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Air Transport Updates

CANADA

The Council of the Haida Nation and the Minister of Transport announces the renaming of Sandspit Airport to K'il Kun Xidgwangs Daanaay

On March 27, 2024, Vance Badawey, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, and the Council of the Haida Nation announced that the Sandspit Airport, a Transport Canada owned and operated airport, will be renamed to a Haida name, K'il Kun Xidgwangs Daanaay, which translates to "Sandspit flying place". Located on Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, the Haida have occupied Haida Gwaii since time immemorial.

The Council of the Haida Nation and the Minister of Transport announces the renaming of Sandspit Airport to K'il Kun Xidgwangs Daanaay, March 27, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

WestJet Encore pilots vote for strike mandate, adding to airline's turbulence



Source: Financial Post

WestJet Encore pilots could go on strike as soon as April 17 after they approved a strike mandate on April 2, 2024, increasing the prospect of headwinds after a tough year for the airline's owner. Aviators

at WestJet Airlines Ltd.'s regional carrier voted 97 per cent in favour of strike authorization after contract talks around pay, schedules and career progression came to a "near standstill," the Air Line Pilots Association said. Some 89 per cent of pilots cast a ballot.

WestJet Encore pilots vote for strike mandate, adding to airline's turbulence, April 2, www.financialpost.ca

WestJet Group statement regarding WestJet Encore ALPA strike authorization vote



Source: WestJet

The WestJet Group on April 2, 2024 issued the following statement regarding the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) announcement of the results of the strike authorization vote to WestJet Encore pilots. Diederik Pen, President of WestJet Airlines and Group Chief Operating Officer said "A strike authorization vote is a common step by unions in context of the overall labour negotiation process and does not mean a strike will occur. "We are steadfast in our commitment to reach an agreement with ALPA that addresses the unique concerns of our Encore pilots, is competitive within Canada's airline industry and ensures we have a long-term sustainable future so that we can

continue to operate critical air service for millions of Canadians, while providing meaningful employment for thousands at the WestJet Group.” *WestJet Group statement regarding WestJet Encore ALPA strike authorization vote, April 2, 2024, www.westjet.ca*

✈️ Air Canada Inaugurates Newest Pacific Route from Vancouver to Singapore

Air Canada's much anticipated route launched from its Vancouver (YVR) Pacific hub last night and arrived this morning in Singapore, marking the inaugural of the airline's newest international route and the only non-stop flight between Canada and Singapore. Stretching 12,818 kilometres (7,965 miles), the route is the airline's longest flight measured by distance with a flying time of up to 16 hours and five minutes. "Air Canada is thrilled to welcome customers onboard our newest route linking Canada and Singapore from our Pacific hub in Vancouver. These new Singapore flights are part of our strategic expansion at YVR, which together with an efficient and seamless in-transit connection process, further position the airport as the preferred North American gateway to Asia," said Mark Galardo, Executive Vice President, Revenue and Network Planning at Air Canada. "Singapore is also an important gateway to beyond destinations. Customers have a multitude of connection options travelling to Southeast Asia, Southern India and Western Australia with our longstanding codeshare and Star Alliance partner, Singapore Airlines."

Air Canada Inaugurates Newest Pacific Route from Vancouver to Singapore, April 4, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ Air Canada partners with SATS for its long-awaited return to Singapore



Source: AJOT

Air Canada has awarded a passenger, ramp, and cargo handling contract to SATS as it prepares to resume flights to Singapore's Changi International Airport for the first time in over 30 years. The

airline will launch four Boeing 787-9 flights a week connecting Vancouver and Singapore, starting 4 April 2024. SATS currently handles all the Star Alliance partners in Singapore, enabling Air Canada the benefit of seamless passenger and cargo connections beyond Singapore to other key airports across Southeast Asia. The new route will provide the only non-stop service connecting Canada and Singapore. The new contract also extends Air Canada's global partnership with SATS and Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a member of the SATS Group. "We are delighted to welcome Air Canada back to Singapore and proud that the airline has chosen to extend its partnership with SATS Group into Southeast Asia. This is another significant business win for SATS Group at Changi Airport, reinforcing the good and longstanding partnership with Air Canada as a major customer of WFS. Air Canada and its customers will benefit from our combination of operational excellence and global network connectivity," said Bob Chi, CEO, Gateway Services at SATS.

Air Canada partners with SATS for its long-awaited return to Singapore, April 4, 2024, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

✈️ UPS to become US Postal Service's primary air cargo provider



Source: Cargo News

UPS will become the primary air cargo provider for the United States Postal Service (USPS) after signing an expansive new contract, UPS announced on April 1, 2024. The carrier will move the majority of USPS air cargo in the United States following a transition period. "Together UPS and USPS have developed an innovative solution that is mutually beneficial and complements our unique, reliable and efficient integrated network," UPS CEO Carol Tomé said in a press release.

UPS to become US Postal Service's primary air cargo provider, April 1, 2024, www.cargonews.com

✈️ Air Cargo Demand Maintains Double-Digit Growth in February



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for February 2024 global air cargo markets showing continuing strong annual growth in demand. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs*), rose by 11.9% compared to February 2023 levels (12.4% for international operations). This is the third consecutive month of double-digit year-on-year demand growth. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTKs), increased by 13.4% compared to February 2023 (16.0% for international operations). This was largely related to the increase in international belly capacity accompanying growth in passenger markets (29.5% year-on-year increase), which far exceeded international capacity on freighters (3.2% year-on-year increase).

Air Cargo Demand Maintains Double-Digit Growth in February, April 3, 2024, www.iata.org

✈️ Passenger Demand Up 21.5% in February



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for February 2024 global passenger demand with the following highlights: *Total demand*, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPKs), was up 21.5% compared to February 2023. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 18.7% year-on-year. The February load factor was 80.6% (+1.9ppt compared to February 2023). *International demand* rose 26.3% compared to February 2023; capacity was up 25.5% year-on-year and the load factor improved to 79.3% (+0.5ppt on February 2023). *Domestic demand* rose 15.0% compared to February 2023; capacity was up 9.4% year-on-year and the load factor was 82.6% (+4.0ppt compared to February 2023). Note that February 2024 was a leap year with one extra day compared to February 2023. This slightly exaggerates growth in both demand and capacity to the positive.

Passenger Demand Up 21.5% in February, April 4, 2024, www.iata.org

✈️ Secretary Buttigieg Urges U.S. Airlines to Improve Military Travel Benefits

On April 4, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg sent a letter to the Chief Executive Officers of the 10 largest U.S. airlines urging them to improve military travel benefits provided to active-duty service members and their families.

Secretary Buttigieg Urges U.S. Airlines to Improve Military Travel Benefits, April 4, 2024, www.dot.gov



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Rail Transport Updates

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Freight Rail Services Price Index, March 2024



Source: Statcan

Data for March for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statcan website. The index for March 2024 was 127.2 compared to 127.1 for February 2024 and 126.9 for March 2023. The index for the first quarter of 2024 was 127.2 compared to 130.9 for the previous quarter and 127.3 for the first quarter of 2023.

Freight Rail Services Price Index, March 2024, March 28, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Lack of progress in Canadian rail talks raises possibility of May strike



Source: JOC

A stalemate over a new collective bargaining agreement for Canadian rail conductors and engineers has set the stage for vote by union members that could result in a strike notice being issued next month. The workers, represented by the Teamsters Canadian Rail Conference (TCRC), will vote from April 8 to May 1 on whether to authorize a strike against Canadian National Railway (CN) and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) as soon as May 22, 2024. A strike could halt intermodal service to and from all containerized marine terminals in Canada, affecting about 50,000 TEUs per week in imports. Teamsters representing conductors and yard workers for Canadian National Railway went on strike for eight days in 2019.

Lack of progress in Canadian rail talks raises possibility of May strike, April 2, 2024, www.joc.com

CN files Shelf Prospectus Qualifying the Issuance of Debt Securities

CN announced on April 2, 2024 that it has filed a shelf prospectus with Canadian securities regulators and a registration statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), pursuant

to which CN may issue debt securities in Canadian and U.S. markets over the next 25 months. CN expects to use net proceeds from the sale of debt securities under the shelf prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include the redemption and refinancing of outstanding indebtedness, share repurchases, acquisitions and other business opportunities.

CN files Shelf Prospectus Qualifying the Issuance of Debt Securities, April 2, 2024, www.cn.ca

CN Acquiring Next-Gen Ore Jennies



Source: Railway Age

CN is acquiring 600 new 1,150 cubic-foot iron ore hopper cars, colloquially called “jennies,” from FreightCar America. The new equipment, described as “a significant upgrade to CN’s fleet,” incorporates materials from U.S.

[CN Acquiring Next-Gen Ore Jennies, April 3, 2024, www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)

US/WORLD

FRA Makes More Than \$2.4 Billion in CRISI Grant Funding Available to Improve America’s Freight and Intercity Passenger Rail Network

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on March 29, 2024 issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that makes available over \$2.4 billion in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program funding. CRISI grants advance projects that modernize America’s freight and intercity passenger rail infrastructure, allowing people and goods to move with greater safety, efficiency, and reliability. The opportunity announced includes funding for Fiscal Years

2023 and 2024 provided by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and builds on more than \$1.4 billion in CRISI grant selections announced last year.

FRA Makes More Than \$2.4 Billion in CRISI Grant Funding Available to Improve America’s Freight and Intercity Passenger Rail Network, March 29, 2024, www.dot.gov

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Final Rule on Train Crew Size Safety Requirements to Improve Rail Safety

On, April 2, 2024, as part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s ongoing efforts to strengthen rail safety and hold railroads accountable, Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued a final rule establishing minimum safety requirements for the size of train crews. The new rule enhances safety in the rail industry by generally requiring and emphasizing the importance and necessity of a second crewmember on all trains. The new rule mandates a two-person crew minimum on trains operated by Class 1 railroads unless a railroad can obtain approval for a one-person crew from FRA.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Final Rule on Train Crew Size Safety Requirements to Improve Rail Safety, April 2, 2024, www.dot.gov; and Feds mandate 2-person minimum for most train crews, April 2, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

AAR reports rail traffic for March and the week ending March 30, 2024

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on April 3, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending March 30, 2024, as well as volumes for March 2024. U.S. railroads originated 866,865 carloads in March 2024, down 3.5 percent, or 31,101 carloads, from March 2023. U.S. railroads also originated 1,022,321 containers and trailers in March 2024, up 11.7 percent, or 106,903 units, from the same month last year. Combined U.S. carload and intermodal originations in March 2024 were 1,889,186, up 4.2 percent, or 75,802 carloads and intermodal units from March 2023. In March 2024, 11 of the 20 carload commodity categories tracked by the AAR each month saw carload gains compared with March 2023. These included: grain, up 8,475 carloads or 11.4 percent; chemicals, up 7,248 carloads or 5.7 percent; and petroleum & petroleum products, up 5,249 carloads or 15.0 percent. Commodities that saw declines in March 2024 from March 2023 included: coal, down 49,315 carloads or 18.6 percent; crushed stone, sand & gravel, down 5,434 carloads or 6.7 percent; and

metallic ores, down 1,573 carloads or 8.9 percent. Canadian railroads reported 92,728 carloads for the week, down 5.0 percent, and 71,047 intermodal units, up 8.0 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 13 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,050,973 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.8 percent.

AAR reports rail traffic for March and the week ending March 30, 2024, April 3, 2024, www.aot.com



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Marine Transport Updates

CANADA

 **Unifor Local 100 employees in Eastern Passage have ratified a new three-year collective agreement.**




Source: Inside Logistics

A deal between the union and employer – CN rail – was reached on April 2, 2024 after the conciliator invited the union back to the negotiating table at the company's request. Unifor Local 100 represents roughly 200 employees at Autoport's facility in Eastern Passage. They will return to work on Friday, April 5, 2024. "We are pleased to have achieved a fair, negotiated agreement. We look

forward to working with our returning employees," said Doug MacDonald, executive vice-president and chief marketing officer at CN, in a statement.

Unifor Local 100 employees in Eastern Passage have ratified a new three-year collective agreement, April 4, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

US/WORLD

 **Carrier competition to intensify with EU anti-trust, alliance changes: Cosco**



Source: JOC

Cosco's profits for 2023 slumped 78% to \$3.3 billion, while revenue dropped 57% to \$24.3 billion. Competition in the container shipping market will intensify with the European Union's abolition of the antitrust exemption for carriers this year and the rejigging of shipping alliances, Cosco Shipping Holdings said on March 28, 2024. Highlighting the impact of changes within the carrier groupings, Cosco said they "may have significant impact on the future landscape of corporate alliances." The comments were made within the company's annual results filings to the Hong Kong and Shanghai stock exchanges. Overall, Cosco, China's container shipping and ports behemoth, was cautious about

the outlook this year. It said a raft of factors, including inventory restocking in Europe and other changes are occurring. *Carrier competition to intensify with EU anti-trust, alliance changes: Cosco, March 28, 2024, www.joc.com*

A human, environmental and economic emergency response to the Baltimore Key Bridge collapse

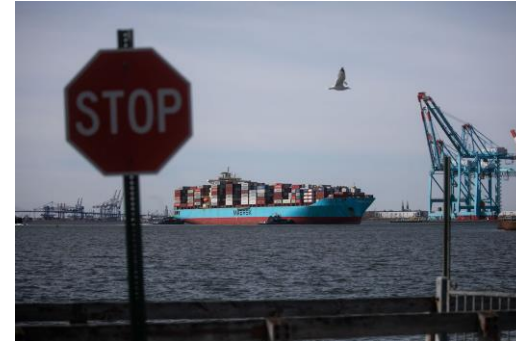


Source: Inside Logistics

On March 26, 2024, the container ship Dali in Baltimore's industrial harbour struck an interstate highway bridge, causing it to catastrophically collapse. Eight highway maintenance workers were thought to be on the bridge at the time of collapse. Two were rescued, and two bodies were recovered. Four workers remain missing, and are now presumed dead. The ship-bridge collision was a technological disaster, defined as an event caused by a malfunction of a technological structure or human error in controlling or handling the technology. In this case, the root cause of the disaster involved the interaction of two types of transportation technologies: a moving container ship and a fixed bridge. The disaster is not unprecedented — between 1960 to 2015 there have been 35 major bridge collapses due to collisions by ships or barges. On Feb. 22, 2024 in Guangzhou, south China, a container ship rammed into a bridge pillar leading to the subsequent collapse of the Lixinsha Bridge, and killing five people. The collapse of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge serves as another stark reminder that despite our technological prowess, accidents involving transportation technology will continue to occur when we least expect them.

A human, environmental and economic emergency response to the Baltimore Key Bridge collapse, April 1, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Baltimore ship accident has East Coast ports scrambling to absorb cargo



Source: AJOT

Ports along the US East Coast are modifying their operations to absorb cargo diverted from Baltimore harbor, where salvage specialists are starting the daunting task of clearing debris from the destroyed Francis Scott Key Bridge. The Port of Virginia, with terminals at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay near Norfolk, is opening a gate Monday at 5 a.m. — an hour earlier than usual — to help accommodate more truckers. The Port of New York and New Jersey, which is expecting additional cargo including autos, is working to allow quick access for transport companies that usually go through Baltimore. A major railroad is expanding its services, too. Fallout from last week's deadly bridge collapse, which indefinitely closed the nation's 17th-largest port by total cargo tonnage and the busiest gateway for vehicles, is expected to be largely contained as neighboring facilities with spare capacity tweak their schedules. Snarls, delays and added costs are more likely to appear outside ports as tens of thousands of shipments require longer routes on already-crowded roadways and rail lines.

Baltimore ship accident has East Coast ports scrambling to absorb cargo, April 1, 2024, www.ajot.com

Major US ports are pushing capacity limits, shipping veteran says

The biggest US ports are stretching capacity limits and need to expand to handle anticipated growth in inbound shipping, according to shipping industry veteran John McCown. Even before the Baltimore bridge disaster that shut one of the East Coast's most important delivery points, space was so constrained at the nation's 10 largest ports that containers unloaded from ocean-going vessels were being stacked six high in some places, said McCown, founder of Blue Alpha Capital and former CEO of Trailer Bridge Inc. The stacks can't go any higher without threatening to crack pavements below, he noted. "Capacity

limits are closer than most people think,” McCown said on April 2, 2024 at the Port of the Future conference at the University of Houston. “Our container system is approaching its physical limits.” Over the next 20 years, the US will need to expand inbound shipping capacity by the equivalent of four Ports of Los Angeles, said McCown, a senior nonresident fellow at the Center for Maritime Strategy. “Inbound traffic will continue to grow,” he said. “We need to take steps now.”

Major US ports are pushing capacity limits, shipping veteran says, April 2, 2024, www.ajot.com



Source: JOC

Red Sea crisis prompts THE Alliance to delay restart of Asia-USEC service



Source: JOC

THE Alliance on April 3, 2024 said it was postponing the planned restart of a service between Asia and the US East Coast due to the ongoing threats against vessels transiting the Red Sea. The decision underscores that ship diversions around Africa’s Cape of Good Hope will likely last through at least the first half of 2024, if not longer. Hapag-Lloyd and Ocean Network Express (ONE) said in a statement that THE Alliance’s East Coast 4 (EC4) service from Asia will not restart as previously announced. The service was suspended last year due to plummeting freight rates.

Red Sea crisis prompts THE Alliance to delay restart of Asia-USEC service, April 3, 2024, www.joc.com

FMC unit seeks \$63 million fine against MSC for alleged shipping law violations

The Federal Maritime Commission’s enforcement bureau said MSC failed to correct billing practices on non-operating reefer containers despite saying it did. The US Federal Maritime Commission’s enforcement bureau wants Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC) to pay a \$63 million civil penalty for what it alleges are multiple violations of US shipping law. The FMC’s Bureau of Enforcement, Investigations, and Compliance, in a filing on April 4, 2024 to one of the agency’s administrative law judges, alleged MSC charged excessive late fees on non-operating refrigerated containers and incorrectly billed companies that had no contractual relationship with the ocean carrier. The filing follows an investigation announced last August (i.e. in 2023) into possible violations of the US Shipping Act by MSC.

FMC unit seeks \$63 million fine against MSC for alleged shipping law violations, April 4, 2024, www.joc.com



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Road Transport Updates

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Nova Scotia offers rebates for zero-emission vehicles

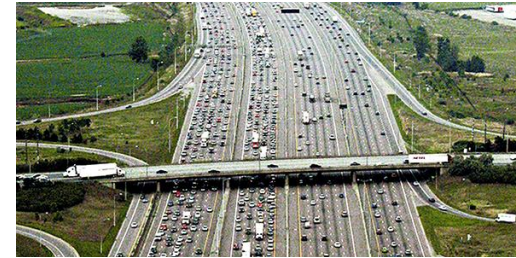


Source: Today's Trucking

Nova Scotia will offer rebates of up to \$50,000 per medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle, depending on its class. Eligible vehicles include vans and trucks used for commercial or industrial purposes that weigh more than 3,856 kilograms (8,500 pounds), according to a news release. "Transportation is Nova Scotia's second-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions," said Tory Rushton, minister of natural resources and renewables. "Moving to zero-emission vehicles reduces emissions and supports our goal of reaching net zero by 2050. So, we're continuing to offer rebates for electric cars and bikes and adding a pilot program with new rebates for larger vehicles."

Nova Scotia offers rebates for zero-emission vehicles, April 2, 2024, www.todaystrucking.com

Govt of Canada to CTA: No Change in Funding Policy for Infrastructure



Source: Ontruck

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Sean Fraser, responded to Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) concerns over Minister Guilbeault's recent comments implying the Government of Canada would stop investing in new road infrastructure. CTA and other stakeholders, including provincial and municipal governments, expressed concern the comments could negatively affect the supply chain and impact future investment in Canada. "Road infrastructure investment is critical to the current and future health of the Canadian supply chain and the Canadian economy," wrote CTA president Stephen Laskowski. "It is critical that the Government of Canada continue to make investments in roads, highways, and bridge transportation infrastructure. Canada's economy moves by truck, and it is this investment in infrastructure that will keep and attract investment to Canada." At a recent Parliamentary hearing, Minister Guilbeault stated that these investment comments were meant to refer only to a specific project in the Province of Quebec. He also responded to CTA's letter by confirming there is "no change in the federal government's infrastructure funding policy."

Govt of Canada to CTA: No Change in Funding Policy for Infrastructure, April 4, 2024, www.ontruck.ca

US/WORLD



Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$150 Million Grant to Support New Bus Rapid Transit Line in Las Vegas

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) April 1, 2024 announced a \$149.9 million grant award to the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to support the construction of a faster, more frequent bus route between downtown Las Vegas, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Harry Reid International Airport, and other popular destinations. This grant, for the new Maryland Parkway line, was funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which includes historic funding for public transit systems of all sizes.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$150 Million Grant to Support New Bus Rapid Transit Line in Las Vegas, April 1, 2024, www.dot.gov



Biden-Harris Administration to Provide \$20.5 Billion in Federal Funding to Support Transit Systems, Boost Communities

On April 4, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced that \$20.5 billion in federal funding, part of the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history, is available to support public transportation in communities throughout the country thanks to President Biden's Investing in America agenda. The investments will help people get to work, school, healthcare appointments, and other destinations via subways, light rail, buses, and ferry systems. Transit is such an important part of the transportation system because it drives economic growth, improves equity, and is inherently a climate-friendly option. By allowing transit providers to move forward with applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 federal support, the funding will help communities: 1. expand, modernize, maintain, and operate public transportation systems; 2. upgrade stations, tracks, and maintenance facilities; 3. plan and design new transit corridors; and 4. provide access for seniors and riders with disabilities.

Biden-Harris Administration to Provide \$20.5 Billion in Federal Funding to Support Transit Systems, Boost Communities, April 4, 2024, www.dot.gov



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Other Transport Updates

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U.K.-Canada trade barriers to increase as countries fail to reach deal



U.K. automakers will now face tariffs on auto parts exported from Canada, with was the eighth largest export market last year. Provisions allowing the United Kingdom to sell products containing European Union parts to Canada tariff-free will expire on Monday, after the two countries failed to reach an agreement on extensions. While U.K. government officials are trying to play down the impact on British industry, especially carmakers, one critic is calling it “embarrassing” for the country’s post-Brexit trade policy that it was unable to reach a deal even with a close ally.

U.K.-Canada trade barriers to increase as countries fail to reach deal, March 31, 2024, www.finacialpost.ca

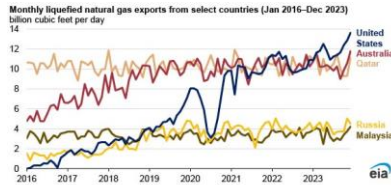
UK-Canada trade barriers to increase amid failure to reach deal

Provisions allowing the UK to sell products containing European Union parts to Canada tariff-free will expire on April 1, 2024, after the two countries failed to reach an agreement on extensions. While UK government officials are trying to play down the impact on British industry, especially car-makers, one critic is calling it “embarrassing” for the country’s post-Brexit trade policy that it was unable to reach a deal even with a close ally. Forming closer trade ties with countries outside the EU was touted by Brexiteers, including Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, as a key benefit of leaving the bloc. But so far the UK has only signed new bilateral free-trade agreements with Australia and New Zealand, and those deals have been criticized by MPs and farmers alike. The failure to secure an extension on so-called rules of origin provisions with Canada, even after last-ditch talks between UK Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch and her Canadian counterpart Mary Ng on the sidelines of the World Trade Organization conference in Abu Dhabi at the end of February, underlines just how difficult it will be for the UK to boost its tariff-free trade with non-EU markets. It may also be a sign of deepening rifts in the ruling Conservative Party, which is lagging the opposition Labour in polls ahead of a general election expected later this year as discord against Sunak grows.

UK-Canada trade barriers to increase amid failure to reach deal, April 1, 2024, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

The United States was the world's largest liquefied natural gas exporter in 2023



Source: AJOT

The United States exported more liquefied natural gas (LNG) than any other country in 2023. U.S. LNG exports averaged 11.9 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d)—a 12% increase (1.3 Bcf/d) compared with 2022, according to data from our Natural Gas Monthly. LNG exports from Australia and Qatar—the world's two other largest LNG exporters—each ranged from 10.1 Bcf/d to 10.5 Bcf/d annually between 2020 and 2023, according to data from Cedigaz. Russia and Malaysia were the fourth- and fifth-highest LNG exporters globally over the last five years (2019–23). In 2023, LNG exports from Russia averaged 4.2 Bcf/d, and exports from Malaysia average 3.5 Bcf/d.

The United States was the world's largest liquefied natural gas exporter in 2023, April 1, 2024, www.ajot.com

US transport group slams new EPA heavy-duty truck rule



Source: Inside Logistics

Clean Freight Coalition Executive Director Jim Mullen issued the following statement on behalf of the Coalition regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's final Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3 rule: The members of the Clean Freight Coalition have a long history of collaborating with

federal regulators on sound regulations that support environmental improvements at the right speed. However, our members oppose the Environmental Protection Agency's final Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3 rule – a regulation that will require the adoption of zero-emissions commercial vehicles at a pace that isn't possible due to the limits of today's technology.

US transport group slams new EPA heavy-duty truck rule, April 3, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Transportation Services Contributed 6.7% to U.S. GDP in 2022; Rising Above 6.3% in 2019

Transportation contributed \$1.7 trillion (6.7%) to the economy in 2022. Transportation services (for-hire, in-house, and household) contributed \$1.7 trillion (6.7%) to an enhanced U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) of \$26.2 trillion in 2022—as measured by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) Transportation Satellite Accounts (TSAs). TSAs measure the full contribution of transportation to the economy from three types of transportation activities: 1. \$0.9 trillion or 3.5% of 2022 GDP from for-hire transportation; 2. \$0.4 trillion or 1.4% of 2022 GDP from transportation activities carried out by non-transportation industries for their own purposes (known as in-house transportation), and 3. \$0.5 trillion or 1.8% of 2022 GDP from transportation activities carried out by households using personal motor vehicles.

Transportation Services Contributed 6.7% to U.S. GDP in 2022; Rising Above 6.3% in 2019, April 3, 2024, www.bts.gov



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2024 CILTNA SPRING OUTLOOK CONFERENCE
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THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024 FROM 16:00-17:30 – HARBOUR TOUR HOSTED BY THE VANCOUVER FRASER PORT AUTHORITY
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FRIDAY, 10 MAY 2024 @ 07:40 PT (DOORS OPEN)

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Please RSVP at: <https://ciltna.com/events/wilat-sip-chat/>

Guest speaker: Shauna McMillan, former member of the National Supply Chain Task Force in Canada will speak to us about "Lessons learned: Challenges and opportunities for supply chains in North America."

Shauna is a professional engineer, certified Supply Chain Professional and certified in Production and Inventory Management from the Association for Supply Chain Management.

She worked for Canadian Tire Corporation for 14 years before joining Canadian National Railway (CN) for 8 years, holding the positions including Assistant Vice President, Sales, Industrial Products.

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL woman IS A TREE OF OTHER successful WOMEN WHO HAVE her back.

**This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.*



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Join us on Thursday, 9 May from 4- 5:30 PM for a harbour tour hosted by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. *Boarding time 3:45 PM and location TBA.

Join us again on Friday, 10 May at the Terminal City Club, 837 W Hastings St., Vancouver for the 2024 CILTNA Annual Spring Outlook Conference: "Adapting to a Changing World: Challenges in Transportation, Energy, Environment and Geopolitics".

Come network, make new acquaintances, and hear and interact on some thought-provoking presentations on very real and challenging subjects.

For more details on the agenda and registration, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/2024-ciltna-spring-outlook-conference/>

Ladies, grab a coffee and join us online for an hour with guest speaker, Shauna McMillan, former member of the National Supply Chain Task Force in Canada who will speak to us about **"Lessons learned: Challenges and opportunities for supply chains in North America."**

For free registration, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/16-april-wilat-sip-chat/>



WEBINAR | A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PASSENGER RAIL IN THE USA?

CILT International are pleased to present the first instalment in their latest webinar series, exploring the latest insights and developments within the transport, logistics and supply chain industries.

Join them on 17th April at 13.00 BST as they explore the complexities of passenger rail within the USA. They are delighted to welcome Andrew Young, FCILT from CILT North America, as speaker for the session. Andrew is currently Director for Passenger Business at Wi-Tronix and has an extensive background in logistics and transport, spanning over 30 years.

With significant investment being committed to improve passenger rail services, an ambitious program to evaluate new routes and the development of various high-speed rail corridors is the US experiencing a rail renaissance? Find out in their interactive session.

The webinar is free to attend for members of CILT only. Please ensure you have your membership number and CILT branch to hand in order to register.

To register, please visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OmMOqCSXQTa9QYKmtjlkwrw#/

Leading the Path Forward



April 23-24, 2024

Westin Toronto Airport Hotel

CIFFA 75th Anniversary Conference, April 23-24, 2024

The CIFFA 75th Anniversary Conference, April 23-24, 2024, is a momentous occasion filled with pride, reflection, and a vision for the future – “Leading The Path Forward”. CIFFA, founded in 1948, plays a pivotal role in shaping the logistics industry in Canada. The 75th-anniversary celebration is not just a reflection on past achievements but a commitment to navigating the evolving challenges of global trade and transportation, ensuring that CIFFA continues to be a driving force in shaping the future of supply chain in Canada.

Why attend?

CIFFA’s two-day 75th Anniversary Conference will share evolutionary and revolutionary thinking, celebrating the association’s leadership through the last 75 years, while helping prepare 450 industry decision-makers to meet the challenges of the next decade. Register, attend, and expand your network.

To register, please visit: <https://www.ciffa.com/register-now/>

Jennifer Coutts-Clay CMILT, author of Jetliner Cabins (<https://jetlinecabins.com/>), will be moderator for the Annual Aircraft Interiors EXPO on 28 May 2024 in Hamburg, Germany for the session: "Cabin refurbishment: investing to impress". This session features airlines that have recently completed major refurbishment programmes or are in the middle of refurb projects. What are the latest must have features on board and how do the refits improve the passenger experience, as well as crew functions?

For more information, please visit: https://www.inflight-online.com/cabinspace_live/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Latest+Industry+News&utm_campaign=Inflight+Newsletter+29%2F03%2F2024



The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) would like your feedback on the issues that affect you and how they can make cross-border travel easier and more efficient. Please take a few minutes to fill out the feedback survey and have your say.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/E7R6k9QVhhyhHBCd9>

Job Postings

* Halifax Port Authority, One Port/One City President & Chief Executive Officer

With a natural, deep harbour and world-class infrastructure, the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) is a strategic port operator with a mission to connect with global markets, creating value for customers, partners, visitors, and the community. Its mission is to attract and retain cargo and cruise activity to the Port of Halifax, delivering economic benefits to the local community, region, and the country. The world's largest shipping lines use the Port of Halifax, creating connections with over 150 countries. With a 50 Year Plan, HPA's growth strategy is designed to ensure assets are available for the safe and seamless movement of ships, passengers, and cargo. As part of its Plan, HPA has embarked on ambitious projects such as The PIER, a centre for port innovation, planning and strategy. The opening of The PIER in 2021, was a monumental moment for Halifax and the industry - the first supply chain and logistics living lab in Canada.

The new President & CEO for the HPA will take the Port through its next phase of evolution leveraging existing assets, initiatives, and plans. Accountable to the Board of Directors, the new President & CEO will operate in a complex landscape with a multi-faceted mandate. Responsible for ensuring that Port facilities and resources are utilized in a safe, efficient manner and that the Authority's goals and objectives are met, the CEO with the support of a capable Executive Team, will create, communicate, and implement the organization's vision, mission, and strategic direction. The CEO will work with all three levels of government, aboriginal peoples, local community leadership, and other stakeholders to achieve the Port's vision. Further, the CEO will ensure excellent customer relations through the development of programs that meet or exceed customer requirements.

This is an exceptional leadership opportunity for an executive with the ability to envision the future of this critical infrastructure/transportation hub. HPA is seeking a business savvy leader to guide the organization through its next stage of growth. As the ideal candidate, you are a

thought-leader with an innovative and visionary mindset and an understanding of sustainability initiatives. You bring exemplary communication skills to engage staff, stakeholders and the broader community. Diplomacy and political acumen to engage government agencies and elected officials will be crucial for success. With the ability to negotiate effectively and assess risk, you bring supply chain and related infrastructure experience (e.g. port, terminal, marine, rail, logistics, mining, forestry, or other industrial business). Exposure to large infrastructure projects, will be helpful. This is an international search and qualified candidates from outside Canada will be considered.

To Apply

To fill this position, Halifax Port Authority has partnered with leadership advisory firm Odgers Berndtson. Applications are encouraged immediately and should be submitted online with a resume and cover letter ideally before April 15th, 2024 at <https://careers.odgersberndtson.com/en-ca/job/29313>

For more information, please contact Kyle Mechar of Odgers Berndtson at kyle.mechar@odgersberndtson.com.

We would like to thank all applicants but regret that we are only able to personally contact those individuals whose backgrounds best match the requirements for the role.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

HPA is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and HPA throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

Odgers Berndtson is deeply committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all the work that we do. As part of our efforts to better understand our ability to reach as broad a pool of candidates as possible for our searches, our DEI team would like to encourage you to take a moment and access our [Self-Declaration Form](#).

* Principal Planner: Freight Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Under the direction of the Director of Freight Planning, the Principal Planner: Freight Planning will be responsible for performing a full range of technical planning, research, analysis, written reports, and outreach activities in the specialized field of freight and goods movement planning. The job requires knowledge of goods movement, the application of tools of analysis, the ability to research freight and related topics and produce reports, as well as the ability of effectively engage and interact with stakeholders in the public and private sector. To apply, please click here:

<https://njit.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/4582?c=njit>

* GLG, looking for consulting experts in various transportation and logistics fields

We have been approached by GLG, a bona fide professional services organization which provides hourly consulting services, looking for experts in various transportation and logistics fields. These are done over the phone or in a web meeting (not in person). If you would like to be considered as a candidate (GLG typically pay up to \$200/hr. for these 30 minute or 60 minute consultations) for any of these please let Andrew Young know and he will put you in contact with them (uschapter@ciltna.com).

Diesel-to-Electric Battery Repowering | Trains, Trucks, or Boats

One of our clients, a railcar manufacturer, would like to speak with an expert who is knowledgeable about repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, and trucks. More specifically, they're looking to better understand what it takes to go from diesel to electric battery powered, as well as who the leading suppliers of key components are (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.).

Project Questions

- Do you have experience repowering heavy machinery, such as trains, boats, or trucks? If so, please elaborate on your relevant experience below.
- Are you able to discuss the repowering design, specifically what it takes to transition from conventional diesel to electric battery powered?
- Are you knowledgeable about suppliers of key repowering components (e.g., power control systems, inverters, batteries, motors, etc.)? If so, please note which component suppliers you could elaborate on during a call below.

Fleet Management | Market Overview

One of our clients, a project team at a professional services firm, would like to speak with individuals that have in depth knowledge on the truck fleet management space. Topics of interest include:

- Products offered by truck fleet management companies
- Value chain
- Products
- Market size, areas for growth, and top players in the space

Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of a corporation or investment firm. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

Project Questions

- Can you list what are the main products that a truck fleet management company offers?
- On a scale from 1-5 (1=not able to speak, 5=extremely knowledgeable), how knowledgeable are you on the following topics related to fleet management:
 - Who do you believe are the 3-5 main truck fleet management companies and who has been gaining market share in the last 5 years?
 - Can you speak to what is the average gross margin that fleet management companies generally have combining all products and services? (in %)

Fleet Operations | Fleet Manager Perspective

One of our clients, a project team at a professional services firm, would like to speak with professionals with fleet management experience across truck, rail, maritime, or aviation fleets.

Please Note: Our client is working on behalf of an Oil & Gas Provider. GLG Network Members are not permitted to consult about their current employer(s) or provide any information that may be considered confidential or proprietary to their current or former employers or other third parties.

Project Questions

- Roughly how many vehicles are/were included in your fleet?
- Are you involved in the evaluation and decision-making process for fuel choices and alternative products used in your fleet? Please select which best represent your relevant experience.
 - Are you familiar with fuel alternative products ("green fuel", biofuels, etc.)? Please briefly elaborate on your experience in 1-2 sentences.
 - Can you speak to your preference of fuel vs. fuel alternative products and your rationale? Please briefly elaborate in 1-2 sentences.

- Could you provide examples of and speak to companies that are selling fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these companies?
- Can you speak to the fuel alternative products in the market today? What are your perceptions of these products? What has influenced your perception? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you provide examples of when you have utilized fuel alternatives within your business/at your place of work? What were the advantages? The disadvantages? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you speak to making purchase decisions regarding fuel alternatives? What were your considerations? What ultimately influenced your decision? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Could you speak to the sources/influences that you consulted during this buying process? Please briefly elaborate on your ability to discuss in 1-2 sentences.
- Does your CURRENT company compete with Oil & Gas Manufacturers.
- Do you have current/recent experience (within 0-2 years) in fleet management across any of the following segments?

Freight Brokerage Services | Overview

One of our clients, an analyst at an investment management firm, would like to speak with a Network Member who can speak on the freight brokerage services space. Topics of discussion include:

The unique dynamics of fresh produce / temperature-controlled shipping

- Defensive actions to take during a brokerage downturn
- Main drivers of freight brokerage financials
- Up and coming tech platforms for freight brokerages

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Project Questions

- Can you speak to the unique dynamics of fresh produce/temperature-controlled shipping? If so, please elaborate on your ability to do so below.
- Have you navigated a downturn at your brokerage? If so, can you speak on the defensive actions that were taken?
- Can you speak on the main drivers of freight brokerage financials? If so, please elaborate in 1-2 sentences on your ability to do so below.

- Can you speak on any emerging tech platforms for freight brokerages? If so, please elaborate on them below.
 - Do you have any off-limit topics and/or anything you might be contractually obligated not to discuss regarding this consultation or space? If so, please briefly elaborate on the topics you are not allowed to discuss.
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