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Market Update

ILWU, PMA Extend Negotiations, Averting Potential LA/Long Beach Port Strike Until Nov. 4

A potential strike at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach has been postponed, but labor negotiations remain unresolved. Importers and customs brokers should prepare for possible disruptions ahead of the Nov. 4 deadline.

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 26 and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) have extended labor negotiations, averting a threatened Nov. 1 strike at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The new deadline for a potential strike is 5 p.m. PT Wednesday, Nov. 4. Negotiations will continue with assistance from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Local 26 represents approximately 250 terminal security personnel at facilities handling a significant share of cargo moving through both ports. The potential for disruption remains uncertain.

What Importers and Customs Brokers Should Do:

- Confirm terminal operating status, appointments and cargo availability before dispatching trucks.
- Identify time-sensitive shipments and communicate potential delays to customers.
- Evaluate alternative routing and transportation options.
- Monitor container free time, return deadlines and carrier guidance.
- Document any inability to retrieve or return containers.

The NCBFAA Transportation Committee is monitoring developments and will share updates as they become available. Importers, brokers and transportation partners should review contingency plans and coordinate early to minimize potential disruptions.

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