

**July 3, 2023****ILWU Canada Strike to Cause Disruptions**

As we reported last week, the ILWU Canada had triggered their 72-hour notice that officially resulted in a strike action on Saturday, July 1st.

The key ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert are now in the crosshairs of failed negotiations between the ILWU Canada and British Columbia Maritime Employers Association.

The walkout of over 7000 dock workers will now begin to create disruptions in the supply chain and impacting both imports and exports through the western gateway of Canada, handicapping commerce in both Canada and the USA. Nearly 6000 of those workers are in Vancouver and the balance in Prince Rupert.

One of the main issues is the job security of port workers after the Canadian federal government approved a plan to build a \$3.5-billion semi-automated terminal, proposed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. There is also a need for recognition of the ILWU Canada members for the sacrifices made during the pandemic. Both sides continue to negotiate as the strike enters its third day and confirmed that they will be at the bargaining table again today with continued hope of a resolution.

Please keep an eye on this situation and review your supply chain closely to mitigate or avoid disruption caused by this outcome.

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