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# Newsletter

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**ILWU/PMA UPDATE**

Negotiations between the ILWU and PMA have stalled. The PMA is requesting that Federal mediation become involved in the talks. The ILWU has been silent on the Federal mediation request, but has suggested it is time for ocean carrier executives to become involved in the negotiations.

Work slowdowns and terminal congestion continues in Los Angeles-Long Beach and the Pacific Northwest Ports; work slowdowns are now being reported at the Port of Oakland. Truckers, exporters, importers and terminal operators continue to feel the pain of additional costs and significantly increased transit times. All affected are hopeful mediation and negotiations soon come to a close.

**KUWAIT CUSTOMS**

We have been advised that Kuwait Customs has changed the requirements regarding Legalization. UFO is in the process of confirming the new regulations and will contact clients directly regarding specific documentary changes required. In the past many shippers were exempt from Kuwait Legalization. You may want to check with your consignees to confirm if shipments continue to be exempt from the Legalization requirements.

Please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufoltd.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

***Thank you for your support throughout 2014.***

***UFO wishes you a Happy New Year!***

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