



Possible strikes at US ports on the East and Gulf coasts

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Dear customers,

We would like to inform you about **possible strike action at the US East and Gulf Coast ports.**

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), which represents 45,000 employees, is preparing for **work stoppages from 1 October 2024** if a new collective agreement is not signed by 30 September 2024. The ILA is seeking a wage increase of almost 80 %.

The duration of a possible strike and which ports will be affected have not yet been determined.

We will keep you continuously informed about all important developments and possible disruptions and advise you on alternative routes or mode of transport, e.g. transporting your shipments by air freight, in order to minimise the impact on your supply chains.

Best regards,
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