

CUSTOMER ADVISORY

Montreal Dockworkers to Halt Overtime, Potential Trade Impact
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Starting Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 7 a.m., Montreal dockworkers, represented by the Longshoremen's Union (CUPE 375), will begin an indefinite overtime strike due to stalled contract negotiations with the Maritime Employers Association (MEA). While the port will remain operational during regular hours, the absence of overtime work is expected to cause delays in cargo processing and could lead to container congestion.

This labor action could disrupt the supply chain, particularly for businesses reliant on timely imports and exports. Companies using the Port of Montreal may experience delays and operational challenges, impacting trade flows and just-in-time delivery systems.

Key Points:

- **Overtime strike begins:** October 10, 2024, at 7 a.m., for an indefinite period.
- **Port status:** Operational during regular hours, but delays in cargo processing expected.
- **Impact on trade:** Potential delays in shipments, accumulation of containers, supply chain disruptions for businesses using the port.

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.

Sources:

- [Update: Labour relations between MEA and the Longshore Workers Union \(port-montreal.com\)](#)
- [Montreal dockworkers to cease all overtime work as contract talks continue - The Canadian Press](#)
- [Dockworkers at Port of Montreal to halt all overtime work as contract talks drag on - The Globe and Mail](#)