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## CANADA Daily News and Updates

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### Air Updates

#### **British Airways Pilots Seek Talks after Calling Off Strike**

British Airways pilots scrapped a planned one-day walkout scheduled for later this month to pursue “meaningful new discussions” as the union sought to end a deadlock over wages.

The British Airline Pilots’ Association said it was calling off the September 27 action “before the dispute escalates further and irreparable damage is done to the brand,” and demanded the carrier negotiate seriously to end the dispute.

British Airways was forced to scrap almost all of its scheduled flights during the previous two-day walkout, starting September 9, amounting to more than 3,200 departures and arrivals.

Read more in an [article from Air Freight News](#).

#### **Delta Looks to Turn Forest Debris into Fuel for its Airplanes**

Delta Air Lines is funding a study to see if twigs, branches and other wood debris can create jet fuel to help fly its West Coast planes.

The airline invested \$2 million to partner with Northwest Advanced Bio-fuels LLC to study the feasibility of a bio-fuel production facility in Washington that could create fuel out of forest debris, the company said Tuesday. Delta is about one-fifth of the way toward its goal of cutting carbon emissions by 50% by 2050, according to the statement.

“This single project could provide approximately 10% of Delta’s annual jet fuel consumption in the West Coast region and, if successful, could become the blueprint for future projects,” said Graeme Burnett, Delta’s Senior Vice President – Fuel Management.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).

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## Canadian Business/Government

### U.S. Postal Treaty Exit Would Hurt Canadian E-Commerce Businesses

U.S. President Donald Trump's push to withdraw from an international postal treaty could have a big impact on Canadian e-commerce companies that ship small goods from China to the U.S.

The U.S. threat to exit the Universal Postal Union in October unless more balanced shipping fees with China and other countries can be reached this month means some online retailers in Canada may see direct-to-consumer delivery prices leap — though e-commerce businesses that send products to the U.S. will remain largely unaffected.

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

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## U.S. Business/Government

### U.S. Trade Groups Urge Congress to Rein in 'Tariff Man' Trump

Nearly two dozen U.S. lobbying groups have joined forces to try to rein in U.S. President Donald Trump's power to unilaterally impose tariffs amid growing concern about the negative economic impact of his trade policies.

Led by the National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC), the groups on Wednesday said they had formed the Tariff Reform Coalition to urge Congress to wrestle back greater control over trade policy and increase its oversight of the president's use of tariffs.

NFTC President Rufus Yerxa said the U.S. Constitution gave Congress the power to regulate commerce, and lawmakers should ensure that tariffs were used only in exceptional circumstances.

"Not since the 1930s has our country relied so heavily on tariffs in an attempt to pick winners in the U.S. market while overlooking the broader consequences for other industries and our economy as a whole," he said in a statement.

The 23 groups outlined their concerns in a letter to the two congressional committees that oversee foreign trade, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

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

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## International Business/Government

### Asia's Global Clout Growing Despite Trade Wars, McKinsey Says

Asia's economies will charge ahead in coming decades, boosting their collective share of trade and capital flows while showing less reliance on the rest of the world, according to a report by McKinsey Global Institute released Thursday.

The continent will continue to have a growing global impact across seven of eight categories – trade, capital, people, knowledge, transport, culture, resources and the environment – reviewed by McKinsey analysts for the report.

“Global discourse has recently been dominated by short-term concerns from trade tensions and the deceleration in China's GDP growth rate,” according to the report by analysts led by McKinsey's Singapore-based senior partner Oliver Tonby. “But Asia's long-term prospects are robust and its increasing scale could strengthen the region's role in the world even further in the years ahead.”

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

### **UK Government Brexit 'Plan' Laid Bare**

Brexit's continuing comedy of errors may see drivers stranded in ports on both sides of the Channel as a result of the UK government's ongoing failure to prepare and properly advise.

Head of global and European policy at the Freight Transport Association Pauline Bastidon said she fears drivers may be caught in a “Catch-22” as a result of divergent no-deal customs processes.

She added that, in response to the confusion, trucking companies could refuse shipments out of fear of being caught in such a predicament.

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

### **BMSB Fumigation Requirements for Australia and New Zealand**

Over the past two months, Canadian officials have been working closely with the Australian Department of Agriculture (DA) to minimize export issues and increase awareness for Canadian companies of the new measures in place for the brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB).

The DA has now accredited four treatment providers in Canada, adding them to its list of approved offshore BMSB treatment providers. Exporters can check the latest list of approved treatment providers on the [DA BMSB website](#). Under some circumstances, exporters may also wish to consider the option of sending their products to Australia via the United States and using U.S.-approved offshore BMSB treatment providers – there are currently 48 approved U.S. treatment providers across the country that are also included on DA's BMSB website.

The Canadian High Commission in Canberra is continuing to liaise with DA to monitor the implementation of the BMSB arrangements and identify any potential emerging issues of concern for Canadian exporters. DA continues to advise exporters that offshore treatment for BMSB is usually a preferable option to onshore treatment – both in terms of the time taken to clear the border and the costs of storage and transportation associated with the delays in treating consignments for BMSB. DA advises that, with the expansion of the number of target risk countries from 9 to 33 in the 2019-20 BMSB risk season, Australian BMSB treatment providers face significantly increased demand for their services, resulting in delays of up to six weeks at the Australian border.

Canadian officials continue to encourage additional treatment providers to seek accreditation by DA so that they can become approved offshore BMSB treatment providers.



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