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AUSTRALIA & NZ NEWS

GALES SEND FREMANTLE VESSELS BACK TO SEA

"Strong to gale force winds on 2 and 3 October are forcing vessels at the Port of Fremantle to take evasive action.

A note to shipping agents on 2 October said weather forecasts monitored by Fremantle Ports indicate an adverse weather event effective for Perth coast, Perth Local waters and Lancelin coast. [The DCN](#)

AUSTRALIAN GUIDE RELEASED TO COMBAT CONTAINER PRODUCT LOSS

"Logistics specialists Corsafe have partnered with the Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) to create a guide on safely packing containers for overseas suppliers.

Corsafe, part of Australian transport and logistics insurance provider NTI, collaborated with the CTAA to create the guide for Australian companies to distribute to their overseas partners, to provide an understanding of the standards required when loading containers bound for Australia. [The DCN](#)

QANTAS ENGINEERS WARN STRIKES WILL CONTINUE IF AIRLINE DOESN'T MAKE HIGHER PAY OFFER

"Qantas engineers are warning they'll hold further strikes if the airline does not make a substantial increase in its pay offer, as a protracted enterprise bargaining dispute continues.

Engineers at Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth airports walked off the job for two hours on Monday morning as part of a push for a major pay increase." [ABC News](#).

SUPPLY CHAIN NEWS

ILA INITIATES PORT WORKERS STRIKE ACROSS US PORTS

"The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) has initiated a strike that will see workers walk off the job across dozens of ports across the United States' east coast and Gulf of Mexico.

An estimated 25,000 port workers will be involved in the work stoppage across 36 ports from Maine to Texas, in a move that could cause significant disruption to the country's economy, depending on the duration of the strike. [The DCN](#)

TRADE LAW: WHAT'S THE FUSS ON DE MINIMIS?

"Australia's experience in dealing with de minimis transactions (also known as low-value transactions or LVTs) has been complicated and is now subject to review by industry and the border agencies. Australia has a system by which goods valued at less than \$1000 in a consignment may be imported under a self-assessed clearance declaration (SAC) of which there are three types: the Cargo Report SAC Declaration, Short-Form SAC Declaration or Long Form SAC Declaration." [The DCN](#)

UNION TO VOTE AGAINST DSV'S PROPOSED TAKE OVER OF SCHENKER

"Railway and transport union EVG is reportedly planning to vote against the sale of forwarder DB Schenker to DSV later this week.

On Wednesday, the supervisory board of Schenker parent Deutsche Bahn is due to meet to vote on DSV's proposed €14.3bn deal to acquire the forwarder. [Air Cargo News](#)

SHIPPERS SCRAMBLING FOR ALTERNATIVES AS BOX LINES DIVERT FROM CLOSED PORTS

"Video footage of the 4,300 teu MSC Arushi R (pictured) departing Houston yesterday, sparsely loaded with just a few containers, could become one of the defining images of the first day of the ILA's strike.

The vessel is deployed on MSC's transatlantic North Europe-Mexico service, which does not normally feature a call in the US. However, the carrier appears to have tried to make a last-minute stop, before the midnight strike deadline, to pick up exports before adding new calls at Felixstowe." [The Loadstar](#)

PORT WORKERS AT MONTREAL TO BEGIN THREE-DAY STRIKE ON MONDAY

"Canada's Maritime Employers' Association (MEA) said yesterday that dockworkers had called a strike at the port of Montreal, which will see two terminals closed from Monday morning at 7am.

The MEA said it had received a strike notice from CUPE Local 375, that two Termont terminals (Viau and Maisonneuve) would not reopen until Thursday 3 October at 6.59am. [The Loadstar](#)

LINER SCHEDULE RELIABILITY: SOME IMPROVEMENT AS STRIKE TURMOIL BEGINS

"On the eve of possible widespread disruption due to industrial action across US east and Gulf coast ports, schedule reliability across the container shipping sector has been marginally improving.

According to SeaIntelligence Consulting, global schedule reliability in August improved by 0.7 percentage points compared with July, to reach 52.8% of all sailings arriving on time, and it added that overall schedule reliability this year had stabilised within the 50%-55% range." [The Loadstar](#)

ZIM GETS SLOTS FROM ANL ON TASMAN

"Israeli Carrier ZIM has found a way to maintain a trans-Tasman service and crucial links to its ZAX China-Australia product through a slot-charter deal with ANL Container Line.

ZIM's Hong Kong subsidiary Gold Star Line yesterday announced two loops, GTS and GNA, based on ANL's TransTas and ANZ Shuttle, respectively.

GTS - Gold Star Trans-Tasman Service - will provide extensive coverage between New Zealand and Australia with the following rotation: Auckland, Lyttleton, Port Chalmers, Napier, Tauranga, Sydney, Melbourne, GSL said." [The DCN](#)

FORWARDER CONCERN GROWS OVER PORT STRIKE AMID A SCRAMBLE FOR DWINDLING AIRFREIGHT CAPACITY

"Forwarders have expressed "growing concerns" over the US port strike, which - given the immutable stance of the ILA, combined with a difficult political situation - could drag on, impacting air cargo.

The key for shippers is alternative means of transport or destinations, with air, road and rail expected to come under pressure as shippers struggle to get goods in the right places.

Many forwarders are looking to air freight as a possible, if only partial, solution. [The Loadstar](#)

BOTTLENECKS BEGIN TO FORM IN ASIA AS AIR PEAK SEASON APPROACHES

On the eve of the peak airfreight season, most Asian gateways are running without problems, but some bottlenecks have begun to appear, particularly out of South-east Asia and the Philippines.

And, according to the latest Dimerco Asia Pacific Freight Report, despite sinking volumes, exporters using container lines are also facing challenges as a result of a sharp rise in blank sailings. [The Loadstar](#)

AIRFREIGHT FACES CAPACITY CHALLENGE, AS WIDEBODY FLEET GROWTH FALTERS

Shippers and forwarders are facing the prospect of tightening airfreight capacity driving up pricing. Growth in demand and available lift have diverged increasingly this year, and supply of large widebody aircraft remains constricted by supply chain issues and other problems in aircraft manufacturing. This has a knock-on effect on the availability of planes for conversion into cargo aircraft, further exacerbating the constraints on capacity. [The Loadstar](#)

AIRFREIGHT RATES AND DEMAND EXPECTED TO RISE AS US PORT STRIKE GETS UNDERWAY

Strikes at US East and Gulf coast container and ro-ro ports got underway last night with expectations that the industrial action will result in modal shift to an already busy airfreight sector.

At midnight more than 45,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) began strike action as an agreement could not be found with port bosses. [Air Cargo News](#)