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PEAK HOLIDAY SEASON

We are barreling toward a critical time of the year, with the holiday season just starting to peek over the horizon. The expected challenges of the Q4 selling period are especially prevalent this year, as a volatile trade environment has led to an early peak season for many shippers. Are you prepared?

Sylvia Beck, Inside Sales

IN REVIEW | AUGUST 2025

MARINE

August 5 | "Prime Minister Discusses Trade Issues and Projects at Port Vancouver"

Prime Minister Mark Carney on Sunday toured the Port of Vancouver and met with B.C. Premier David Eby.

In a post on X, Carney said: "At the Port of Vancouver today to talk about how we can ship to international markets more efficiently. As we strengthen and diversify our trade partnerships, we're making sure industries and workers have the tools they need to meet that demand."

The visit may be significant as the federal government is in the process of determining 'projects of national significance' for strengthening Canada's domestic economy. Eby identified the Port of Vancouver earlier this year as a key economic linchpin for increasing Canadian exports to the Asia-Pacific region.

Read more in an article from Island Social Trends. ***Source: CIFFA via Island Social Trends***

August 7 | "Typhoon Last Week Delays Containers at Yangtze River Delta"

Last week's typhoon, Co-May, although comparatively weak in energy saw the brief closure of Shanghai and Ningbo ports with the effect of backing up over 1 million TEU on the Yangtze River Delta.

"Congestion at Shanghai and Ningbo surged last week with over 1m TEU waiting at Yangtze River Delta anchorages due to typhoon Co-May that made landfall on 30-31 July," reported Linerlytica.

ICS Global Logistics said port operations in Shanghai were suspended, causing delays of up to a week or more, while Ningbo ports and warehouse facilities were also suspended as floods created unsafe conditions. ***Source: CIFFA via Seatrade Maritime News***

August 18 | "Port of Montreal Water Level Update"

In an update provided on August 15th, the Port of Montreal said that, due to low precipitation since early July, a downward trend in water levels is continuing. This is a significant concern for the port.

According to the most recent *Water Levels Forecast Bulletin*, published on August 11th, levels are expected to remain below chart datum in the coming weeks, except in the event of heavy rainfall in the Great Lakes Basin. Up-to-date data is available on the [Port of Montreal website] and through official Government of Canada sources, including the Canadian Coast Guard. ***Source: CIFFA***

August 21 | "Quebec Invests More than $41Million to Improve Port Infrastructure in Trois-Rivieres"

The Government of Quebec announced an investment of $41.6 million for major construction, development and infrastructure improvement work at the Port of Trois-Rivières.

The funds will be used for the reconstruction of wharf 17, the construction of a new wharf 16, the development of adjacent terminals and the backfilling of the basin formed by the current wharves 14, 15 and 16. This project also includes the installation of grain handling equipment by the company G3 Canada as well as two unloading gantries and a conveyor gallery for the unloading of alumina and calcined coke by Alcoa.

Read more in an [article from ReNew Canada]. ***Source: CIFFA***

August 22 | "Hurricane Erin Creates Risk for Shipping off U.S. East Coast"

The outer bands of Hurricane Erin have reached the coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic states, bringing risks to shipping and to the general public in beachfront communities.

Erin became a Category 1 hurricane last week and rapidly intensified into a Category 5 storm overnight Friday. In jumping from wind speeds of 75 mph to 160 mph in about 24 hours, Erin became one of the fastest-intensifying hurricanes in history.

After undergoing an eyewall replacement Sunday, the storm weakened, but its horizontal extent broadened. It is producing waves of about 50 feet high near the centre of the storm, and wave heights of 12 feet or more extend 400 nautical miles from the centre – a "very large area of extremely large and hazardous seas," according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. Satellite AIS data shows that shipping interests are giving it a wide berth.

Read more in an [article from The Maritime Executive]. ***Source: CIFFA***

August 26 | "Giant Fire Breaks Out at Hamburg Port Warehouse"

Firefighters are battling a major blaze at a warehouse complex in the port of Hamburg this morning, sending thick plumes of smoke across Germany's largest seaport. The Hamburg fire brigade said the alarm was raised late Monday afternoon, with more than 100 personnel and multiple fire engines deployed to contain the flames. ***Source: Splash 247.com***

Update August 28: Ocean shipping has not been affected at the port, although there is some disruption to inland shipping and port operations.

The fire is now largely under control, with firefighters attending to smaller fires in the surrounding area. ***Source: CIFFA***

August 27 | "PM Singles Out Ports of Montreal and Churchill for Imminent Major New Infrastructure Investments"

Speaking alongside German Chancellor Friedrich Merz in Berlin on Tuesday as he sought to bolster economic and energy ties with Europe, Prime Minister Mark Carney announced the federal government will soon be unveiling big investments in port infrastructure – specifically singling out the ports of Montreal and Churchill, Manitoba.

"Our government is in the process of unleashing half a trillion dollars of investment in energy infrastructure, port infrastructure, particularly intelligence infrastructure, as well, with AI," Mr. Carney said.

The prime minister indicated the first of those investments will be announced "in the next two weeks."

He evoked the upgrading of infrastructure at the Port of Montreal which is approaching the construction phase of its massive Contrecoeur container terminal project whose cost has ballooned above $1.5 billion.

He referred to the Churchill undertaking as "a new port, effectively, in Churchill, Manitoba ... which would open up enormous LNG, plus other opportunities, and other East Coast ports for those critical minerals," Mr. Carney said.

Read more in an article from Maritime Magazine. ***Source: CIFFA***

AIR

August 5 | "Likely Freighter Shortage Ahead"

The air cargo market should be prepared for future capacity constraints as both production freighters and aircraft feedstock for conversions are scarce.

Recently, Atlas Air chief executive Michael Steen warned of a looming shortage of large widebody freighters for the next ten years or more.

A large contingent of today's fleet is headed for retirement, and output of new freighters is in slow gear, threatening a scenario where retirement of widebody cargo planes outruns fleet replenishment. ***Source: CIFFA via Air Cargo News***

August 15 | "CIFFA Writes to Minister of Jobs and Families Seeking Resolution to Air Canada Labour Conflict"

CIFFA sent a letter on Thursday to Patty Hajdu, Canada's Minister of Jobs and Families, to express concern about "the escalating labour situation playing out between Air Canada and CUPE 4091," the union representing Air Canada's flight attendants.

CIFFA said an immediate threat to perishable and time-sensitive goods and further harm to Canada's reputation as a trading partner – particularly at this "pivotal moment in Canada's history" – would be the consequences of a work stoppage at the airline.

The association urged the minister 'to use all available tools to facilitate an immediate resolution" to avert a work stoppage. "Our country simply cannot afford another labour disruption in this crucial sector at this time." ***Source: CIFFA.*** Read the full letter here

UPDATE August 19: A tentative agreement has been reached to end the contract dispute between Air Canada and its flight attendants, both the airline and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) said early today. CUPE advised its members to "fully co-operate with resumption of operations."

Air Canada said that flights will gradually return beginning this evening. Read more in an article from CBC News. ***Source: CIFFA***

ROAD / RAIL

August 1 | "Freight Brokers Report Huge Spike in Phone and Email Scams"

Freight fraud is getting smarter – and more aggressive. In Q2 2025, nearly half a million fake emails and more than 42,000 scam phone calls were flagged in the freight sector, according to a new report from Highway.

The data shows a 41% increase in fraudulent emails and a 23% rise in identity fraud compared with the first quarter. Scammers are working across multiple channels, hijacking inboxes, spoofing phone numbers, and even acquiring carrier operating authorities (MC numbers) to look legitimate.

"Freight fraud isn't just opportunistic anymore; it's coordinated and strategic," said Michael Grace, Vice President of Customer Risk Management at Highway. "Attackers are gaining trust, mimicking legitimate behaviour, and infiltrating networks through identity blind spots brokers and carriers don't even realize exist." ***Source: CIFFA***

August 13 | "Alberta Invests in Rural Transportation Upgrades"

Alberta's government is investing more than $114 million in rural infrastructure upgrades, with a focus on improving transportation routes critical to the movement of goods.

A total of 51 projects across the province will receive funding through the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), which supports repairs and upgrades to roads, bridges and airports in small and rural municipalities.

Read more in an article from Inside Logistics. ***Source: CIFFA***

August 18 | "CN Adding 17 Miles of Second main to Support Growth West of Edmonton"

Canadian National is building 17 miles of double track on its busy Edson Subdivision west of Edmonton, the stretch of main line that leads to the railway's routes to Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

"The double tracking project is expected to increase capacity on the Edson Subdivision by 25%, allowing for more efficient movement of rail traffic through this key link between the Prairies and the West Coast of Canada," CN said in its 2025-26 Grain Plan, released in early August.

The Edson Sub spans the 234.2 miles between Edmonton and Jasper, Alberta.

The new sections of second main are being built between Edson and Hinton, Alberta. CN will add a 12-mile stretch of second main track between Galloway and Hargwen. Further west, CN will add 5 miles of second main, as well as a new double crossover, between Dalehurst and Pedley. These sections are the Edson Sub's most limiting single-track bottlenecks, CN says.

Read more in an article from article from TrainsPRO. ***Source: CIFFA***

CUSTOMS

August 1 | "Updated: Memorandum D3-1-1: Policy Respecting the Importation and Transportation of Goods"

This memorandum has been revised to:

- update the definitions section
- replace "pre-arrival" with "Advance Commercial Information (ACI)/eManifest," when applicable
- replace "B3-3, Canada Customs Coding Form" with "Commercial Accounting Declaration (CAD)", when applicable
- update the "Carrier and freight forwarder identification and eligibility" section to reflect the new process in obtaining carrier codes through the CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM)
- update policy information and providing clarification on the following sections:

  - general information
  - carrier requirements
  - cargo control number and conveyance reference number resume timeframes
  - sealing requirements
  - cargo reporting
  - carnet and other temporary imports
  - shortages
  - overages, company owned material (COMAT) and goods found astray
  - re-manifested cargo control documents
  - diversions (paper process for ACI/eManifest exemption/exceptions)
  - emergency diversion – goods moving within Canada
  - delivery requirements
  - delivery requirements – exemptions
  - delivery requirements - alcohol and tobacco shipments
  - movement and cargo control of unreleased goods in Canada
  - notification of release of goods to warehouse operators
  - outstanding cargo control documents tracing procedures
  - ordering CBSA publications and forms
  - additional information
  - appendices
  - references

This memorandum outlines and explains general Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) requirements and administrative policies regarding the reporting and transportation of goods being imported into and moving in-transit, through Canada by all modes of transport.

For information regarding the Custom Self-Assessment (CSA) Program policies, guidelines and procedures, refer to Memorandum D23-2-1: Customs Self-Assessment Program for Carriers.

For information about the reporting and transportation of goods being exported from Canada, refer to Memorandum D3-1-8: Cargo—Export Movements.

Please see this link for more information.

August 1 | "Statement by Prime Minister Carney on Canada-U.S. Trade & Message from NCBFAA President"

Statement by Prime Minister Carney on Canada-U.S. trade

"President Trump has announced that the United States will increase its tariffs to 35% on those Canadian exports that are not covered under the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, or CUSMA. While the Canadian government is disappointed by this action, we remain committed to CUSMA, which is the world's second-largest free trade agreement by trading volume.

The U.S. application of CUSMA means that the U.S. average tariff rate on Canadian goods remains one of its lowest for all of its trading partners. Other sectors of our economy – including lumber, steel, aluminum, and automobiles – are, however, heavily impacted by U.S. duties and tariffs. For such sectors, the Canadian government will act to protect Canadian jobs, invest in our industrial competitiveness, buy Canadian, and diversify our export markets.

The United States has justified its most recent trade action on the basis of the cross-border flow of fentanyl, despite the fact that Canada accounts for only 1% of U.S. fentanyl imports and has been working intensively to further reduce these volumes. Canada's government is making historic investments in border security to arrest drug traffickers, take down transnational gangs, and end migrant smuggling. These include thousands of new law enforcement and border security officers, aerial surveillance, intelligence and security operations, and the strongest border legislation in our history. We will continue working with the United States to stop the scourge of fentanyl and save lives in both our countries.

While we will continue to negotiate with the United States on our trading relationship, the Canadian government is laser focused on what we can control: building Canada strong. The federal government, provinces, and territories are working together to cut down trade barriers to build one Canadian economy. We are developing a series of major nation-building projects with provincial, territorial, and Indigenous partners. Together, these initiatives have the potential to catalyse over half a trillion dollars of new investments in Canada.

Canadians will be our own best customer, creating more well-paying careers at home, as we strengthen and diversify our trading partnerships throughout the world. We can give ourselves more than any foreign government can ever take away by building with Canadian workers and by using Canadian resources to benefit all Canadians." ***Source: HOC Global Solutions***

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- This document is also available at https://pm.gc.ca

Message from NCBFAA President

With the publication of my monthly message to our NCBFAA membership today, Aug. 1, numerous countries that have failed to reach trade deals with the Trump Administration in the past several weeks will now face reciprocal tariffs on their goods shipped to the U.S. Fortunately, some key trade deals were reached with trading partners, such as Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Cambodia, Pakistan&#a0;and the European Union, before the August 1st deadline, but the final details are still to be worked out. Canadian products were issued a 35% tariff, effective 12 a.m. ET, on August 1st.

All copper imports will be subject to a 50% tariff, effective Aug 1st. Then there was also the July 30th White House Executive Order ending de minimis for all commercial shipments, effective August 29th. These are most trying times, to say the least, for U.S. cross-border trade. ***Source: HOC Global Solutions***

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August 1 | "CBSA Implements CARM Release 4"

CBSA's Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) system was scheduled for Release 4 implementation on the August long weekend.

This product release includes an application infrastructure upgrade and the following additional functionality for trade chain partners; ***Source: CIFFA***

- CARM Client Portal visibility into status of program account (visual indicator of active/not active);
- The ability for third parties (where applicable) to download delegation of authority status of importer clients;
- Ability to link written security agreements to temporary importations; and
- Correction of terminology used in financial security aspects of the portal to align with regulations and policy documents (use of "written security agreement" instead of "non-cash bond," "security deposit" instead of "cash bond").

August 8| "Rescheduling of Annual Review of Financial Security Requirement for Release Prior to Payment (RPP) "

A new CARM bulletin (#5404) has been published regarding the Rescheduling of Annual Review of Financial Security Requirement for Release Prior to Payment (RPP). The corresponding departmental memoranda, Memorandum D17-5-2 Financial Security for Release Prior to Payment, has also been updated. ***Source: CBSA***

Rescheduling of Annual Review of Financial Security Requirement for Release Prior to Payment (RPP)
This bulletin is to inform importers that the annual review of the financial security requirement for RPP, originally scheduled to occur yearly in July according to subsection 7.8 of the Memorandum D17-5-2 Financial Security for Release Prior to Payment, has been rescheduled to October of a given year to October of the following year. This means the CARM system will calculate an updated financial security requirement based on transactions from October 2024 to October 2025 and notify importers via portal notification if a change to their financial security is required. If so, the importer will have until January 15, 2026 (for this year's review cycle and every January 15 moving forward), to ensure their financial security meets the newly calculated amount. This decision has been made to provide the importers with adequate time to better adapt to the new RPP requirements.

August 22 | "Canada Removing Retaliatory Tariffs on CUSMA-Complaint U.S. Goods "

Canada will remove all tariffs on goods from the United States that are covered by the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) by Sept. 1, Prime Minister Mark Carney announced Friday.

The prime minister said Canada will maintain its tariffs on steel, aluminum and autos as the Liberal government works with the U.S. to craft a new trading relationship between the two countries.

Carney said that despite the ongoing trade war, and U.S. tariffs on steel, aluminum, autos, copper and energy, 85 per cent of trade with the U.S. is still tariff free, which is a better deal than other countries have.

"As we work to address outstanding trade issues with the U.S., it is important we do everything can to preserve this unique advantage for Canadian workers and their families," Carney said.

A White House official said they welcome the move, calling it "long overdue."

The official added that they "look forward to continuing discussions with Canada on trade and national security concerns."...

This was excerpted from the 22 August 2025 edition of CBC News. ***Source: CSCB***

August 29 | "AIRS Verification Service (AVS): Updating Security Certificates "

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be updating the security certificates used by the AIRS Verification Service (AVS) on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. (ET).

This change is a result of expiring Entrust security certificates. Updating to the newest certificates will ensure AVS remains functional and secure.

In most cases, user systems will automatically receive the necessary certificates during the secure connection process. However, to avoid any issues, it's important to ensure systems are updated with the new Root Certificate Authority, CA Repository – SSL.com.

Please review your systems and update any certificate stores or trusted certificate lists to include the new Root Certificate Authority to ensure compatibility. ***Source: CSCB***

August 29 | "CARM Bulletin 5405 Updated: Incorrect Financial Posting of Commercial Accounting Declarations Appearing on the August SOA "

This bulletin is to inform importers, customs brokers, trade consultants and service providers that corrections and adjustments submitted in CARM between August 3rd and August 13th, 2025 may show an incorrect financial posting on an importer's Statement of Account (SOA) for the month of August. An update to CARM was deployed on August 14th, 2025 that resolved the system error, however corrections and adjustments in certain scenarios that were processed between August 3rd, and August 13th are appearing incorrectly on some importer accounts.

The CBSA has isolated the affected transactions and identified the importers that are impacted by this issue and has sent them a notification in CARM, which can be found within the importer's account in the notification centre. Importers are encouraged to review their accounts to view the corrections. The CBSA has taken the additional measure of deferring the payment timeframe for importer accounts with impacted transactions by a month, meaning that impacted importers may pay their August 2025 statement of account (in part or in whole) by October 1st, 2025.

Additional details will be provided as soon as they are available, importers may contact the CBSA by sending an email to cbsa.payments-paiements.asfc@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca and adding "Bulletin 5405" as a subject line or contact the CBSA by webform on our contact us selecting the "Financial account activities" option and referring to Bulletin 5405. ***Source: CSCB***

August 29 | "Helping Atlantic Canadian Businesses Tackle Trade Challenges "

August 29th, 2025 – Moncton, NB · Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

The Government of Canada is focused on protecting Canadian workers, reinforcing the competitiveness of Canadian businesses and building one strong Canadian economy.

Today, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, announced that businesses in Atlantic Canada can now apply to the Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI). The program is designed to help small to medium sized enterprises across the region respond to trade shocks by supporting projects that improve productivity, diversify markets, strengthen supply chains, and boost domestic trade.

The RTRI is part of a broad set of tariff support measures, including the Large Enterprise Tariff Loan Facility, the Business Development Bank of Canada's Pivot to Grow initiative, and support for the steel sector through the Strategic Innovation Fund. Together, these efforts demonstrate a commitment to reinforcing Canada's industrial strength and defending good jobs across the country.

To support applicants and stakeholders, ACOA officials will host information sessions in the coming weeks to provide guidance on the program and application process.

Link to news release. ***Source: CSCB***

August 29 | "Customs Notice 25-19: United States Surtax Remission Order (2025) "

1. The purpose of this Customs Notice is to advise of the amendments to the United States Surtax Remission Order (2025) ("Order") which is intended to minimize the negative effects of the surtaxes on Canadian companies and entities by providing relief for goods that are used in Canadian manufacturing, processing and food and beverage packaging, and for those used to support public health, health care, public safety, and national security objectives.
2. The Order allows the relief of surtaxes paid or payable pursuant to the United States Surtax Order (2025-1), the United States Surtax Order (Steel and Aluminum 2025) or the United States Surtax Order (Motor Vehicles 2025) in respect of eligible goods.
3. The administration of the Order is the responsibility of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

See the Customs Notice 25-19: United States Surtax Remission Order (2025) for further details. ***Source: CSCB***For inquiries about Customs News Articles contact:

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