

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SEAFARER, JUNE 25

Recognized by the United Nations, the International Day of the Seafarer honours the **2 million seafarers** whose vital contributions keep global markets running and maintain the flow of international supply chains and underscores the critical role that shipping plays as the lifeline of global trade, exemplified by the phrase: "Without seafarers, there would be no shipping."

Sylvia Beck, Inside Sales

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MARINE

June 3 | "Singapore Reopens Defunct Container Terminals to Tackle Vessel Bunching"

Authorities battling congestion in Singapore have reopened shuttered terminals to alleviate the mounting pressure on the world's largest transshipment hub. *Source: CIFFA/ The Loadstar*

June 3 | "European ENS (ICS2) Filing Update"

Effective immediately, EU Customs Authorities will require the following information as part of its Advance Cargo Information System.

The information below will be required and will appear on our HBL's :

- 6 Digit HS Code for Each Commodity
- Complete and Accurate Cargo Description
- Detailed and precise shipper & consignee information (document party info including Addresses, Email, Telephone numbers etc.).
- In the event Commercial Documentation is required (Commercial Invoices, Packing Lists) for T1 purposes or door deliveries – we require the actual seller and buyer information .
- EORI number for EU Consignee's (see below explanation), or a valid passport copy for Personal shipments.

EORI stands for "Economic Operators Registration and Identification." An EORI number is mandatory for customs clearance in the customs territory of the European Union. That relates to all types of customs operations such as export, import and transit. EORI uniquely identifies economic operators and other persons. For additional information: [Economic Operators Registration and Identification number \(EORI\) - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#) *Source: European Commission*

June 4 | “Canada Invests Over \$35M USD to Strengthen Global Trade Presence”

The Canadian government is investing up to C\$51.2 million (US\$37.5 million) in 19 digital infrastructure projects to bolster Canada’s global trade presence, including some projects that address the flow of container movements.

Funding will come from the National Corridors Trade Fund, a C\$4.6 billion program to make domestic supply chains more efficient, bolster infrastructure resiliency and reduce trade barriers, among other objectives. The 11-year program will wrap up funding on March 31, 2028; so far, C\$4.1 billion has been committed to projects since 2017.

Projects include:

- PSA Halifax’s container terminals digitalization project at the Port of Halifax in Nova Scotia aims to develop technology and software to improve the fluidity and efficiency of container operations (total project cost of C\$7.5 million, with a federal contribution of C\$3.7 million).
- The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority’s gateway optimization and forecasting project at the Port of Vancouver in British Columbia seeks to increase capacity and operational efficiencies at the port (total project cost of C\$24.9 million, with a federal contribution of C\$9.3 million).
- The OEC Group seeks to expand and improve access to its next-generation transportation management system, which aims to provide end-to-end shipment visibility (total project cost of C\$14.2 million, with a federal contribution of C\$6.8 million).
- The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association’s WaterfrontWorks project aims to address the reliability of waterfront labour supply so that Western Canada ports are better equipped to respond to cargo diversions and reduce vessel times (total project of C\$4.4 million, with a federal contribution of C\$2.2 million).

"Strengthening supply chains is essential to reducing trade barriers and strengthens Canada's international trade performance. These investments demonstrate Canada's commitment to stronger supply chains," said Vance Badawey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport, in a 31 May release from government agency Transport Canada. *Source: Container News*

June 13 | “Baltimore Port Entirely Open to Shipping Again”

Baltimore Port’s shipping channel fully reopened on 10 June, more than two months after Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed following an allision with box ship Dali. The channel restarted operations after the US Army Corps and US Navy Supervisor of Salvage and Diving removed 50,000 tonnes of debris from the 26 March incident that claimed the lives of six construction workers on the bridge. *Source: Container News*

June 14 | “More Strikes at German and French Ports Could Bring Congestion and Delays”

Port workers affiliated with German trade union ver.di have threatened strike action at the country’s key hubs, adding to North European shipper stress as labour tensions also rise in France.

Ver.di is organizing a series of dock strikes in Bremerhaven, Hamburg, Bremen, and Emden after talks with the Central Association of German Seaport Operators (ZDS) last week ended without success.

The union said it had been unable to secure a €3 “increase in hourly wages for port workers, as of 1 June, as well as a corresponding increase in shift bonuses, including making up for the lack of an increase in shift bonuses in the 2022 collective bargaining agreement”.

Negotiations will continue in Hamburg on the June 17th and 18th, but a warning strike is taking place today in Emden, and ver.di said: “It remains to be seen whether there will be another warning strike, if the ZDS does not submit an offer in the next round of negotiations.”

The union said that in 2022, warning strikes that accompanied talks “paralysed the ports for around 80 hours”.

Meanwhile, in France, labour unions representing dockers and other port workers have engaged in several one-day strikes, as well as numerous four-hour work stoppages this month, in protest over pension reform that increased the statutory retirement age.

More 24-hour strikes have been scheduled for June 21st and 25th, and four-hour walkouts on three days of each week this month, at Le Havre, Marseille-Fos, Dunkirk, Rouen, Bordeaux, and Nantes Saint-Nazaire.

The action could be extended into July if the unions do not receive a satisfactory response from the government to their demands.

If strikes at Le Havre, Hamburg and Bremerhaven coincide, Antwerp and Rotterdam could be inundated with North European shippers looking to shift capacity to fully operational ports.

Yesterday, Freightos head analyst Judah Levine said: “Destination ports in North Europe and North America are not reporting significant congestion yet. Disrupted schedules at origins could lead to some vessel bunching at these hubs, but with elevated volumes still expected to be seasonal and not at the levels seen during the pandemic, destination ports may be able to avoid extreme levels of congestion and delays.”

However, this outlook could change drastically if negotiations fail in both Germany and France. **Source:** *The Loadstar*

Update: June 19: Snap Election in France Prompts Labour Unions to Postpone Strikes at Ports.

June 17 | “Singapore Battles Oil Spill from Ruptured Bunker Barge”

Significant resources are being deployed to fight an oil spill that has washed up across much of Singapore’s southern coastline.

On Friday, a Van Oord dredger, Vox Maxima, lost power, and control of its steering and crashed into a bunker barge, Marine Honour, which was at anchor. Images show the barge’s hull was badly punctured with local reports suggesting at least half the very low sulphur fuel oil onboard, about 400 tonnes, spilled out.

Due to the tidal currents, parts of the oil spillage have landed along the southern shorelines including Sentosa, Labrador Nature Reserve, Southern Islands, Marina South Pier, and East Coast Park. An oil sheen was also seen in the waters surrounding Sister’s Islands Marine Park, a 400,000 sq m marine protected area.

Booms and dispersants are being used across a wide area of Singapore's southern coastline. **Source:** *Splash 247.com*

June 19 | "Piracy Incidents on the Rise in Bangladesh"

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre has warned that emerging Asian export powerhouse Bangladesh is suffering from increased piracy incidents.

The report notes that there have been nine piracy incidents in the first five months of the year, compared to just one in the same period in 2023.

The report advised shipping when at anchor or at berth in Bangladesh to exercise enhanced vigilance, and to maintain communication over VHF channels with the port control and law enforcement agencies when entering Bangladesh waters.

Both the country's navy and its coast guard have increased patrols in recent months while the Chittagong Port Authority has established a visual tracking information management system to monitor the movement of small country boats in the port's anchorage and outer anchorage areas. **Source:** *Splash 247.com*

ROAD / RAIL

June 13 | "CN Seeks Binding Talks with Teamsters in Labor Dispute"

Canadian National Railway amped up pressure on the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference to resolve an ongoing labor dispute with potentially wide-ranging impacts across North American supply chains.

A strike across either network cannot start before the CIRB issues a decision, and both railroads said a decision is unlikely before mid to late July, after the agency extended the deadline for case management conference submissions until June 14th.

This is an excerpt from the Transport Topics <https://www.ttnews.com/articles/cn-teamsters-labor-dispute>. **Source:** CSCB

June 20 | "Felixstowe Intermodal Services Partially Blocked by Train Derailment"

A train derailment on Tuesday partially blocked intermodal services at the UK port of Felixstowe and could disrupt traffic for a week.

The port's south rail terminal is working normally and has increased VBS bookings for hauliers to help mitigate the impact. "rail traffic to and from England's largest port is likely to be suspended until next week."

"According to reports from National Rail, the incident impacts all trains serving the port. Delays in container movement by rail are expected until rail tracks are cleared and repaired. The earliest date for reopening the railway for traffic is estimated to be Wednesday 26 June." **Source:** *The Loadstar*

June 20 | "CPKC Vaughan Terminal: Picking Up, Dropping Off Containers with Flat Deck Trailers"

Drivers are not permitted to access CPKC Intermodal terminals to pick up or drop off containers with flat deck trailers unless authorized in writing by terminal management.

Authorization will be provided only when required due to a mechanical/safety failure on a container. Service will be refused upon arrival at the terminal if permission has not been issued in advance. **Source:** *CIFFA*

CUSTOMS

June 11 | “Tentative Agreement Reached Re: Public Service Alliance of Canada” Potential Strike

The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and the Customs and Immigration Union (CIU) have reached a tentative agreement for more than 9,000 workers at CBSA, avoiding potential job action at Canada's borders:

“Our bargaining team has been working around the clock to secure the best contract for our members, and this tentative agreement is a testament to their incredible hard work and dedication,” said Sharon DeSousa, PSAC National President. “This is a well-deserved victory for our members at CBSA who safeguard our nation's borders and ensure the safety and security of all Canadians.”

Full details of the tentative agreement will be announced once the ratification kit is available for members Thursday, June 13.

“I'm proud of the solidarity our members have shown over that past two years of negotiations,” said Mark Weber, CIU National President. “Our bargaining team couldn't have won this agreement without the strength and support shown by thousands of members across the country who took action to support our bargaining team.” **Source:** *CSCB*

June 20 | “Customs Notice 24-20: Relocation of Moncton CBSA Office, Moncton, N.B. ”

Effective 08:30 AT on Monday, July 8th, the CBSA office at 81 Albert Street, Suite 401, Moncton, New Brunswick will relocate to 327 Urquhart Avenue, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1H 2R4.

Find more information in [Customs Notice 24-20](#). **Source:** *CIFFA*

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