



Date September 24th, 2024

Subject **Customer Advisory: US East and Gulf Coast Port Labor Dispute**

Dear Customer,

We are closely monitoring the market situation in the **United States** and would like to provide you with an update regarding potential work stoppages at the East and Gulf Coast ports.

The deadline for a potential port strike is rapidly approaching, with just one week remaining before the current contract expires on September 30th. A work stoppage would commence on October 1st. On September 23rd both the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX), representing terminal operators and steamship lines and the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), representing union workers, issued press releases reiterating their past positions, with no apparent sign of progress in negotiations.

While we remain hopeful for an amicable resolution it is essential to prepare for a widespread work stoppage on October 1st. DHL operations teams are working diligently with our customers to expedite the pickup of containers from terminals ahead of the strike. Additionally, we are coordinating export containers to avoid unnecessary charges wherever possible.

DHL operations teams will be working with terminal operators and ocean carriers to ensure that additional costs are minimized to the greatest extent possible. Please note, however, any costs or charges incurred due to the port strike will be passed along to our customers.

If you have any questions, please contact your local DHL Global Forwarding Sales or Customer Service representative. We appreciate your continued partnership and understanding during this time.

Kind regards
DHL Global Forwarding