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U.S. airlines are canceling flights and adjusting schedules as some Florida airports close in anticipation of disruptions from Hurricane Milton, which is set to make landfall in the state on Wednesday.

As of Tuesday afternoon, 896 flights within, into or out of the United States were delayed, and 696 were cancelled, with that number expected to rise as more than 1,500 flights scheduled for Wednesday have already been cancelled, according to flight tracking data provider FlightAware.

Orlando International, one of the busiest airports in the U.S., said it would cease operations at 8 am local time on Wednesday, according to a notice on its website, while Tampa International said it was closed on Tuesday.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).

Ocean Updates

Port of Montreal Labour Relations Update

All Port of Montreal terminals will remain in operation during the longshoremen's union overtime strike that will begin at 7 am on Thursday and will last indefinitely.

Cargo can be picked up or dropped off as usual but, with the longshoremen doing no overtime, delays in processing and an accumulation of containers on the ground awaiting handling are possible.

Read more in a [Port of Montreal update](#).

Chemical Distributors Want FMC to Investigate Ocean Carriers' Surcharges

The Alliance for Chemical Distribution (ACD) is asking the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) to highlight the surcharges ocean carriers proposed to levy on shippers leading up to and during the recently resolved International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) strike at East and Gulf coast ports.

In a letter to commission leadership, ACD President and CEO Eric Byer called on the FMC to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed charges and to confirm whether they are being rescinded now that the strike has ended.

"ACD members have received several surcharges related to the labor disruptions that are set to go into effect in the coming weeks, even after the strike has ended," Byer wrote. "This is unreasonable, and the FMC must step in and ensure ocean carriers are held accountable when levying these unwarranted charges that will increase carrier revenue and profits at the expense of shippers."

Read more in an [article from Progressive Railroading](#).