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Dear valued customers:

More news regarding impact of slow negotiations between PMA and ILWU:

Cargo ships idle in the San Francisco Bay as seen from Treasure Island in San Francisco, Calif., on Friday, Dec. 26, 2014. The San Francisco bay has run out of parking space for deep draft ships, forcing some vessels to wait at sea until a space clears for them.

The Pacific Maritime Association, which negotiates contracts with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) on behalf of terminals, blames it on a slowdown by longshoremen during protracted negotiations. The longshoremen have been without a contract since July 1st.

The traffic jam in the bay, from ships bringing in imported goods, is only part of the problem. Exports are also threatened, including perishables from the Central Valley that are stuck in limbo.

The increase in traffic has caused a pileup of containers on the docks, which have to be shipped out to make room for more, and that has led to a backup of goods arriving at the port for shipment overseas.

Regards,

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