



ILWU and PMA Update

On Monday, January 5th, the ILWU joined the PMA by requesting the help of federal mediation in labor contract negotiations. It has been reported that remaining contract topics yet to be settled include port automation and the jurisdiction of the maintenance and repair of chassis.

China-Thailand Rail Link Construction

Since October, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have continued to work to introduce a gray chassis concept by February 1. Despite the ongoing negotiations between the ILWU and PMA, the Port of LA Executive Director, Gene Seroka, is still hopeful for the launch of the gray chassis concept next month. The concept would allow truckers to pick up a chassis/container combination at any of the thirteen marine terminals or at stop-start locations in the harbor and return the chassis to any of those locations, regardless of the ownership. Currently, truckers are forced to make split moves where they must bring a container to one terminal and take the chassis to another terminal, because the chassis belongs to a pool operator that does not have a contract with the first facility.

Consumer Electronics Show 2015

The Consumer Electronics Show is an annual international electronics and technology trade show held in Las Vegas over the last 40 years. This year, there were a number of logistics related technologies introduced at the event. Machine-to-machine communication technologies will allow the automated exchange of data on containers, chassis and trucks to help shippers and carriers track and monitor shipments. These new technologies will provide better visibility of inbound and outbound commercial movements throughout the supply chain. Read more about the CES event [here](#).



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TPEB January 15 GRI

As a reminder, TSA carriers 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 to support our customers in any way possible.

Global Air Freight Demand Expected to Grow in 2015

The International Air Transport Association stated on January 7 that global air freight traffic should expand faster than total global trade in 2015, building on the best peak season for air cargo in years. To read the November 2014 air freight market analysis compiled by the IATA, click [here](#).

U.S. CBP to Continue Overtime Until Congestion Clears

A U.S. CBP representative stated on January 8 that the agency will continue to go beyond standard operating procedures until congestion clears. CBP recently re-evaluated procedures to ensure expedited inspections. CBP has worked to guarantee perishable products receive same-day treatment. In addition, inspectors have been using handheld devices to release shipments, decreasing the documentation processing time.

Links of the Week

[October 2014 North American Freight Numbers](#)

| INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS | |
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| *Holidays do not necessarily indicate close of business* | |
| January 9 | Armenia, Moldova, Panama, Ukraine + |
| January 10 | Armenia, Benin |
| January 11 | Armenia, Mali, Morocco, Western Sahara |
| January 12 | Bahamas, Colombia, Japan, Tanzania + |
| January 13 | Cape Verde, Togo |
| January 14 | Abkhazia, Tunisia + |
| January 15 | Malawi, Nepal, Sri Lanka + |

