TPFS) with final 2024 data. TPFS provides information on transportation-related

revenue and expenditures for all levels of Government, including Federal, state, and local, and for all modes of transportation. BTS plans to release 2024 State by State TPFS numbers July of 2026. *BTS Releases Transportation Public Finance Statistics 2024 Data, May 20, 2026, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

### EU-US trade: Council and Parliament strike a deal to implement the tariff elements of the Joint Statement

On May 20, 2026, the Council presidency and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on two regulations aimed at implementing the tariff-related aspects of the **EU-US Joint Statement**, agreed on 21 August 2025. The agreement marks an important step in **delivering on the commitments** undertaken in the EU-US Joint Statement. It aims at enhancing a stable and predictable transatlantic trade relationship, while **ensuring robust safeguards** and **preserving flexibility** to be able to protect the EU’s economic interests, if needed. The Joint Statement is expected to serve as a platform to continue engaging with the US to lower tariffs and cooperate closely on shared challenges.

*EU-US trade: Council and Parliament strike a deal to implement the tariff elements of the Joint Statement, May 20, 2026, [www.europa.eu](http://www.europa.eu)*

### NOW BOARDING: Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy & FAA Administrator Bedford Deliver Radical Transparency with New “Modern Skies” Website

Ahead of the busy 2026 Memorial Day travel weekend, Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford launched a groundbreaking website highlighting the more than 10,000 air traffic control modernization projects that are happening across the nation. The site’s data will be updated monthly to ensure the flying public has an unprecedented level of transparency into how their tax dollars are being spent. Interactive page offers a transparent, up-close view of how the FAA is investing \$12.5 billion from the *One Big Beautiful Bill* into air traffic control facilities across the country.

*NOW BOARDING: Trump’s Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy & FAA Administrator Bedford Deliver Radical Transparency with New “Modern Skies” Website, May 21, 2026, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



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### **BCAC26 Conference Kelowna – Opening Insightful Speaker, Dr. Suzanne Kearns on May 25-27**

**Arguably Canada's leading aviation and aerospace post-secondary educator, first class author, academic and facilitator, Dr. Kearns will launch a variety of topics designed to promote open discussion throughout our policy/programs conference.**

BCAC are delighted to announce that [Dr. Suzanne Kearns](#), Founding Director of the Waterloo Institute of Sustainable Aeronautics ([WISA](#)) and Associate Professor, Aviation, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo, will be their future thoughts Opening Speaker at our [2026 Conference in Kelowna](#).

Dr. Kearns is a leading academic with a focus on education and improving pilot performance. Her research explores how to optimize the next generation of aviation professionals (NGAP) by analyzing processes to attract people to the field of aviation.

An accomplished educator both in the classroom and through electronic courseware, Dr. Kearns has taught thousands of aviation professionals worldwide. She is a former airplane and helicopter pilot and is internationally recognized within the aviation and aerospace industry.

Dr. Kearns is the author or co-author of six books, including the textbook “Fundamentals of International Aviation” which is used around the world in multiple translations. In 2021, she founded the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA), a research institute at the University of Waterloo which she leads as its Director. WISA includes more than 140 faculty members and has a mission to become the world’s leading hub for sustainable aeronautical research, technology, and education.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Kearns speak – register today for the 2026 BCAC Conference Kelowna: Soaring Above Challenges – Eyes on the Horizon

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## Vancouver Area Council SPRING NETWORKING EVENT

Join us for a spring networking opportunity bringing together industry associations, business and post-secondary partners across the supply chain ecosystem. Come out and meet your next supplier, customer or future employee - Everyone is welcome!

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### **CITT Vancouver Area Council is hosting a Spring Networking Event on May 29 at 5:30 PM at The Terminal Pub, 115 12th Street, New Westminster, BC.**

Join them for a spring networking opportunity bringing together industry associations, business and post-secondary partners across the supply chain ecosystem. Come out and meet your next supplier, customer or future employee - Everyone is welcome!

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## Job Postings

### \* Replenishment Analyst (Evergreen), Canadian Tire Corporation, Toronto, ON, Canada

#### About the job

Please note that your application will be considered for the current and future hiring opportunities within this job posting.

#### What You'll Do

The Replenishment Analyst role is a full-time permanent position, with learning and development opportunities including exposure to senior leaders, designation/certification/schooling support and mentorship. We also provide a comprehensive and competitive benefits package that flexes to meet your individual needs.

As a Replenishment Analyst you will develop broad operational experience while managing replenishment for specific categories. Replenishment Analysts collaborate with suppliers and internal teams to manage the flow of inventory into Distribution Centres and respond to changes in demand. Working in partnership with the Category Management, Forecasting, and Promotions teams, you will introduce exciting new products while maintaining and developing existing product assortments for promotional, regular, and seasonal demand. At the intersection of Supply Chain and Merchandising, this role is a cross-functional opportunity that is integral to the organization due to the high level of accountability and the critical impact to the bottom line.

- Negotiation and supplier relationship management, collaboration with internal and external stakeholders
- Data mining and analysis
- Rapid problem solving and thinking on your feet
- Seasonal inventory and replenishment strategy
- Distribution Requirements Planning (DRP)

- Supply Chain functions such as Operations Planning, Transportation, Distribution, Inventory Management
- Ownership and direct accountability for results and metrics

#### What You Bring

- Undergraduate or post graduate degree in Engineering, Math, Business or Commerce, with demonstrated interest in operations and supply chain
- 2+ Years Work Experience, can include Co-op or Internship experience
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Access
- Work experiences in analyst roles highly valued, especially data driven, analytical, or process improvement experience
- Analytical, comfortable with data driven decision making and working with numbers
- Negotiators able to gain consensus with internal and external stakeholders

We're always looking for great talent! In addition to competitive pay, we offer:

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Our typical hiring range is between \$53,000 and \$88,000. Salary decisions are also dependent on other factors such as your experience, job-related knowledge, skills and competencies, market location, industry benchmarks, internal equity and other role-specific requirements.

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### \* Supply Planner, Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., Mississauga, ON, Canada

#### The What

#### Make A Difference for Those Who Make the World™

As a Supply Planner you will be part of a dedicated team based in Mississauga, Ontario and reporting to the Supply Planning Manager.

The Supply Planner is responsible for managing inventory levels and supporting business objectives through effective supply planning. This role works closely with the Demand Planning Team and cross-functional partners—including Sales, Marketing, Finance, Operations, and Manufacturing—to ensure optimal inventory, best-in-class service levels, and successful new product introductions.

### **The Why**

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### **What You Will Get To Do**

- Develop and maintain supply plans for assigned product lines; balancing inventory targets, service levels while reducing excess and obsolete inventory through proactive management of new product development (NPD), product transitions, and underselling items
- Analyze demand forecasts and inventory data to create replenishment schedules, collaborating with global planning, manufacturing, and distribution teams to ensure timely and efficient product flow
- Monitor and report on key supply chain metrics, including inventory turns, fill rates, and back orders
- Identify, communicate, and escalate risks to supply and service levels, and provide recovery plans and get-well dates for out-of-stock scenarios
- Lead and participate in monthly Supply Review and Promotional Review meetings to assess supply risks, align on inventory strategies, and ensure readiness for upcoming promotions and demand spike
- Manage inventory levels to minimize excess and obsolescence
- Develop and manage SKU inventory planning strategies utilizing JDA, maintaining accurate planning parameters and data integrity
- Support the supply of new products through setup, production, and market delivery, as well as end-of-life transitions, coordinating globally with Marketing, Demand, Supply Chain, and Manufacturing teams

- Drive process improvements to enhance supply planning accuracy and efficiency
- Serve as the link between suppliers, manufacturing locations, and the Canadian market, representing Supply Chain Operations
- Work on ad-hoc improvement projects; other duties as assigned

### **Who You Are**

- 3-5 years of demonstrated Inventory Planning/Supply Chain experience
- Post-Secondary education in Supply Chain Management, Distribution or Inventory Management is preferred
- Experience working for a large retailer/CPG is preferred
- Exceptional organizational and leadership skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a complex, fast paced, deadline-driven environment
- Intermediate/advanced experience using Microsoft Excel
- Computer proficiency a must (MS Office products)
- Knowledge of PBI, SAP and JDA Supply Planning System an asset

### **What You Get**

- Anticipated compensation for this role is \$70,000-\$75,000 in annual base salary. Salary is based on market location, and may vary depending on job-related knowledge, skills, and experience.
- We care about the safety and the well-being of our employees.
- A supportive work environment where you can be your best every day.
- Opportunities to stretch and develop in our diverse lines of business within our Fortune 200 company.
- We offer different ways for you to give back to communities where we operate.
- Competitive compensation & benefits package.
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## \* **Logistics Management Analyst, Lockheed Martin, Bridgeport, NJ, USA**

### **About the job**

#### **Basic Qualifications**

- Ability to demonstrate proficient knowledge of computer systems, databases and programs.
- Organization and communication skills.
- Experience in developing reports using Microsoft products to communicate to multiple customers and programs
- Demonstrate strong analytical, problem solving and multi-tasking skills.
- Possess knowledge of lean manufacturing and ability to work in team environment.
- Able to understand engineering drawings and parts lists.
- Candidate must be able to obtain a Secret Government Clearance

#### **Job Description**

#### **WHO WE ARE**

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#### **What We're Doing**

At Lockheed Martin, we're revolutionizing the aerospace and defense sector through groundbreaking technology, advanced manufacturing processes, and a world-class team of professionals. Our mission-driven approach and unwavering dedication to excellence ensure that we continue to deliver superior products and solutions to our customers around the world.

#### **THE WORK**

Controls the efficient flow of goods, services, and information between point of origin through customer placement in order to meet customer requirements. Ensures that customer service and time objectives are

achieved within existing financial constraints in order to meet marketing and financial objectives. Ensures the execution and continuous improvement of standard logistics processes, such as the replenishment system, data interchange systems, demand management, electronic data systems administration and related functions. Builds relationships with strategic customers through logistics initiatives. Integrates learning from customers, competitors, operating entities, distribution, transportation, customer service, other industries, industry groups, and professional training to continuously improve competitive position.

#### **Who You Are**

You are a dynamic and results-oriented professional with a passion for driving operational excellence and optimizing production processes. You thrive in a fast-paced environment and are adept at managing complex projects while maintaining a high level of accuracy and attention to detail. Your strong analytical skills, coupled with your ability to communicate effectively and collaborate across departments, make you an invaluable asset to our team.

#### **WHY JOIN US**

**Opportunity for Impact:** Join a team that is at the forefront of innovation in the aerospace and defense industry and make a significant impact on the success of our organization.

**Professional Development:** Take advantage of unparalleled opportunities for growth and advancement within Lockheed Martin, with access to world-class training and development programs.

**Collaborative Culture:** Work alongside some of the brightest minds in the industry who share your passion for excellence and who are committed to supporting each other's success.

**Competitive Benefits:** Enjoy a comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, retirement plans, and paid time off, as well as competitive salary offerings.

**Cutting-Edge Technology:** Be part of a dynamic and forward-thinking work environment where you will have the opportunity to work with the latest technology and contribute to groundbreaking projects that are shaping the future of aerospace and defense.

#### **Desired Skills**

- Degree from an accredited college or equivalent experience in the field such as supply chain management, operations management, industrial engineering or business.
- Excellent communication, team building and analytical skills.
- Ability to work with multiple levels of management, industry and peers at site and across the one RMS factory.
- Inventory control, material handling knowledge and shipping in SAP/Solumina or similar inventory management systems.
- Purchase placement, tracking and expediting of material working with buyers, engineers and vendors.
- Report generation for presentation to leadership, customer and program office

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## \* Procurement & Operations Analyst, Louis Vuitton, New York, NY, USA

### About The Job

Louis Vuitton Americas is seeking a *Procurement & Operations Analyst*, this individual will play a critical role in optimizing procurement processes, managing inventory, and providing operational support across various departments.

This position is responsible for executing tactical procurement functions for a diverse range of direct and indirect categories, including but not limited to IT, Construction, Operations, Distribution Centers, and Workshops. This role is crucial in supporting the RFI, RFQ, RFP process and optimizing supplier selection to align with department strategy management practices and spend management principles. The primary goal is to drive cost avoidance/savings while ensuring high quality and conditions indication of LVMH are met.

### Job responsibilities

Responsibilities include but are limited:

#### Procurement & Category Support

- Support the tactical procurement function for multiple direct and indirect spend categories, ensuring adherence to establish policies and procedures.

- Assist in competitive bidding procedures, vendor selection, and contract negotiation to secure favorable terms and pricing across various categories.
- Collaborate with category managers on strategic projects to optimize spend, identify cost-saving opportunities, and improve supplier relationships.
- Focus on optimizing long-tail spend and other strategic initiatives to drive value and efficiency.

### Inventory Management

- Support inventory planning, forecasting, and control efforts to maintain optimal stock levels and minimize carrying costs.
- Assist in monitoring inventory turns, identifying potential obsolescence, and coordinating with stakeholders to ensure product availability

### Data Analysis & Reporting

- Develop and maintain dashboards of operational metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to procurement performance, inventory health and operational efficiency.
- Leverage spend analytics, purchase order reports, market data, and inventory data to identify opportunities for cost savings, supplier consolidation, and process improvements.
- Prepare regular reports and presentation for stakeholder, highlighting trends, performance, and recommendations.

### Operational Support & Continuous Improvement

- Provide general operational support to various departments, troubleshooting issues, and facilitating cross-functional communication.
- Participate in continuous improvement initiatives to enhance procurement processes, inventory management practices, and overall operational workflows.
- Ensure compliance with internal policies, regulatory requirements, and ethical standards in all procurement and operational activities.

### Profile

## Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree required (technical, supply chain, or business concentration preferred).
- 1-3 years of experience in procurement or a professional business environment with multiple stakeholders and complex requirements. Multi-site operations experience is a plus.

## Skills & Tools:

- Strong data analysis and advanced spreadsheet proficiency (Excel).
- Excellent presentation skills (PowerPoint).
- Clear and concise written and oral communication, adapted to diverse audiences.

## Knowledge & Attributes:

- Demonstrated procurement experience or a strong understanding of supplier markets and spend data.
- Exhibits agility, flexibility, and a process-oriented mindset.
- Exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Customer service-oriented with a strong commitment to delivering high-quality results.

The appointed candidate will be offered a salary within USD \$80,000 - \$90,000 annually, comprehensive benefits package including: medical, dental, vision, short and long-term disability, various paid time off programs, employee discounts/perks and two retirement plans both with employer contributions.

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