



LOS ANGELES PORT CONGESTION UPDATE

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Dear Sea Shipping Customers,

The latest news from The Waterfront Coalition:

Late last evening (Eastern time) the ILWU and the PMA issued a statement saying that they agreed to take a 72 hour break from negotiations while the ILWU "attends to an unrelated negotiation taking place in the Pacific Northwest." During this break the contract will be temporarily extended until 8:00 am pacific time on Friday, July 11th.

This break will give PMA a chance to take stock of where they currently stand.

Finally, The Waterfront Coalition wants to stress that yesterday's Teamsters' action was not a "strike" as has been widely reported in the press. It was part of the Teamsters' ongoing effort to organize short-haul trucking operations and so, by definition, it was not a strike. Since it was not a strike, the demonstrations were not "picket lines," and the ILWU was under no obligation to honor them. The ILWU has gone to great lengths on social media to correct the characterization of yesterday's Teamster activities as a strike. The Teamsters' actions continued into today which caused several terminals to close for a period of two hours. All terminals are now open and have returned to normal business.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

Regards,
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