



West Coast Update

In hopes to present a tentative contract agreement at next week's ILWU Caucus, the ILWU and PMA participated in negotiation talks over the weekend of December 6 and 7. Contract talks continued this week in San Francisco. Pictured: Congestion builds at LB Container Terminal. Anchored ships can be seen in the bay.



Trucker Hours of Service Suspension

The House of Representatives passed a \$1.1 trillion Cromnibus Bill late Thursday night that could suspend one of the most controversial portions of the trucking hours of service (HOS) rules. The amendment would lift the requirement that truck drivers take a 34 hour restart at the end of the work week, to include two consecutive 1am to 5am periods of off-duty, before returning to work the following week. After industry research, the HOS rule put more drivers on America's highways during peak hours, annulling the safety concerns by which it was incepted. Truckload carriers have claimed that HOS rules cost them as much as 4 to 5 percent on average in fleet efficiency. While this dimension has yet to be validated, Marisol will continue to keep you updated as the truckload industry makes this migration. The Cromnibus Bill would give the DOT \$40 billion in highway funding. U.S. CBP would receive additional funding as well. The House passed a two-day resolution to give the Senate time to consider the bill.



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January 15 GRI

TSA carriers have announced they will implement a January 15th GRI in the amount of \$800/20', \$1000/40', \$1125/40'HQ and \$1266/45' on Trans-Pacific Eastbound cargo. As always, Unitrans will work diligently with carriers to mitigate charges to assist our customers in any way possible.

2015 IATA Air Cargo Outlook

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that they expect air cargo volumes to increase by 4.5 percent next year to 52.5 million metric tons. The IATA also expects rates to decline by 5.8 percent in 2015. "The industry outlook is improving. The global economy continues to recover and the fall in oil prices should strengthen the upturn next year." IATA Director-General Tony Tyler said.

Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year, beginning on Thursday, February 19, will cause all Chinese operations to cease for at least two weeks. The holiday could affect Chinese production up to six weeks. We encourage customers to plan accordingly and submit orders in advance to avoid shipment delays. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local Unitrans account manager.

Link of the Week

October 2014 Trade Deficit Decrease

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS	
Holidays do not necessarily indicate close of business	
December 12	Kenya, Turkmenistan
December 13	Iran, Malta, Saint Lucia
December 14	N/A
December 15	Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, Sint Maarten
December 16	Bahrain, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, South Africa
December 17	Bahrain, Bhutan, Kazakhstan
December 18	Niger, Qatar

