

BC Port Strike

FCL Fisker has been monitoring the Strike in the West Coast on a daily basis and has made every effort to ensure our clients' shipments are taken care of in the most professional manner.

Dock workers had been on strike since July 3, 2023, and thankfully, after ten days, a tentative agreement was reached. July 14, 2023, we released a NEWSFLASH to all of our clients that the strike was over.

However, July 19, 2023, the ILWU (International Longshore and Warehouse Union) rejected the offer and recommenced a work "stoppage/strike" at various sites across British Columbia.

CIRB (Canada Industrial Relations Board) advised the ILWU that a 72-hour notice was not provided and that the work "stoppage/strike" was illegal.

On July 19, 2023, the ILWU then issued a 72-hour strike notice that would go into effect on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 9:00 am.

July 20, 2023, Premier Justin Trudeau intervened, and the ILWU **removed their 72-hours strike notice.**



July 31, 2023: The ILWU Canada members voted down the tentative agreement, leaving Canada's supply chain and livelihoods hanging in the balance.

The ILWU and the BCMEA (British Columbia Maritime Employers Association) have now concluded a negotiated collective agreement with the assistance of the CIRB. The Parties are recommending ratification of the collective agreement to the union's membership and member employers respectively.

FCL Fisker will continue to keep our clients informed of any further news as it pertains to the busiest port in Canada, Vancouver, BC. Updates are provided in this Newsletter accordingly.

Sylvia Beck, Inside Sales

IN REVIEW | JULY 2023

MARINE

July 16 | “Typhoon Talim”

The first typhoon of the year has touched down in Hang Kong and a No. 8 warning signal has been assigned. Container ports/terminals & equipment yards will be closed today. *Source: NGL*

July 24 | “Canada West Coast Port Update”

The ILWU Longshore Caucus has approved and will recommend to membership the terms of settlement proposed by the federal mediator and ratified by the BCMEA on July 13. The tentative deal will be sent for a ratification vote by the ILWU voting membership, expected late this week, with results anticipated shortly thereafter. *Source: CIFFA*

July 26 | “Drought Conditions See Panama Canal Restrict Daily Transits”

The Panama Canal Authority has decided to restrict the number of daily transits to 32 vessels a day as Central America grapples with the effects of drought and the El Niño weather phenomenon.

The canal will keep its maximum draft at 13.41 m for the next “several” months, it stated in a release yesterday, some 2 m shy of its maximum.

“As part of a worldwide phenomenon, in the last six months, the Canal has experienced an extended dry season with high levels of evaporation, with a high probability of an El Niño condition before the end of this calendar year,” the authority stated in a release, while announcing the transit restrictions. At peak performance, the canal can handle up to 40 transits a day. *Source: Splash 247.com*

AIR

July 4 | “Air Cargo is Likely to Experience a Rough Ride More Often”

When you're moving cargo from point to point, air is usually the shipping mode that's both the fastest and the most expensive in comparison with trucks and ships. Now scientists say it could earn one more superlative: the bumpiest.

Thanks to the warmer air temperatures associated with climate change, the skies are up to 55% more turbulent today than they were four decades ago, according to the meteorologists at the University of Reading in the UK. The researchers found that the total annual duration of severe turbulence increased by 55% from 1979 to 2020 when measured at a typical point over the North Atlantic, one of the world's busiest flight routes. *Source: CIFFA / DC Velocity*

July 10 | “Minister of Transport Announces Funding to Increase Supply Chain Capacity at Toronto Pearson International Airport”

Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra last week announced an investment of nearly \$94 million under the National Trade Corridors Fund for a cargo development project at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

The project will improve cargo capacity by building two new facilities: the South Cargo Transfer Development Facility (YYZ South) and the North Cargo Apron Development (YYZ North). YYZ South will

increase capacity for incoming cargo, and YYZ North will build additional infrastructure for more cargo aircraft parking spaces, which will also increase cargo capacity. *Source: CIFFA / Transport Canada*

ROAD / RAIL

July 24 | “CN Customer News: Eastern Washouts”

CN advises that heavy rainfall in Nova Scotia has resulted in delays across the Atlantic region. Damages from the rainstorm on the railway's Bedford and Dartmouth subdivisions are impacting service to/from the Port of Halifax.

Once the rain event has passed, CN's focus will be to enable crews to clean any debris, assess any damages and prepare for any repairs that may be required.

Affected customers will be contacted by their CN Customer Service Representative. *Source: CIFFA*

UPDATE: July 25: State of Emergency remains in effect for 14 days, until August 5, unless government terminates or extends it. The following areas are currently the most affected: East & West Hants, Halifax Regional Municipality, Lunenburg & Queens counties. *Source: CIFFA*

CUSTOMS

July 5 | “CARM Client Portal Webinars”

The Onboarding Webinar is an ideal first step in registering to the CARM Client Portal. If you have already attended these onboarding webinars, there is another series of webinars below.

CARM Client Portal Onboarding Webinars

The CBSA's Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) team is continuing monthly webinars that focus on the steps for onboarding to the CARM Client Portal.

Registration is required for these webinars. Please register using the link that corresponds to your preferred date/time. If you cannot attend, please simply send us an email at the CARM Engagement mailbox and we will send you the material and link to the recording. *Source: CBSA*

| Webinar Registration – CARM Client Portal Onboarding | | | |
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| English | Tuesday, August 15 th , 2023 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm EST | Register |
| | Tuesday, September 19 th , 2023 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm EST | Register |
| French | Tuesday, August 15 th , 2023 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm EST | Register |

What You Need to Know with CARM Release 2 Webinar

These webinars will focus on the key changes to understand and prepare prior to Release 2 of the CARM Client Portal.

Registration is required for these webinars. Please register using the link that corresponds to your preferred date/time. If you cannot attend, please send us an email at the CARM Engagement mailbox and we will send you the material and link to the recording.

| Webinar Registration – What You Need to Know with CARM Release 2 Webinar | | | |
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| English | Tuesday, August 29 th , 2023 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm EST | Register |
| | Tuesday, September 26 th , 2023 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm EST | Register |
| French | Tuesday, September 26 th , 2023 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm EST | Register |

A reminder that you can continue to access important CARM support materials on the [CARM Client Portal Onboarding Documentation](#) section. All recordings and materials are available on the [CARM GoogleDrive](#). If you cannot attend the webinar, you can still access the materials and recording. No need to register for the live webinar. Please send any questions and comments to CBSA.CARM Engagement-Engagement de la GCRA.ASFC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.

July 10 | “CBSA Trade Verification Priorities July 2023”

The CBSA has released the July 2023 Trade Compliance Verification priorities.

There are currently no verification priorities under Origin, however the CBSA has included a reminder that Belarus and Russia origin goods are assessed at the General Tariff rate of duty and are not entitled to the Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) preferential rates of duty.

Tariff verification priorities are:

- Freezers and other freezing equipment – Harmonized System Number(s): Headings 84.18
- Washer and Dryers - Harmonized System Number(s): Headings 84.50 and 84.51
- Spent fowl - Harmonized System Number(s): Headings 02.07, 16.01 and 16.02
- LED lamps - Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 85.39
- Furniture for non-domestic purposes - Harmonized System Number(s): Headings 94.01 and 94.03
- Parts of lamps - Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 94.05
- Cell phone cases - Harmonized System Number(s): Headings 39.26, 42.02 and 85.17
- Pickled vegetables -Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 20.01
- Parts of machines and mechanical appliances - Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 84.79
- Bicycle Parts - Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 87.14
- Parts for Use with Machinery of Chapter 84 - Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 84.31
- Indicator Panels and Light-Emitting Diodes (LED) – Harmonized System Number(s): Heading 85.31 and 84.41
- Safety Headgear (Round 5) –Harmonized System Number(s): Subheading 6506.10
- Disposable and Protective Gloves (Round 5) – Harmonized System Number(s): Subheadings 3926.20 and 4015.19

Valuation priorities are:

- Apparel - Harmonized System Number(s): Chapters 61 and 62, with an emphasis on assists

Members who have clients who import any of the goods on this list should be aware so that they can be prepared for when CBSA comes calling. Full details are available on the [CBSA website](#). **Source:** CBSA

July 18 | “Minister Ng Concludes Successful Seventh Meeting of Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Commission”

Today, in Auckland, New Zealand, the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, concluded her participation in the seventh Commission meeting of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) hosted by New Zealand.

Minister Ng and her CPTPP partners welcomed the United Kingdom as the newest member of the agreement. As Canada's third-largest single-country trading partner for goods and services, the U.K. is one of Canada's closest partners. The U.K. will be the first country to accede to the CPTPP since it came into force and, as a result, the agreement will represent 14.6% of global GDP and provide access to nearly 590 million consumers.

During the Commission meeting, Minister Ng and CPTPP partners discussed growing inclusive, rules-based, and sustainable trade, and how benefits of the CPTPP will grow with the U.K.'s accession. Minister Ng highlighted the benefits that the CPTPP is already providing for Canadian businesses, farmers, exporters, and workers. Canadian exports to new markets through the CPTPP have increased by nearly 35.8% since 2018, reaching more than \$24 billion in 2022. A year after the CPTPP came into effect, 135,000 jobs were created by firms that saw their exports to the new CPTPP markets grow by 25% or more.

Minister Ng also attended the Inclusive Trade Action Group (ITAG) meeting, where she and Canada's ITAG partners committed to working together to expand inclusive trade and ensure the benefits of trade are more widely shared. At the meeting, ITAG members endorsed the new Tāmaki Makaurau Joint Declaration on Sustainable and Inclusive Trade. Minister Ng also announced that Canada has completed its ITAG Three-Year Review report and emphasized that there have been sustainable development and inclusive trade benefits for Canada since joining the CPTPP.

On the margins of the CPTPP meeting, Minister Ng also participated in the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement (DEPA) ministerial meeting. During the meeting, Minister Ng emphasized that she was pleased with the constructive discussions that have taken place as part of the DEPA Accession Working Group for Canada and noted Canada's readiness to meet the standards of this forward-looking agreement.

During her time in Auckland, Minister Ng also held bilateral meetings with counterparts from Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam, to discuss ongoing and potential areas of bilateral cooperation.

Canada thanks New Zealand for its role as Chair of the CPTPP Commission in 2023 and looks forward to chairing the Commission in 2024. Canada will work with its CPTPP partners to continue to bring more like-minded countries into the agreement for the benefit of people and workers.

This was excerpted from the 16 July 2023 [Global Affairs Canada News Release](#). Source: CBSA

July 31 | “Yellow is Shutting Down and Headed for Bankruptcy, the Teamsters Union says”

Trucking company Yellow Corp. has shut down operations and is headed for a bankruptcy filing, according to the Teamsters Union and multiple media reports. After years of financial struggles, reports of Yellow preparing for bankruptcy emerged last week — as the Nashville, Tennessee-based trucker saw customers leave in large numbers. Yellow shut down operations on Sunday, according to the Wall Street Journal, following the layoffs of hundreds of non-union employees on Friday.

In an announcement early Monday, the Teamsters said that the union received legal notice confirming Yellow was ceasing operations and filing for bankruptcy.

This is an excerpt from the 31 July 2023 edition of [ABC News](#). *Source: CBSA*

July 31 | “WTO Issues 2023 Edition of the World Trade Statistical Review”

The WTO issued today the latest edition of the World Trade Statistical Review, its annual flagship publication featuring key data on global trade in merchandise and commercial services.

The [World Trade Statistical Review 2023](#) presents recent trends in international trade at a time of geopolitical and macroeconomic strains and technological challenges affecting the global economy and supply chains. The data covers merchandise and services trade broken down by geographical origin, main product groups and sectors, along with related data on key economic developments such as GDP growth, commodity prices, and exchange rate fluctuations.

Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala says in the foreword to the report: “As a succession of crises buffet the global economy, with the COVID-19 pandemic giving way to the war in Ukraine, inflation, monetary tightening, and widespread debt distress, world trade has lost momentum, with trade growth slowing in 2022 and remaining weak into early 2023. That said, global trade growth has remained positive, underscoring how trade has been a force for economic recovery and resilience. Nevertheless, numerous downside risks, from geopolitical tensions to potential financial instability, are clouding the medium-term outlook for both trade and overall output.”

The analytical chapters highlight trade trends in 2022, when world merchandise trade in volume terms rose by 2.7%, compared with 12.4% in value terms. This higher rate for trade value is largely due to price increases in primary commodities as a consequence of geopolitical tensions. Trade in commercial services outpaced merchandise trade, growing by 15%, notably led by digitally delivered services.

The analytical chapters are complemented by statistical tables providing further details on merchandise trade and trade in commercial services.

The publication can be downloaded [here](#). All charts and tables may be downloaded in Excel or in PDF format. Printed copies will be available in August. French and Spanish editions will be available for download in September.

Additional data are available through the [WTO statistics webpage](#) and the [WTO STATS Portal](#).

Time series data on merchandise and commercial services trade, on an annual basis, may also be downloaded [here](#). This is a 31 July 2023 news item by the [World Trade Organization](#). *Source: CBSA*

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