

## ILA OK's Strike for 12/29 If No New Contract in Place

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### *Client Alert*

The International Longshoreman's Association (ILA) voted to authorize union president, Harold Daggett, to call a strike if negotiations with the U.S. Maritime Alliance (USMX) don't result in a new contract by December 29—the date their current contract expires.

This does not necessarily mean that the ILA will strike, only that it is more likely to happen. Talks between the parties continued this week under the guidance of federal mediators, though there has been no word as to whether they are any closer to an agreement.

[As announced by ocean carriers in September](#), due to the potential for strike, a congestion surcharge of \$1,000 per 40-foot container will apply for all routings to or from U.S. and Canada ports. Other per diem and demurrage charges may apply if containers have extended dwell time at terminals.

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