



NAVIGATING THE POTENTIAL ILA LABOR STRIKE: STRATEGIC TIPS FOR MANAGING SHIPPING CHALLENGES

Labor disputes between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the US Maritime Alliance (USMX) remain unresolved, raising the possibility of a strike at East and Gulf Coast ports on January 15.

To help you stay prepared and ensure your shipments continue to move smoothly in the event of a strike, we've outlined some key recommendations below.

1 Stay Informed

Reach out to your TRAFFIX representative to request proactive updates about the situation as it develops.

2 Communicate

Discuss any high-priority shipments with your TRAFFIX representative to develop a plan that keeps your supply chain running smoothly.

3 Plan For Delays

- ✓ **Exports:** Make sure all critical shipments arrive at the port by January 13, anticipated to be the last full day for container pickup and drop-off.
- ✓ **Imports:** Stay in touch with your Steamship Line (SSL) or Freight Forwarder (FF) to understand potential delays.

4 Prepare For Increased Costs

Be prepared for temporary price increases caused by strained capacity and potential demurrage charges. Proactive planning can help you avoid last-minute scrambles and unexpected expenses.



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