

**Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Customer/Carrier Advisory
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Subject: Update 2 Port Issues at West Coast Ports

Purpose: Update to previous information sent in the referenced advisory to inform shippers and carriers of the West Coast Port Challenges.

Be Advised: Below is the latest press release from the Port of Oakland, Waterfront labor Talks and Statement from the Press Secretary.

The Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) announced a tentative agreement on a new five-year contract covering workers at all 29 West Coast ports. The deal was reached with assistance from U.S. Secretary of Labor Tom Perez and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Deputy Director Scot Beckenbaugh.

The parties will not be releasing details of the agreement at this time.

"After more than nine months of negotiations, we are pleased to have reached an agreement that is good for workers and for the industry," said PMA President James McKenna and ILWU President Bob McEllrath in a joint statement. "We are also pleased that our ports can now resume full operations."

USTRANSCOM and SDDC are awaiting the final ratification and are working with our DOD and Agency shippers to provide alternative solutions to meet their demanding requirements until port capacity and backlogs are back to normal.

SDDC is very appreciative and grateful to the collective commercial carrier industry for providing superior support to the DOD in the movement of DOD cargo and priority support to the warfighter.

SDDC will provide updates as required.

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