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Important Update: Potential Strike Impacting Major Ports

Dear Valued Customers,

We wish to inform you about a developing situation with the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA). A strike could potentially begin on October 1, 2024, if a new contract with the United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd. (USMX) is not finalized by the contract's expiration on September 30, 2024.

Key Details:

- Contract End Date: September 30, 2024
- Potential Strike Date: October 1, 2024
- Ports Affected: Covering the Northeast, Southeast, and Gulf regions

Current Status:

- Negotiations: Discussions are currently at an impasse despite USMX's offers of significant wage increases and improved benefits. The main issues include salary demands and the use of automated gate technology.

Impact on Your Business:

A strike could significantly disrupt supply chains, especially at the key ports listed. We understand the potential impact on your operations and are closely monitoring the situation.

How JAS Can Assist:

JAS is prepared to support you with rerouting and other mitigation strategies to minimize any disruptions. Our team is here to help ensure the continuity of your supply chain.

Stay Informed:

We value your business and will provide timely updates as new information becomes available. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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