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## Air Updates

### Update to New Aviation Security Measures

Further to the measures implemented by Transport Canada as reported last week, we have been advised that there has been an amendment to the definition of Established Business Relationship to now read:

*An active account in existence before August 29, 2024, with physical and billing addresses and payment or credit history documented through invoices, billing records or documented sales.*

You will note that the original reference to six shipments tendered in the past 90-day period has been removed.

### Air Canada Pilots Get More Political Support as Strike Looms

Canada's Conservative party chief says he stands with pilots in a labour dispute with Air Canada, as the carrier prepares to suspend flights ahead of a potential strike.

Pierre Poilievre, leader of the opposition and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's chief rival, said he would not support any action that preempted negotiations between the airline and union.

"I would call on Air Canada to negotiate in good faith with the pilots," he told reporters on Wednesday. "We stand with the pilots and their right to fight for a fair deal, good wages."

The airline is set to suspend flights starting Sunday if a deal can't be reached with the union representing more than 5,000 pilots. The pilots will be in a position to issue a 72-hour strike notice that day, and the airline plans to begin progressively canceling flights before shutting down completely on September 18.

## **Ocean Updates**

### **U.S. Port Strike Would Increase Traffic Through Canadian Ports**

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) voted to support a call for a strike at East Coast ports in the U.S.

Nearly 300 ILA wage scale delegates ended their two-day meetings in New Jersey by unanimously supporting international president Harold J. Daggett's call for a coastwide strike at ports from Maine to Texas, which would begin October 1 if a new agreement with the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) is not reached by that time.

Frank Kenney, director of industry solutions at Cleo, an end-to-end supply chain integration software company, said a port strike along the U.S. East Coast would significantly increase traffic through the Port of Halifax and Port of Montreal due to their proximity to rail carriers.

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

### **U.S. FMC OKs Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd Alliance**

Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd's operational alliance called the Gemini Cooperation took effect Monday, the Federal Maritime Commission said Monday.

Originally set to take effect July 15, the FMC halted the operational agreement from the two ocean shipping giants because it was determined the agreement lacked details on its potential competitive impacts.

Newly filed agreements or already-operative agreements can be assessed by the commission for the likelihood of an unreasonable increase in transportation costs or a decrease in transportation service. The agency can seek an injunction in federal district court if it makes such a finding.

“The Commission has not determined to seek an injunction against the Gemini Cooperation Agreement at this time,” the FMC said.

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

## Rail Updates

### CPKC Weather Alert: Tropical Storm Francine

Tropical Storm Francine continues to approach the Gulf of Mexico coastline and is predicted to increase in intensity at landfall. Francine has the potential to be a risk to the CPKC network and surrounding communities.

According to the [National Hurricane Center](#), the storm is expected to make landfall on Wednesday, September 11, impacting the coast of northeast Mexico, the Texas coast and into southern Louisiana. This could result in significant wind and rainfall, coastal and urban flooding.

CPKC will continue to proactively monitor the storm and will notify customers of any new developments or impacts to its network or services.