

M+R SPEDAG GROUP ADVISORY

POSSIBLE STRIKE OF INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN'S ASSOCIATION (ILA) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1st, 2024

September 30th, 2024

Dear Partners & Colleagues,

A strike action at US East and Gulf ports by the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA) is expected to proceed beginning October 1st, 2024 as negotiations over a new master contract with the US Maritime Alliance (USMX) have stalled. Accordingly, we wish to advise you of the following information as provided to us by our carrier partners in recent days:

Bookings & Schedules

Carriers will continue to accept dry container export bookings from Asia to US East & Gulf ports but may change service rotation or booking release status without prior notice. Carriers are expected to suspend the booking and carriage of dangerous goods and refrigerated containers.

Import Demurrage at Terminal

Carriers will follow terminal policy at each port. If a port is closed and containers cannot be picked up, Carriers may not charge storage for those days. Refrigerated shipments in the terminal will not be monitored during port disruption. Import cargo left idling in the terminal after a strike concludes may be subject to the Carrier's abandonment process.

Import Detention

If a port is closed and containers cannot be returned to the marine terminal, the Carrier may not charge detention (per diem) for those days. However, Carriers may have near-dock depots which you may be directed to use.

Force Majeure

In the expected event that Carriers declare Force Majeure, Carriers reserve the right to discharge containers originally destined for affected ports at alternative ports, with any on-carriage costs to be arranged for the account of the cargo.

Port Congestion Surcharges

Multiple Carriers have filed port congestion surcharges ranging from \$1000 to \$3000 per FEU, effective between October 11th and October 27th (cargo receipt date at origin). Carriers may also adjust their respective FAK rates and/or PSS charges effective October 15th.

For and on behalf of M+R Forwarding