



Potential U.S. East Coast & Gulf Coast port strike January 2025

Dear Valued Customers

Labor contract negotiations between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd. (USMX), representing employers of the East and Gulf Coast longshore industry such as container carriers, marine terminal operators and port associations, are still ongoing and have not been finalized yet.

If the two parties fail to reach an agreement over pending matters before the contract extension expires, ILA members may begin to strike as soon as January 15th, 2025. A labor strike could cause major interruptions and delays in container shipment operations along the East and Gulf Coast.

As a result, several shipping lines and NVOCC's have announced the implementation of Emergency Congestion Surcharges in case of a strike. The surcharge will be applied to all LCL and FCL exports starting Jan. 15TH as well as import shipments arriving on Jan. 15TH or after.

Cargo Consolidation Corp as well as A. Hartrodt as agent of Cargo Consolidation Corp, will pass on the charges to our customers at cost.

For the latest updates on the contract negotiations, you may visit the ILS and USMX's websites

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