

## THEFT OCCURENCES ON THE RISE

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*Sylvia Beck, Inside Sales*

## IN REVIEW | MAY 2023

### MARINE

#### May 2 | “Spring Thaw Update”

To all Customers shipping to/from the Province of Quebec. Transports Quebec has provided the dates for the lifting of the Spring Thaw restrictions.

Please note that payload weights in equipment to be delivered by CNTL can now be loaded per the normal requirements for shipments planned to arrive after the start-date noted below.

Official dates\* for the lifting of the weight restrictions at this time are (subject to change without notice):

- Spring thaw Zone 1: April 28th, 2023
- Spring thaw Zone 2: May 19th, 2023
- Spring thaw Zone 3: May 26th, 2023

\*Transports Quebec may change these dates depending on changes in weather conditions. *Source: CN Customer News*



## May 2 | “Port of Montreal and HAROPA Port Renew Cooperation Agreement”

The Port of Montreal and HAROPA Port renew their agreement aiming to strengthen the trade corridors between Canada and France.

In order to consolidate their relationship, engage in deliberations, initiate actions, and promote mutually beneficial approaches, the two port authorities signed their international cooperation agreement, which focusses on the following five pillars.

The first one is commercialization and development of logistics clusters outside the port territory, secondly, the energy efficiency and sustainable development, thirdly the long-term viability of infrastructure and innovations, next, the job attractiveness and diversity and finally, collaboration between port authorities and trade corridors.

The agreement was signed on 28 April by Martin Imbleau, President, and chief executive officer of the Montreal Port Authority (MPA), and Stéphane Raison, CEO of HAROPA Port.

"The renewal of this agreement is an important signal to strengthen cooperation and exchanges between two very similar ecosystems, the Seine Axis and the St. Lawrence. We hope to be able to put in place a number of innovative initiatives that will serve to green transport between France and Canada and provide our clients and partners with a decarbonized logistics service," commented Stéphane Raison. *Source: Container News*

## May 4 | “Container Charges Face New Regulations in UAE Amid Transparency Concerns”

Local container charges levied by ocean carriers and freight forwarders are poised to face scrutiny from the trade regulators in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

According to DMA, the scope of local charges covers “any and all services provided in the Emirate arising out of or in connection with sea container operations, including but not limited to loading and unloading, weighing, handling, shifting within or between terminal(s), ports or inland storage facilities, storage, stuffing, destuffing, dunning, sealing, delivery, custom clearing or obtaining any government permits/licences/documents, surveillance, inspection, monitoring and repair, as well as cargo or container document issuance, delivery, exchange or amendment.”

The updated trade regulation is expected to have major implications for the container logistics industry, as violations will attract penalties and other licensing consequences. *Source: Container News*

## May 8 | “Upsized 14,000 TEU Containership Arrives at Port of Halifax”

The 14,000 TEU container ship ONE Stork is the first upsized EC5 vessel that has arrived at the Port of Halifax in Canada.

The boxship with 364 metres in length overall arrived at PSA Halifax Atlantic Hub on 26 April. Captain Allan Gray, president, and CEO of Halifax Port Authority, commented, "PSA Halifax Atlantic Hub has the infrastructure, operational knowledge, and experience to efficiently handle vessels of this size. The upsizing of these vessels continues to solidify Halifax as Canada's Ultra Atlantic Gateway." *Source: Container News*

## May 11 | “Panama Canal: Drought, Shipping and the Supply Chain”

The past few months have been unusually dry across Panama and there is no sign of improvement over the next few weeks, let alone the rest of the spring season. In 2022, nearly 15,000 vessels with 520 million tons of cargo passed through the channel.

This year, there's simply not enough water – leading to vessel restrictions and ultimately fewer goods able to travel through this area that normally moves about 6% of global maritime trade. *Source: CIFFA*

## May 11 | “Cyclone Disrupts Sea and Airport”

Super-cyclone Mocha, which pounded Bangladesh and Myanmar's coasts yesterday, led to the suspension of operations at both Chittagong and Mongla seaports and Sittwe port in Myanmar. More delays are expected. Operations at the port were suspended on Friday as cyclone Mocha approached. Flight operations at the two airports resumed on Monday morning. *Source: The Loadstar*

## May 23 | “Severe Drought Forces Panama Canal to Impose Shipping Restrictions”

A severe drought impacting the Panama Canal is compelling container vessels to lighten loads and charge higher rates, with further increases in the cost of shipping cargo via the canal expected this summer.

The largest vessels will have to lower drafts by carrying less or cutting the weight of cargoes as of May 24, followed by yet another decrease, which kicks in on May 29.

Some major ocean carriers have declared new rates for their goods shipped on the channel as of June 1<sup>st</sup> in response to canal limitations. *Source: CIFFA / Marine Insight*

## May 25 | “Vancouver Increases Container Throughput at DP World Terminal”

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority joined with terminal operator DP World to mark the completion of a major expansion project at one of the port's terminals. The increased capacity is considered critical to the near-term growth of the port while Vancouver continues a long-term process to add a third terminal and operator to the port.

The expansion project was designed to increase throughput at the terminal by 60 percent. Construction on the US\$260 million project was completed in February 2023 and, with the facilities now in operation, capacity has been increased to 1.5 million TEU a year, 40 percent over the previous capacity of 600,000 TEU annually. The terminal's footprint was increased by 15 percent. *Source: CIFFA / The Maritime Executive*

## AIR

### May 1 | “AfA Says Air Cargo Industry Lagging on Lithium Battery Detection”

Lithium batteries are a significant problem for air cargo due to the complex regulations governing their transportation, said Airforwarders Association's Executive Director, Brandon Fried, during IATA's World Cargo Symposium.

If mishandled, batteries can catch fire, making them high-profile hazards for stakeholders, including regulators, shippers, forwarders, carriers, and ground handlers. According to current regulations, **lithium batteries cannot be shipped more than 30% charged.**

“What happens when you have a manufacturer or shipper that tenders cargo that might be at 100% state of charge?” Fried said. “How will you know, as an airline, as a freight forwarder?”

Fried suggested that one solution to help shippers detect danger in the cargo they transport could be using dogs to detect lithium levels. “I say let’s get more dogs out to the airport,” he said. “Because here’s the thing: We can talk about fire-resistant containers and coverage for containers only. They’re expensive — they cost a lot of money because they weigh 40 and 50 pounds each. And there are hundreds of containers out there. Suppose you’re wrong, and you get an undeclared box in a container full of paper. Now you have a fire that’s been in the container.”

“You know, obviously we’re going to do what we think is best, but the governments have to be in consultation with us,” Fried said. *Source Air Cargo Next / Shipco Weekly*

## ROAD / RAIL

### May 1 | “Vancouver Prepares to Build C\$3.5 billion Mega-Container Terminal”

Canada’s Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has received conditional environmental approval from the federal government for a planned C\$3 billion mega-container terminal – the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 or RBT2. Upon completion of RBT2, container capacity would rise by nearly 50% at Canada’s largest port.

The port authority has been looking for a new terminal for two decades and says it could open facilities in the early 2030s. However, it must first meet 370 legally binding conditions tied to environmental and wildlife regulations and Indigenous land rights. *Source: Journal of Commerce / Shipco Weekly*

### May 2 | “Reported Cargo Thefts Rise Sharply, and That’s Just Part of the Story”

The trucking industry is facing a sharp increase in cargo theft, even as insurance providers and police forces say the crime is underreported by those who suffer the losses.

Since last year, cases of cargo theft increased nearly 80% in Canada and the U.S., says Keith Lewis, vice-president of operations at Verisk’s CargoNet, which reports thieves stole \$223 million worth of freight in 2022. Trucking-related fraud cases are up 700%.

Ontario’s Peel Region remains a hot spot, with Brampton and Mississauga one of the top areas for cargo thefts in North America.

However, crime is cascading beyond the GTA and into Quebec, Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton, Surrey, and Winnipeg. Most of today’s targeted cargo includes mixed loads, groceries, and automotive loads. *Source: CIFFA / Today’s Trucking*

### May 9 | “When Alberta Wildfires Shut Down Roads, Truckers Wait...and Wait”

More than 100 wildfires continue to burn in Alberta and thousands are still displaced. As thousands of evacuees flee their homes, truckers on the road are feeling the pressure of being stuck.

Several highways west of Edmonton are closed because of the fires. Multiple fires in the area are making it difficult to get around the closures as well. Long-haul trucker Calvin Delucry has been stuck in Hinton, Alta., for two days. He’s hauling barley to Camrose, Alta., but said the dairy farms waiting for him to arrive may be running out of barley for feed. *Source: CIFFA / CBC News*

## CUSTOMS

### May 1 | “Union Says Tentative Agreement Reached for 120,000 Public Servants”

The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) says it has reached a tentative contract agreement with the Treasury Board covering more than 120,000 federal government workers across the country.

The national strike is now over for most workers who fall under the Treasury Board. They'll be required to return to work Monday at 9 a.m. ET or their next scheduled shift, the union said in a statement early Monday.

PSAC said strike action continues for 35,000 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) workers nationwide, with contract negotiations ongoing. Telework, wages and job security are some of the key issues still at play, PSAC said...

This was excerpted from the 1 May 2023 edition of [CBC News](#). *Source CSCB*

### May 5 | “Notice to Industry: Implementation of the Amended Fertilizers Regulations”

The transition period for the Fertilizers Regulations is coming to an end on October 26, 2023. After that date, all fertilizer and supplement importers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers are required to comply with the provisions of the amended regulations.

Unprecedented circumstances created by the pandemic caused business disruptions across the value chain. As a result, industry is facing challenges meeting the transition deadline for new product registrations.

The CFIA is responding to concerns by implementing compliance promotion strategies for selected product categories to minimize impacts on industry during their transition to the new regulations.

Find out more in the [Notice to Industry](#). *Source CSCB*

### May 30 | “CBSA Seeks Feedback on Proposed Amendments to Update Valuation for Duty Regulations”

The BCCC Secretariat is seeking feedback on proposed amendments that will update the existing Valuation for Duty Regulations.

The amendments are part of the CBSA's efforts to modernize existing policies, programs, regulations and procedures to support the enforcement of Canadian laws governing customs valuation. The proposed regulations are available for review and comment in [For inquiries about Customs News Canada Gazette, Part 1, Volume 157, Number 21: Regulations Amending the Valuation for Duty Regulations](#).

The comment period will end on June 26. *Source: CIFFA*

### May 30 | “CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management” Financial Security Requirements

CBSA has updated website content for commercial importers. This October, the release prior to payment program (RPP) is expected to change, which will impact your operations. October 2023 is the expected launch date for CARM Release 2.

New web content is now available to help you to understand and prepare for this change: <http://ow.ly/A3OH500CoCL>

The following guide was recently published as additional information:

- Release Prior to Payment (RPP) at CARM Release 2 – Transition Plan  
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:ea33308d-cd3b-3b3a-801c-a2c618b9dd3d>

CBSA will continue to deliver monthly webinars, the next ones are scheduled as follows, please register if you wish to attend:

### **CARM Client Portal Onboarding Webinars**

The Onboarding Webinar is an ideal first step in registering to the CARM Client Portal.

<b>Webinar Registration – CARM Client Portal Onboarding</b>			
English	Tuesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	1:00pm - 2:30pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>
French	Tuesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	3:00pm - 4:30pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>

### **What You Need to Know with CARM Release 2 Webinar**

The What You Need to Know with CARM Release 2 Webinar will provide an overview of the key changes that are coming with Release 2 of the CARM Client Portal.

<b>Webinar Registration – What You Need to Know with CARM Release 2 Webinar</b>			
English	Tuesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	1:00pm – 2:30pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>
French	Tuesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	3:00pm - 4:30pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>

### **Stand-Alone Topic Webinars**

The Stand-Alone Topic Webinars will cover a single topic in detail to support TCPs prepare for CARM Release 2. The topics that will be covered in this series of webinars are Billing Cycles, Commercial Accounting Declarations and the Release Prior to Payment Program.

<b>Webinar Registration – Stand-Alone Topic Webinar: Release Prior to Payment Program</b>			
English	Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	1:00pm – 2:30pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>
French	Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	3:00pm - 4:30pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>

### **Open Mic Sessions**

Open Mic Sessions are an open forum where TCPs can attend to ask questions in English or French on topics covered in any of the webinars.

Registration – Open Mic Session			
Bilingual	Thursday, June 29th, 2023	1:00pm – 2:00pm EST	<a href="#">Register</a>

A reminder that you can continue to access important CARM support materials on the [CARM Client Portal Onboarding Documentation](#) section.

Please send any questions and comments to [CBSA.CARM\\_Engagement-Engagement\\_de\\_la\\_GCRA.ASFC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](mailto:CBSA.CARM_Engagement-Engagement_de_la_GCRA.ASFC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca).

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