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The union representing mechanics at WestJet says members voted overwhelmingly to reject a tentative agreement with the airline.

The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, which represents some 670 aircraft maintenance engineers and other skilled trade positions at the carrier, says about 97 percent of its members cast a ballot against the deal.

WestJet says the result does not affect operations, but company president Diederik Pen called the result "deeply concerning."

Read more in an [article from CBC News](#).

Ocean Updates

Carriers Launch Transpac Shuttle Services as Chinese Exports Surge

Container lines on Asia-America trades are set to take advantage of strong demand propelled by a rush of cargo out of China.

The latest push comes from MSC, which has reopened its Mustang shuttle service between China and the U.S. west coast, which began in late 2021, only to be suspended when the pandemic-induced volume surges halted.

It is the latest in a series of recent transpacific service announcements by mainline and Asia regional operators, with an eye on boosting profits from soaring rate levels. Out of China, prices have skyrocketed, reminiscent of the peaks seen during COVID.

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