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HIT (Hong Kong International Terminals) strike getting worse!

For nearly two weeks, hundreds of the city's dock workers have been on strike, crippling the world's third-busiest container port. The workers are demanding a 20% pay raise and better working conditions.

Through its unit Hong Kong International Terminals, Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., operates many of the city's deep water shipping berths and has a 70% share of port handling volumes. It has said the strike is costing the company US\$644,000 a day.

Over the weekend, thousands of protesters marched through downtown Hong Kong. Organizers estimated that 4,000 demonstrators turned out Sunday, while police put the figure at 2,800 at its peak.

As a result of these continued strike, carriers have started to rerouted cargo to Pearl River Delta ports, as other vessels lay at anchor in the outer harbor. Some 80 containerships are expected to pile up at affected terminals (HIT) in the next few days.

So our clients are aware, although American International Cargo Service (AIC) holds many steamship contracts for the benefit of our clientele, primarily Mitsui OSK Line and Zim Container Line do most of the heavy lifting for our transpacific services from HK.

Zim is not affected as they utilize Modern Terminals Limited (MTL) for their stevedoring services.

However Mitsui OSK Line (MOL) is using HIT and so MOL is basically affected. MOL is updating timely their vessel schedule change and contingency plans. Please click ([here](#)) to see the most current **update MOL vessels schedule delay in Hong Kong**

For your easy reference please find MOL Transpacific service code as follows:,

WC Service: PSI – via Seattle	EC Service : CNY
PNW – via Seattle and Tacoma	SVN
PSX - via Lax and Oakland	
PS2 - via Lax and Oakland	

MOL-HK is accepting our bookings as usual Note, we have not encountered much disruption of MOL services to present time. If any change of MOL schedule, we will update you once advised by MOL-HK.

If you have freight booked on other carriers please feel free to contact your customer service representative who will inform you of any possible delays experienced on other liners. Otherwise please find all updated and/or adjusted arrival dates on our AmeriWeb or AmeriReport products.

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