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Vancouver Port Truckers Update

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On Wednesday February 26, 2014, members of the United Truckers Association (UTA), one of several unions and associations representing owner-operators trucker drivers servicing the Port of Vancouver, suspended their container trucking services. The UTA members established protest groups at various locations around the city, including access roads to/from the Port of Vancouver container terminals, as well as off-port locations and container yards.

- ✦ Yesterday afternoon the Port Metro Vancouver (PMV), which oversee Vancouver's 4 container terminals, announced that all port truck gates were open for business. However, PMV also acknowledged that reports of violence and verbal intimidation towards non-UTA drivers, saw drivers attempting to enter the Port decide to turn away.
- ✦ Late yesterday afternoon, Unifor-Vancouver Container Trucker's Association (VCTA), a union representing owner-operators within the Vancouver trucking community, announced they will hold a strike vote on Saturday, March 1, 2014.
- ✦ As it stands today, UTA members have re-established protest groups at marine and inland container terminals around the city, again greatly reducing, if not completely stopping, all loaded and empty container traffic in the greater Vancouver area.

It is not likely there will be any resolution this week, and further possible escalation of current events will be dependent on the outcome of the Unifor-VCTA strike vote scheduled for this Saturday March 1st, 2014.

OCF will be carefully monitoring the situation and continue to pass on information as received. If you have any particular concerns on current shipments please contact our operational staff for assistance.



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