

# CANADA Daily News and Updates March 20th 2024

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## Air Updates

### Exporters Nervous as Air Cargo Congestion Builds in Delhi and Mumbai

Airlines are dealing with considerable cargo backlogs across major international airports in India as volumes spike, according to industry updates.

“The effect has been most [noticeable] at Delhi and Mumbai airports,” a source at Air India said.

The source also noted that ocean trade diversions, in the wake of lingering Red Sea-linked pain points along with the traditional peak season for air cargo during March and April, had caused the acute capacity overhang.

Read more in an [article from The Loadstar](#).

## Ocean Updates

### Local 514 Bargaining Update

The BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and International Longshore and Warehouse Union Ship & Dock Foremen Local 514 have been engaged in negotiations with the assistance of conciliation officers from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services since January 19. In anticipation of the conclusion of the initial 60-day conciliation period on March 19, the parties have mutually agreed to a 30-day extension to conciliation.

This agreement extends the conciliation period to April 18. At the end of the conciliation period, the 21-day cooling-off period will begin (ending on May 9). Any further extension to the conciliation period can be made only by mutual consent of the parties. Accordingly, the parties have meeting dates scheduled in April.

Read the [full update](#).

### **Box Throughput Improves, but Delays Still Endemic at South African Ports**

Crane breakdowns and adverse weather are exacerbating delays at South Africa's ports, despite a recent improvement in container throughput at its main gateways.

The South African logistics crisis has been escalating for years, and a lack of government investment into supply chain infrastructure has left the country's ports, railways and roads extremely susceptible to disruption.

However, for the week ending March 15, the South African Association of Freight Forwarders reported that ports had handled an average of 8,838 containers a day, up significantly on the 7,755 handled the week before.

And state-owned port operator Transnet reported in its February figures that 23% more containers were handled than in January and 26% year on year.

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