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## **CN announces new deal with CAW -pending member ratification**

CN has announced this morning that it has reached a new, tentative collective agreement with the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) union. CN is withholding details of the three-year agreements until they are ratified. The CAW expects to schedule ratification voting soon.

CAW shopcraft, intermodal and clerical members remain on strike at CN, as they have been since Feb. 20, pending ratification of new agreements.

CN has also reached a tentative agreement covering owner/operator truck drivers represented by the CAW. These drivers are not on strike.

For more information go to: [http://www.cn.ca/news/railupdate/en\\_LatestNews.shtml](http://www.cn.ca/news/railupdate/en_LatestNews.shtml)

## **2. Mediterranean Canadian Freight Conference announces Rate Increase**

We wish to inform all our customers that the Westbound Mediterranean Service via all Conference Carriers, will increase freight tariffs as follows:

### **GENERAL RATE INCREASE (GRI)**

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 : USD 200/20' – USD 250/40'

This GRI is applicable to all types of equipment moving from all Med ports and points to Canada port of Montreal and /or destinations via such port (US MIDWEST INCLUDED)

### **3. Mediterranean/Canadian Freight Conference advises of ACI (Advance Cargo Information) reporting fee**

The Conference advises that this CBSA (CCRA) rule, obligates carriers and freight forwarders involved in the transportation and importation of goods to Canada, to electronically provide the CBSA (CCRA - Customs) with detailed manifest data about the cargo.

For goods being loaded in a cargo container, on-board a vessel bound for Canada, the data pertaining to those goods, must be transmitted electronically to CCRA at least 24 hours prior to loading the goods on board the vessel that transports those goods to Canada.

To compensate for the processing and ongoing monitoring of manifest data to be provided to the CBSA (CCRA), a US\$30 Advance Cargo and Conveyance Reporting Fee (per House B/L or per Master B/L) will be assessed on all containers that are electronically reported by the member lines.

### **4. Useful CBSA (Canada Border Services Agency) sites on ACI and Export Reporting**

The exceptionally informative FAQ site on ACI is being regularly updated and it is recommended to re-visit the site from time to time. Here, as a reminder, are the coordinates: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/advance/faqs-e.html>.

Likewise, there is good information on Export Reporting that can be accessed as follows: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/export/letter-e.html>.

### **5. When Customs Seizes Your Goods**

This information "When Customs Seize Your Goods" is available on the CBSA web site, as follows: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/E/pub/cp/rc4093/README.html>.

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