



Mid-March 2023 North America Freight Market Outlook

Top News

CN Train Reservation Penalties, Item 2500

The CN is providing reservation services to secure space on the train. This will allow shipment prioritization when the reservation service is used. Reserving a spot is free but modifications and cancellations will incur penalty charges. The charges are as follows:

Units in International Services Excluding Reefer

Cancellations and modifications can be made without a fee until 7:00am local time of the original terminal on the same day of your reserved train service. If cancellations or modifications are made after this time a **\$50** charge will be posted. If a reservation becomes expired a **\$100** charge will be posted to the party that made the reservation.

Reefer Units in International Service

Cancelations and modifications can be made without a fee until 12:00pm local time of the original terminal on the Monday of the week of your reserved train service. If cancelations or modifications are made after this time a **\$150** charge will be posted. If a reservation becomes expired a **\$200** charge will be posted to the party that made the reservation.

Units in Domestic Service

Cancelations and modifications can be made without a fee until 10:00am local time of the original terminal on the same day of your reserved train service. If cancelations or modifications are made after this time a **\$50** charge will be posted. If a reservation becomes expired a **\$100** charge will be posted to the party that made the reservation.

Canadian Customs Update

Safety Certification for the Export of Fish to India is Delayed

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has been informed by India that the implementation of the new food safety certification requirements for the export of fish and seafood for human consumption from Canada to India, has been delayed until further notice. This new certification was supposed to be implemented on March 1, 2023. There currently is no new implementation date set for this certification.

In the interim, the CFIA will immediately resume the issuance of the following existing export certificates for:

- **Molluscs:** Aquatic Animal Health and Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Molluscs for Human Consumption from Canada to India
 - **Eviscerated finfish and their products:** Aquatic Animal Health and Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Eviscerated Finfish and their Products for Human Consumption from Canada to India
 - **Crustaceans:** Aquatic Animal Health and Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Crustaceans for Human Consumption from Canada to India
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North America Freight Update

Ocean Freight

Canada West Coast Ports and Dwell Times

The Vancouver and Prince Rupert ports are experiencing ongoing delays due to terminal congestion in Canada.

- The **Vancouver Port** is currently experiencing an average delay of **13 days**.
- The **Prince Rupert Port** is currently experiencing an average delay of **7 days**.

United States Port Delays

Currently the United States is experiencing port delays, the delays are as follows:

- **Houston** is experiencing an average delay of **5 days**.
- **Los Angeles/ Long Beach** is experiencing an average delay of **2 days**.
- **Oakland** is experiencing an average delay of **1 days**.
- **New York/ New Jersey** is experiencing an average delay of **1 days**.

North America has seen an overall improvement in port delays by **12.2%** from February. We recommend that importers incorporate the Canadian and American port delays into their estimated time of arrival to prevent supply chain shortages. If you need assistance to navigate these delays, please contact DTS Advance Logistics.

Air Freight

United States Market Continues to Soften

Air Freight demand has continued to soften due to the increase in interest rates. Importers have seen a decline in rush orders as product demand has fallen.

Unless there is an unexpected increase in demand, the air freight market will continue to soften in Q1 of 2023. The decrease in demand has allowed U.S exports rates to remain stable.

Land Freight

CN and CP Congestion Expected to Improve in Q1 2023

The Canadian Terminals experienced heavy congestion in 2022 which has prevented trucking companies from being able to return empty containers to the CN/CP. Fortunately, the empty container return status has continued to improve going into March as shipment demand has dropped allowing terminals to catch up on backlogged containers.

In Q1 of 2023 the CN and CP terminal congestion is expected to improve as shipment demand is projected to decrease throughout Q1. Congestion at the terminals will not be fixed instantaneously but drivers will no longer need to wait 4-5 hours to drop off a container. Instead, the average wait time drivers incur will decrease to 2-3 hours.

The decrease in terminal congestion will also help prevent detention charges as drivers can return containers before the free time expires.

Changes to the CN and CP Storage Time

The CN and CP has changed their free storage time to 24hrs. This change requires all containers to incur the prepull service on trucking companies' chassis to avoid extra demurrage and detention charges. The CP has also increased their terminal yard storage fee from \$225 to \$350.

Trucking companies have also announced that the prepull service will no longer include free time and their storage fee has increased to \$100/day.