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## ILWU Canada Port Workers to Stage 72-Hour Strike

Dear Valued Customer,

Due to failed contract negotiations, members of ILWU Canada are expected to begin a 72-hour strike beginning tomorrow, July 1, 2023.

At the moment, it is not clear if the port workers will return to work after the three-day strike or if they will extend the strike until an agreement is reached.

Since this situation is so uncertain, we are strongly advising all clients who do not have cargo on a vessel to avoid shipping through the Port of Vancouver and the Port of Prince Rupert, and instead re-route their cargo through more stable ports. Additionally, we are advising all clients who have cargo enroute to the above ports to immediately contact your customer service representative, who can help identify alternative strategies to route your cargo to its final destination.

We will continue to monitor this highly volatile situation and will inform you of any updates as they become available. In the meantime, we would like to reiterate that it is crucial for you to contact your advisor as soon as possible to discuss your individual situations and plan a course of action that will protect your business and supply chain from any harmful and negative effects resulting from this strike.

Please reach out to your dedicated client solutions representative if you have any questions or concerns about this situation.

Sincerely yours,

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