



# CUSTOMER ADVISORY

## ILA AND USMX NEGOTIATIONS STALLED

December 13, 2024,

Dear Valued Customer,

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) are engaged in extended labor negotiations, with a critical deadline of January 15, 2025. If an agreement is not reached by this date, labor strikes could occur, significantly impacting major U.S. East and Gulf Coast ports.

On October 3, a tentative wage agreement was reached, but when both parties met in November, discussions on technology-related issues caused negotiations to stall. The situation remains fluid as we await further developments, with the likelihood of a strike on January 15 increasing without a settled contract.

For more information, please see these JOC.com articles:

- [Ocean carriers take harder line with ILA as January strike date nears](#)
- [Trans-Pac settles into sedate December before New Year's uncertainties](#)

APL Logistics is actively monitoring the situation and will continue to provide updates as needed. If you have any questions, please contact your APL Logistics representative.

Sincerely,

APL Logistics