

LIVRO GLOBAL SHIPPING NEWS

1. Fire from overturned truck carrying lithium-ion batteries shuts down Port of LA, POLB terminals

Several terminals at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach shut down on Friday after a truck carrying lithium-ion batteries overturned and caught fire. Operations at the Port of Los Angeles were disrupted on Thursday afternoon, 26 September, when a tractor-trailer carrying a container loaded with lithium iron batteries overturned near Ocean Boulevard and Navy Way on Terminal Island. The incident caused several container terminals to close, with APM Terminals, Fenix Marine, Everport, and Yusen Terminals remaining closed on Friday as local fire, hazmat, and police agencies responded to the scene. However, other terminals, including Trapac, West Basin Container Terminal, and the World Cruise Center, remained operational, according to the Port of Los Angeles.

Source: <https://www.worldcargonews.com/> 29-09-2024

2. U.S. East Coast port strike looms Tuesday with no talks scheduled

U.S. East and Gulf Coast port workers are set to go on strike at midnight on Monday with no talks currently scheduled to head off a stoppage threatening to halt container traffic from Maine to Texas and cost the economy as much as \$5 billion a day. The labor contract between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) union representing 45,000 port workers and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) employer group expires late Monday, with negotiations at an impasse over pay. A port strike will go ahead starting Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. ET, the ILA said on Sunday. The USMX "refuses to address a half-century of wage subjugation," the union said in a statement on Sunday.

Source <https://www.cnbc.com/> 29-09-2024.

3. SAMSA: Smoke onboard Maersk ship, update on pharma material cleanup

A container vessel, the *Maersk Cincinnati* had to be berthed in Richards Bay, South Africa, after smoke was detected onboard, both South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) and the vessel owner confirmed. In a brief report to SAMSA, A.P Moller-Maersk Indian Subcontinent, Middle East & Africa Senior Media Relations Officer, Adhish Alawani stated: "We can confirm that smoke was reported from a cargo hold on one of our time-chartered vessels, Maersk Cincinnati, around midnight local South African time on 15 September 2024, while the vessel was sailing from Colombo to Port Tanger Med. There were no visible flames, and the cargo hold's temperature remained controlled. Smoke is no longer visible. The crew immediately responded and initiated the required safety protocols on the vessel."

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4. MSC to operate container terminal in Aarhus

The Port of Aarhus has signed an agreement with Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) for the lease of land to develop a new container terminal. Terminal Investment Limited (TiL), MSC Group's container terminal operator, will move into the Omniterminal, which is currently being finalised. The agreement between the Port of Aarhus and MSC Group means that TiL will lease approximately 170,000 square metres in the Omniterminal, where they will establish and operate their own container terminal. The terminal is expected to be fully developed by 2027, at which time MSC Group and TiL will be able to start using the area. With this agreement, Denmark's two largest container terminals will be located at the port in Aarhus.

Source: <https://www.porttechnology.org/> 26-09-2024

5. Shippers rush to clear import containers from US East Coast ports

Queues of trucks are growing at US East Coast ports and shipping lines are rolling out contingency measures as a strike by dockworkers is now just a week away. At a recent Friday meeting I attended at one East Coast port, a top port official told me that the line of trucks picking up inbound boxes was far larger than normal, with cargo receivers seemingly bracing for a potential shutdown at the end of the month. This observation is in line with advisories from shipping lines to their customers. Ocean Network Express (ONE) is encouraging cargo owners to pick up containers by 30 September and warns that ports are advising reefer containers would not be monitored in a shutdown. Maersk similarly advised customers with imports to expedite documentation and customs clearance and retrieve cargo promptly as the ports would be inaccessible during any work stoppage.

Source: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/> 24-09-2024.

6. Cooler air cargo market in September just a blip

The air cargo market showed signs of cooling slightly in September but expectations are that demand will quickly pick up again in October. Freight forwarder Dimerco said that e-commerce and electronics volumes had "underperformed expectations in September". The company also pointed out that while the Global Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) Composite Output Index remained in positive territory, this was down to the services sector and manufacturing is on a downward trend. Dimerco said goods trade slowed in both developed and emerging markets in August and China's goods exports fell for the first time in 2024, signaling a broader decline in manufacturing as the year progresses.

Source: <https://www.aircargonews.net/> 27-09-2024