



ILWU and PMA Update

ILWU and PMA contract negotiations continue, despite earlier reports that a tentative contract might be reached prior to the holidays. On December 11, PMA officials forwarded a contract proposal to the union. On Monday, December 15, approximately 90 union delegates met for an ILWU Caucus. The ILWU responded to the PMA offer on Monday with a counter proposal. On Wednesday, December 17, both negotiation teams met separately. The ILWU and PMA returned to face-to-face talks on Thursday, December 18.

Vessel Sailing Amendments

As congestion and labor disruptions continue to affect West Coast port operations, ocean container lines have begun to amend vessel sailing schedules. Upon arrival at West Coast ports of call, vessels have been forced to wait for days in the harbor. In addition, ILWU slowdowns have increased the time it takes to work a vessel. Consequently, West-bound pacific sailings are forced off schedule, creating logistical obstacles for ocean carriers. Due to carrier alliances and vessel sharing, these schedule changes could affect multiple carriers. Unitrans account managers will work diligently with carriers and agents to create alternative options for our customers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Unitrans office.

Changes for Textile and Apparel Importers

The Mexican government recently announced a new registration requirement for importers of textiles and apparel into Mexico. Importation of fibers and cut-to-shape pieces will be prohibited unless the importer is registered. Mexico has also planned to set minimum reference prices to combat undervaluation. Additionally, the country has suspended a tariff reduction until 2018.



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Unitrans Holiday Hours

Unitrans International offices will be closed Thursday, December 25. Normal business hours will resume on December 26 at 8:00am. We wish you a happy holiday!

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 with carriers to mitigate charges in order to support our customers in any way possible.

Sustainable Port Solutions

APM Terminal in Rotterdam will be the first terminal in the world to have a zero-emission footprint. The two year, \$6.2 million contract with NV Nuon Energy will take effect on January 1, 2015. The entire terminal will run on wind generated electricity and battery power from electric quay and yard cranes to electric or battery operated lift vehicles. The terminal has an annual capacity of 2.7 million TEUs. Watch APMT's introduction video [here](#).

Link of the Week

Updated AAFA List of "Restricted Chemicals and Substances" in Textiles & Footwear

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS	
Holidays do not necessarily indicate close of business	
December 19	Anguilla
December 20	Macau, Reunion
December 21	Iran, Myanmar, Sao Tome and Principe
December 22	Macau, Zimbabwe
December 23	Azerbaijan, Iran, Japan, Maldives
December 24	Denmark, Hungary, Macau, Philippines, Venezuela
December 25	Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, USA +

