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CFA News Flash



“West Coast Port’s Labor Negotiations Suspended Until June 1”

- Ongoing negotiations between ILWU and West Coast waterfront employers (PMA) have been **suspended until June 1, 2022**. The current labor contracts of nearly 22,000 workers are set to expire on July 1, 2022, covering 29 ports along the West Coast.
- Port automation continues to be one of the most contentious topics. Three terminals located in the Port of Los Angeles (2) and the Port of Long Beach (1) currently use some level of automation, a fourth terminal located at the Port of Long Beach announced in May 2021 it also plans to automate.
- These ports cumulatively make up approximately 9% of the country’s GDP. In previous years, labor contract negotiations have led to work slowdowns, lockouts, and strikes, causing significant disruptions. Both the ILWU and PMA have stated they are committed to keeping cargo moving throughout the negotiations.
- West Coast ports accommodate over half of the total imports destined for the United States from East Asia. Many analysts and industry experts are predicting an early peak season this year, anticipated to start at the end of June.

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