



NEWS IN BRIEF

Canadian Pacific Strike and Settlement

Conductors and locomotive engineer members of the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) went out on a brief strike last week, May 30, against Canadian Pacific after failing to reach a negotiated contract. Hours later, a tentative agreement was reached ending the temporary shutdown of operations. Service for the railway has now resumed and will continue while the rank and file votes to approve the agreement are underway. The vote will take several weeks, but service will continue.

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China's Advance Manifest Date Requirements Effective June 1

China has new instructions on information requirements for the bills of lading that are required for both import and export. These requirements are part of China's new advance manifest data requirements. Shippers and consignees must include additional information such as their phone number and their EIN (Employment Identification Number).

Some of the additional data elements required are:

- Consignor Contact Number
- Consignor Specific Contact Name
- Consignor Enterprise Registration Code or Unified Social Credit Code
- Consignee Contact Number
- Consignee Specific Contact Name
- Consignee Enterprise Registration Code or Unified Social Credit Code
- Notifier Contact Number (if consignee is "To Order of...")
- Notifier Specific Contact Name (if consignee is "To Order of...")
- Notifier Registration Code or Unified Social Credit Code (if consignee is "To Order of...")
- Complete and Accurate Brief Description of Goods

There is an optional field in these requirements. The EIN number can be included for the Notify Party. It is only mandatory when a shipment is made "To Order of..." instead of the actual consignee. The importer's EIN number should be used for the notify party in these cases. However, some shippers have misunderstood this requirement and believe an EIN number is required for all notify parties on a bill of lading. A few of our customers have already requested Carmichael's EIN number to go with other requests for notify parties on the bills of lading for their shipments. This is

incorrect. Ask them to confirm this rule with their shipper and refer them to [China General Administration of Customs Announcement no. 56 \(English translation\)](#).

There will soon be similar rules coming out of the Philippines, Indonesia, and South Africa.

CVSA Safety Roadcheck This Week

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) will have its annual International Roadcheck take place this week on June 5-7. During this 72-hour period, CVSA certified inspectors will conduct inspections of commercial motor vehicles and their drivers throughout North America. This year's inspections will focus on hours of service compliance for the drivers. During the 2017 International Roadcheck, the main reason the trucks were placed out of service was for hours of service violations. This year there is the added advantage of checking electronic logging devices that were made mandatory on December 18, 2017.

The vehicle inspections include checking brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, exhaust systems steering mechanism and many other components and processes. If no critical item violations are found during an inspection, a CVSA decal will be applied to the vehicle indicating that the vehicle was inspected and passed. If an inspector does identify inspection violations, the inspector may render driver or vehicle out of service and the cargo delivery will be delayed.

CVSA participants include the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, and the secretariat of Communications and Transportation in Mexico.

Information on the program can be found on the [CVSA's website](#).

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Many 232 Exemptions Not Renewed – EU, Canada, Mexico Poised to Retaliate

On June 1, the United States let exemptions to steel and aluminum retaliatory duties with Canada, Mexico, and the European Community countries expire. As a result, all three trading partners are threatening to retaliate against a wide range of U.S. products.

The EU is preparing to impose a 25% retaliatory duty on hundreds of U.S. goods that range from textile apparel and footwear to agriculture products and to other finished goods. Mexico's Ministry of Economy is developing a list for countermeasures on several U.S. products. Canada has announced its intent to impose duty rates of 10% or 25% on \$ 2.8 billion worth of a variety of U.S. Products by July 1. Canada is accepting comments now.

301 Retaliatory Duties Against China

President Trump has announced that the final list of products subject to 301 retaliatory duties against China will be published by June 15, 2018. This list will be affected by comments received in writing and the hearings that have taken place in May on the proposed additional duties.

China has announced that its current pledges to buy more U.S. agricultural products and natural gas will be pulled back if the 301 retaliatory duties against China go into effect. Talks between the U.S. and China are continuing.



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