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Transportation Traffic Report:

An update on global situations that may affect product flow.

GLOBAL PULSE

Port(s) Strike Update: Montreal, Vancouver and Prince Rupert:

- On NOV-10 the Port of Montreal Longshoremen's Union voted to reject a final offer from the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) which was made in hope to bring to a close the strike actions at Montreal Port, unfortunately with this rejection the MEA has taken the decision to lockout the workers from the port.
- Effectively this brings the port to a close with all terminals closed until further notice. Access will be prohibited, and no services to rail, trucks, and ships will be provided meaning no ship can dock at either Termont or MGT terminals and no cargo currently in either terminal can be accessed.
- This means both Montreal and Western Ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert are completely closed and no cargo will move in or out of the ports, terminals.
- On the East Coast we have seen in the past week already some vessels diverted from Montreal to Halifax which we would expect to continue however this will be coupled by considerable and increasing congestion inside the port of Halifax.
- On the West Coast carriers diverted some vessels to Seattle and other hold anchor outside Vancouver hoping for a resolution to pass.
- This incredible disruption brings huge impact to Canadas entire supply chain and to our economy and while we hope for a speedy resolution to be found there is no doubt the impacts will be felt for weeks/ months after.
- We are working through contingencies to have product flow once cargo has been discharged from port of entry.

Strike Los Libertadores Pass (Argentina):

- Please be advised of recent developments regarding Argentine Customs following the government's announcement of internal policy changes. The government has eliminated the AFIP, the entity overseeing Argentine Customs, and will be creating a new organization, resulting in a reduction of approximately 35% of political positions within AFIP.
- In response, Argentine Customs will hold strikes and protests at the Pass Los Libertadores on the following schedule:
- **October 28th and 29th:** Warning strikes from 10 AM to 2 PM. No trucks will be permitted to pass during these hours.
- **October 30th:** Argentine Customs will be closed for the entire day. No trucks will be able to pass.

Storm DANA – Valencia, Spain:

- On OCT-29 the DANA storm that swept through Valencia, ES with devastating impact to the region causing damages to many roads, infrastructure and unfortunately loss of life.
- This impact is extended both to the port of Valencia and to the trucking abilities in the region, as a result the Port of Valencia has been completely closed until today and container operations have yet to resume both inbound and outbound, this is expected to resume today but with delays.
- It is not clear yet the full impact this will have on the Ports operation and on the ability to collect and deliver cargo to the port considering the road damages.
- For any shipments pending (un-collected) with plans to use the Port of Valencia we will be offering and recommending alternative routing via Barcelona on case-by-case basis.

We at LCBO will continue to work with our forwarders and will keep you updated of any changes and as the effects begin to be seen. As of now, due to these strikes we are expecting delays and congestion regarding movement of our containers.

This is a general information circular designed to alert members of the trade to global issues which may affect product flow. For detailed information regarding the status of product shipments please contact your Specialty Services Customer Service Representative or Inventory Manager.

LCBO Transportation Team

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