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Air Updates

Passenger Rush to Attend Festivals Puts Strain on India's Air Cargo Flows

Indian air freight forwarders and shippers are reporting a severe strain on airline bellyhold capacity, due to festival-linked passenger traffic.

Various Indian Hindu festivals run between September and November, with Diwali – the festival of lights – the biggest celebration, starting on October 31.

Industry sources complain that the cargo capacity crunch is seriously impacting supply chains, especially time-sensitive or perishable cargo movements.

“With the festive season in full swing, the surge in passenger air travel has put immense pressure on air cargo logistics players, particularly those relying on belly space to transport goods,” said Hector Crasto, GM (international division) at Mumbai-based 3PL Patel Integrated Logistics.

“Airlines are experiencing significant capacity pressures, both on domestic and international routes,” he noted, and explained that cargo volumes had seen strong surges in recent weeks, causing clearance delays of up to four days at major airports.

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

Ocean Updates

Port of Montreal Labour Negotiations Update

On October 15, Minister of Labour Steven MacKinnon proposed to the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) and the Montreal Longshoremen's union, CUPE Local 375 that they resume negotiations with the help of a special mediator. MacKinnon asked the two parties to submit their responses to the proposal by October 18.

The MEA reports that it sent a response to the minister and is in "constant communication with his office to ensure a constructive solution to the deadlock."