

## CUSTOMER ADVISORY

Potential Strike Looms Over Canadian West Coast Ports  
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Tensions are rising as negotiations between the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) continue without resolution. The possibility of a strike at key Canadian West Coast ports grows, threatening significant disruptions to supply chains. BCMEA updates indicate ongoing efforts to reach an agreement, but challenges remain, particularly with ILWU Local 514. The labor dispute could impact the broader Canadian economy, affecting trade and port operations. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, ILWU local 514 communicated to the BCMEA that it has a mandate from its members to take strike action. Currently neither party has issued a 72-hour notice of a strike or lockout, and operations are uninterrupted.

### Key Points:

- Ongoing labor negotiations between BCMEA and ILWU are scheduled to continue at the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) hearing next week.
- Strike could severely disrupt Canadian West Coast port operations, with potential impacts on national supply chains and economy.



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- Both sides are engaged but have not yet reached an agreement.
- The current coastwide agreement between BCMEA and ILWU Local 514 expired on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

KWE will continue to provide timely updates and support to ensure the continuity of your cargo operations. For further assistance, please contact your KWE representative.

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