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## CANADA Daily News and Updates

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### Ocean Updates

#### **BIFA Issues Warning about the Perils of Containers Abandoned Overseas**

The British International Freight Association (BIFA) is warning its members about the cost of containers abandoned overseas for which they may be liable, and advising how to implement safeguards to prevent this situation.

BIFA says that often a member company has closed the file with the goods shipped and the carriage paid, and is then surprised to receive a demand for storage and quay charges from the shipping line.

BIFA Director General Robert Keen explains: “Although some BIFA members may act as an agent from time to time, the majority of transactions that occur are where a freight forwarder buys space from a shipping line or airline at one price and sells from its own tariff. In this scenario, the freight forwarder is a principal. If there is a problem later, for example, if the goods are not collected at the destination, then the shipping line will look to the freight forwarder for quay rent, etc., as the party it contracted with.”

Read more in an [article from Hellenic Shipping News Worldwide](#).

## **Forwarders Need Not Fear Maersk's 'One-Stop Shop' Ambitions, Says CEO**

Freight forwarders offering supply chain solutions to shippers should have nothing to fear from Maersk's ambition to be the "UPS of container shipping," said Maersk Line chief executive Soren Skou.

He said: "Freight forwarders make up 40-45% of our business and I don't see that changing.

"I do think that if all a freight forwarder provides is just a booking service then they will have a hard time, but if they offer more it's completely different."

Read more in an [article from The Loadstar](#).

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## **International Business/Government**

### **The Transportation Consolidation Phase Has Begun**

This is it: The consolidation phase begins, with major players ready to capitalize, gird their loins and establish a presence in as many countries as possible while sharpening their swords for the next phase. Uber's acquisition of Careem will be just one of many, involving all those companies that have managed to stake their claim in a country but that lack the size to undertake investments in their own autonomous driving technology. In a very short time, urban transportation will change radically.

Read more in an [article from Forbes](#).