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1. CIFFA News

- **CIFFA Prospective Regular Members**

The following companies have submitted applications for Regular Membership in CIFFA. Current Members have 14 days to register any objections with the Secretariat. *Members are reminded that these are prospective Members only, they have not yet had their membership confirmed and should not be contacted before the mandatory 14 days have elapsed.*

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2. Air Updates

- **Airfreight Charges Surge in Malaysia**

"Air Cargo News" reports that airfreight charges by major cargo carriers ex Malaysia have prompted companies and multinational corporations in Penang to use smaller carriers to send cargo out of KL International Airport (KLIA). Penang Freight Forwarders Association (PFFA) said airfreight charges had risen 40 to 50 per cent because major cargo carriers had not increased capacity and companies in China were willing to pay premium airfreight charges. Airfreight charges to the United States ex-KLIA recently increased to US\$5-US\$6 per kg from about US\$3 per kg, while cargo to Europe to between US\$4 and US\$5 per kg compared to US\$2-US\$2.50 previously.

- **Hong Kong Airport Extends Landing Charge Reduction**

"ITJ" reported on Friday that the board of the Hong Kong airport authority is extending its 10% reduction in landing and parking charges at Hong Kong international airport by three months (to 31 March 2010). The extension will allow savings of up to HKD 56 million to be made and will give airlines further relief on their paths to recovery.

3. Ocean Updates

- **Boxes Stuck at Durban as Ban on Trucks Enforced**

"Cargo News" reports that the transportation of containers by road has been thrown into chaos by the Department of Transport enforcing legislation that bans truck trailers commonly used in South Africa from carrying international standard "high cube" containers, reported local media. These containers account for more than 50% of all containers transported. The Road Freight Association (RFA) said at least 80 vehicles had been impounded in Pinetown by the Road Traffic Inspectorate. Vehicles were also being impounded in Heidelberg and there were now more than 50 vehicles standing at one unidentified weighbridge alone. The RFA said that transport operators were refusing to transport the "high cube" containers because they would incur fines and their equipment would be impounded, leading to containers stacking up in the port of Durban. Clients face demurrage charges every day for containers held up at the while in the port.

4. Rail and Ground Updates

- **CN, Union Will Talk Past Friday Deadline**

Canadian National Railway Co. and the locomotive engineers' union said Thursday they remain in talks with federal mediators and will negotiate beyond Friday's self-imposed deadline if they continue to see hope for a deal. Full article at:

<http://www.thestar.com/business/article/737437--cn-union-will-talk-past-friday-deadline>

- **Canadian Pacific and Its Police Association Reach 3-Year Contract Settlement**

"*The Canadian Press*" reported that Canadian Pacific and its police association have ratified of a three-year contract settlement. The agreement provides for a six per cent wage increase for the three years spanning 2010 to 2012. The police association is the second of Canadian Pacific's seven bargaining units to ratify a new contract agreement. A tentative agreement with the officers who provide railway security was reached on November 20th.

5. International - Business - Government

- **Launch of New WCO Data Model: Optimizing Data Exchange For Enhanced Facilitation**

The World Customs Organization (WCO) is pleased to announce the launch of the latest version of its Data Model; a global solution for optimizing electronic data exchange. Version 3 of the Model represents a significant development as it will act as an enabler for improved management of cross-border transactions. Version 3 of the Data Model optimizes the electronic treatment of data by providing a whole-of-government set of data and data structures including requirements for cross-border regulatory agencies (Customs, agriculture, environment protection, etc.) controlling export, import and transit. This results in stability and predictability for business-to-government and government-to-government data exchange, and saves costs and time for all stakeholders. Full details at:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/press/?v=1&lid=1&cid=6&id=202>

OECD Governments Agree To Step Up Fight Against Bribery

OECD countries and the eight others who have signed the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention have committed to stepping up their fight against bribery and corruption. The 38 countries have agreed to put in place new measures that will reinforce their efforts to prevent, detect and investigate foreign bribery. These include new provisions for combating small facilitation payments, protecting whistleblowers and improving communication between public officials and law enforcement authorities. Full details at:

http://www.oecd.org/document/35/0,3343,en_2649_34487_44232739_1_1_1_1,00.html