



Mid-October 2022 Canadian Freight Market Outlook

Top News

Ningbo Port Goes Into Lockdown

The Ningbo port is going back into lockdown as a new positive COVID-19 case has been confirmed on Thursday October 13th. This has created concern about potential delays from the Ningbo port and supply chain bottlenecks. Fortunately, the Ningbo port has prepared for another lockdown mandate with contingency plans in place. The contingency plans are as follows:

- Green channels have been opened and will ensure operation stays smooth at the Ningbo port that has more than 20,000 operational container trucks.
- Encouraging shippers to distribute cargo through various logistics channels.
- Shifting vessel berthing schedules to better manage berthing delays from the lockdown.
- Drivers can receive travel permits by doing nucleic acid test everyday to prevent them from being stopped.

These contingency plans seem to be working in the short run as delays have been minimal for the last week.

Supply Chain Regulation Eases in Canada

The Canadian Minister of Transport announced that the Government of Canada is investing \$17 million to improve supply chain regulation. This commitment was made in Budget 2022 where the money will be spent towards improving ocean, air, and land transportation models by allowing them to work together seamlessly. This is meant to streamline the supply chain process and make it easier to ship goods.

Please see the full article on the [Government of Canada Website](#).

Canadian Customs Update

CSCB National Annual Conference Returns in 2022

The CSCB National Conference is being hosted in Ottawa, Ontario at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel from November 20 to November 22. This is the first CSCB National Conference to be held in person as the past two years have been held online due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Registration has also opened for everyone who is looking to attend. The key topics that will be covered is the navigation and implementation of CARM and the changes to the Importer of Record and their liability. Multiple guest speakers will be present and expand on these topics. Breakout sessions will allow individuals who attend to voice their opinions, share their knowledge, and help attendees solve new problems and challenges that arise.

Canadian Freight Update

Ocean Freight

Canadian West Coast Ports and Dwell Times

The Vancouver and Prince Rupert ports are experiencing ongoing delays. The current average dwell time for both ports is expected to be between **10 to 20 days**. Importers should incorporate these delays into their estimated time of arrival.

Air Freight

Toronto Pearson Airport Delays

The Toronto Pearson Airport in Ontario is experiencing delays in cargo release and commercial flights. This is due to a surge in travel as COVID-19 restrictions lessen and the labour shortage continues.

Land Freight

Thanksgiving Long Weekend Trucking Delays

Trucking companies are issuing notices that container pickup and drop off will be delayed for the next 2 weeks due to the volume of containers arriving at the same time. Currently drivers are waiting an average of 3-5 hours to pick up containers at the CN and CP terminals. For this reason trucking companies are not taking any new advance pickup orders.

Detention and Demurrage Charges

The Canadian Terminals are experiencing heavy congestion preventing trucking companies from returning empty containers to the CN and CP. For this reason, importers must be prepared to incur added demurrage and detention charges for their containers.

The CP is currently not accepting any container returns on weekends and is not providing an alternative drop off location. This can cause the last free date to pass and have importers incur detention charges.

Main Takeaways for October 2022

- Ningbo port goes into lockdown, but supply chain delays are expected to be minimal due to the ports contingency plans
 - Government of Canada invest \$17 million to improve supply chain regulation and streamline the supply chain process
 - CSCB National Annual Conference is being hosted at the Ottawa Marriot Hotel from November 20 to November 22
 - The Vancouver and Prince Rupert port dwell times are expected to be between 10 to 20 days
 - Thanksgiving long weekend has created more backlog for trucking companies preventing them from taking advance pickup and drop off orders.
 - Importers should expect to incur detention and demurrage charges as congestion at the CN and CP are preventing drivers from picking up and dropping off containers in the free time
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Additional Considerations

- Forecast 6-8 weeks minimum.
- Bookings are recommended to be placed at least 4 weeks in advance of sailing date.
- Prioritization solution: FCL convert to LCL, air (air freight has the ability to fill orders quickly and re-establish some level of safety stock).
- Variability of SKUs/ parts.
- Smooth volume week to week.
- To complete CBSA CARM client portal by Winter 2022.
- To obtain the importer direct customs release bond by fall 2022.
- Regular communication with DTS Advance Logistics.

