

**June 29, 2023****ILWU Canada Gives 72-Hour Notice and Triggers Strike Action**

As we reported earlier this month, there was a need to watch the progress of negotiations between the ILWU Canada and British Columbia Maritime Employers Association. As the ILWU in the USA was finalizing their tentative agreement with the PMA, the ILWU Canada had concluded a two-day vote with a 99% outcome in favor of a strike.

The ILWU Canada and BCMEA negotiations had already involved the Canadian federal government, mediators, and cooling off periods. Unfortunately, that oversite expired the end of May and has now resulted in this potential strike action. At the time we had reported this, the earliest that the ILWU Canada could take further action to implement a lockout or strike was June 24th, which based on the Canadian Labor Code has to then be triggered by a 72-hour notice.

Yesterday morning, the 72-Hour notice was officially triggered, bringing major concern and reality of a strike that could start this Saturday, July 1, 2023.

Should the strike action take place, the key ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert will be impacted and will stall both inbound and outbound containers already in the pipeline, many that are destined to or originate from the United States.

Please keep an eye on this situation and review your supply chain closely as possible disruption is imminent if there is no resolution today or tomorrow.

**OFFICE LOCATIONS**

**Moonachie, NJ (201-478-4600) \* Long Beach, CA (562-435-2327) \* Schaumburg, IL (630-860-0782)**  
**Hong Kong • Shenzhen • Guangzhou • Shanghai • Ningbo • Nanjing • Dalian • Tianjin • Qingdao • Xiamen • Taiwan • Vietnam,**  
**Cambodia, Indonesia, India**

[www.shipamerican.com](http://www.shipamerican.com)