

An UPDATE on US East and Gulf Coast Potential Second Port Strike Disruption

Dear Valued Customers,

We would like to inform you that a tentative agreement is reached between The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance (USMX). This tentative agreement is reached on all items of the negotiation for a new six-year Master Contract, preventing any work stoppages as of 16 January, and is yet to be ratified by both sides.

You may find the official announcements of ILA and USMX on the following links:

<https://usmx.com/resources/usmx-ila-negotiations-updates>

<https://ilaunion.org/international-longshoremens-association-ila-and-united-states-maritime-alliance-usmx-announce-tentative-agreement-on-new-six-year-master-contract/>

Hence, the collection of laden containers from terminals and return of empty units by January 15, would no longer be necessary and regular import & export operation schedules might be pursued.

We are committed to monitoring the developments and will be keeping you informed.

We encourage our customers to follow Arkas Line, and US East Coast terminal websites for updates.

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**Sincerely,
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