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Newsletter

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STATUS UPDATE – ILA AND USMX NEGOTIATIONS

Contract negotiations between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) are scheduled to resume this week with support of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). In the event talks are not successful, the US Government may choose to declare a national emergency under the Taft-Hartley Act. This would postpone any work stoppage for 80 days.

Carriers continue contingency planning in preparation of possible work stoppages on October 1. Sea carriers have developed routing alternatives and anticipate being able to provide service to most current US export destinations. Carriers are also promoting Air-Sea routings as an option to avoid possible congestion at US West Coast and/or Canadian ports.

Some steamship lines are starting to make schedule adjustments to ensure their ships arrive/depart the US East Coast ports ahead of the potential work stoppage. UFO will communicate any schedule changes affecting your current shipments.

UFO will continue to monitor the situation closely and advise you of further developments. If you have any questions, please contact Marc Mugfor at mmugfor@ufold.com.

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