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Ocean Updates

West Coast Longshore Foremen Labour Update

While the West Coast longshore labour dispute was settled on August 4, the longshore foremen, whose agreement expired on March 31, 2023, have not yet settled.

The BC Maritime Employers Association reports as follows: "Negotiations with our Foremen have resumed post longshore dispute, and continue with traditional bargaining sessions scheduled through November. The ILWU Local 514 bargaining unit consists of approximately 740 forepersons working at 30+ sites."

Thanks to the Freight Management Association of Canada for providing this update.

Two New Mega Ship-to-Shore Cranes Arrive at Port of Halifax

Last week, the Port of Halifax announced the arrival of two new mega ship-to-shore cranes at PSA Halifax Atlantic Hub.

Each new crane can extend out 24 containers wide and has a lift height of 52 metres above ground.

The new cranes will be added to the five existing super-post-Panamax cranes at the terminal, allowing PSA Halifax to handle the largest vessels that call on the east coast of North America.

Read more in the [Port of Halifax newsletter](#).

Rail and Truck Updates

CPKC Update: New Parking Area 9PK at Vaughan Terminal

New parking area 9PK at the Vaughan terminal is for pickups only. Containers should not be dropped/parked in 9PK.

Canadian Business/Government

CARM Is Coming – Will You Be Ready on May 13, 2024?

Better known as CARM, CBSA's Assessment and Revenue Management project is a multi-year digital initiative intended to modernize how the government interacts with the trade community to assess and collect duties and taxes – over \$30 billion in annual revenue – for commercial goods imported into Canada.

Designed to replace legacy systems that date back to 1987, CBSA says CARM will deliver a globally leading customs experience that reduces the burden for legitimate trade, makes CBSA more efficient, and generates more revenue for the organization while contributing to securing Canada's borders.

It's a massive, generational shift for both industry and the government and it's coming into force as the official system of record on May 13, 2024. Additionally, CARM is set to launch on that date as a big bang: legacy systems and processes come offline and the new technology and regulatory framework comes online. For hundreds of thousands of importers and their partners, preparedness now is crucial to keep goods flowing compliantly in the very near future.

Read more in an [article from Inside Logistics](#).

Sustainability

'It Is Everywhere': Rooting Out Forced Labour from Supply Chains

Forced labour is among the most complicated, persistent challenges in building sustainable supply chains.

Just half of sustainable procurement leaders said they feel they are making effective progress to address the risk of modern slavery in the supply chain, according to [a recent Gartner survey](#). This is even though 71% described the risk as important or highly important.

"It is difficult because it is everywhere," said Laura Rainier, a senior research director on Gartner's sustainability team and one of the authors of a report about the firm's survey findings and how companies can better address modern slavery risks.

Read more in an [article from Supply Chain Dive](#).

Technology

'Honesty': Estes Details Its Playbook for Responding to a Cyberattack

The cyberattack on Estes Express Lines taught the company a valuable lesson that bucked typical advice from attorneys and tech advisers in such scenarios: Publicize what's happening as much as possible.

Disclosing the attack on October 3 and providing regular video updates engendered sympathy, honesty and offers of assistance from customers and colleagues, President and COO Webb Estes and CIO Todd Florence said in another video shared Wednesday in response to media questions.

"Once we were honest with them, they were honest with us," Estes said. "It feels really good when a customer's like, 'Hey, this happened to me, too. How can I help you?'"

Read more in an [article from Trucking Dive](#).