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Dubai Cargo Disrupted After Flash Floods

Cargo operations in Dubai continue to face disruption following flash flooding that temporarily closed Dubai International (DXB) airport.

The UAE on Tuesday recorded its heaviest rainfall in 75 years as almost 26cm of rain fell, resulting in the temporary closure of DXB and cancellation of around 300 flights on Wednesday.

Operations were getting back underway on Thursday, but flooding remained in areas of the airport and flights continued to be delayed and cancelled.

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

Forwarders: Can an Airline Do Without Them? An Age-Old Debate Airs

The age-old debate about whether airlines need forwarders started up again at CNS in Dallas this week.

One senior airline executive – very much off-the-record – said he was tired of asset-owners not making the most money, while the forwarders continued to reap rewards, adding: “We can do without them.”

Forwarders were quick to react.

“There are a lot of complexities managing customers today,” said one senior forwarding executive. “If I have 100 customers, I have 100 different ways and expectations of handling

the business. Airlines just fly routes, line-haul routes from one area to the next. But the business is never the same, and I think that's the value in the forwarder, in providing different types of service.”

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

Ocean Updates

BCMEA/Local 514 Bargaining Update – 21-Day Cooling-Off Period Begins

The BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and International Longshore and Warehouse Union Ship & Dock Foremen Local 514 (ILWU Local 514) have been engaged in negotiations, assisted by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) since January 19, 2024. On March 19, the parties mutually agreed to a 30-day extension of the conciliation period.

As the extended conciliation period concluded on Thursday, negotiations have now entered a 21-day cooling-off period, with mediated talks continuing with the support of FMCS. During the cooling-off period, the parties may acquire the legal right to strike or lockout, but may not exercise their right to strike or lockout until:

- 21 days have passed since the end of the conciliation process;
- a strike or lockout vote has been taken; and
- a 72-hour strike notice has been issued.

Read more in a [press release from BCMEA](#).