

Transportation Information Update*

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AIR TRANSPORTATION

1. Important information on the Canadian transportation agency's code of practice: aircraft accessibility for persons with disabilities

On September 1, 2009, the Canadian Transportation Agency has released two implementation guides to help Canadian air carriers meet two provisions in the *Code of Practice: Aircraft Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities*, which are applicable to fixed wing aircraft with 30 or more passenger seats. These guides address: space for service dogs onboard aircraft (section 2.6), and tactile row markers.

2. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports (June 2009)

According to Statistics Canada, the number of take-offs and landings at the 117 airports without air traffic control towers reached 60,178 movements in June 2009, down 5.5% compared with the 63,648 take-offs and landings for the 119 airports reported in June 2008.

3. WestJet announces August load factor of 84.5 per cent

On September 3, 2009, WestJet announced traffic results for August 2009 - a load factor of 84.5 per cent, available seat miles of 1.571 billion and revenue passenger miles of 1.328 billion. In terms month to month comparison, for August 2009, the load factor was up 8.1 points higher than July 2009. The available seat miles and the revenue seat miles were down .4% and 4.7%, compared to July 2008. Sean Durfy, WestJet President and CEO said "While we are encouraged by the talk of an economic upturn, and are not seeing further declines in demand, we remain cautious about a recovery..."

4. Porter in talks to resolve lease dispute

It was alleged that Porter Airlines Inc. received an eviction notice after skipping about \$9,500 in rent due for the premises in downtown Toronto. Porter says it hopes to resolve a dispute over leased space.

5. Air Canada reports record load factor for August

On September 3, 2009, Air Canada reported traffic for August 2009. The combined carriers (Air Canada and Jazz) reported: a load factor of 86.8% (compared to 84.4% for August 2008, a 2.2 points increase); revenue passenger miles 5,133 million (0.9% lower); and available seat miles or capacity 5,917 million (3.3 % lower). Ben Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer said "These record load factor results, for the second consecutive month, combined with stable system traffic year-over-year, reflect not only our ongoing disciplined approach to capacity management, but also the strong response from our customers and travel trade partners..."

6. Air Canada flies with fewer empty seats

Air Canada flew with fewer empty seats in August 2009 compared to a year ago, as it cut capacity. In contrast, Westjet saw more empty seats in August than a year ago as the number of passengers travelling shrank faster than the airline cut capacity. Air Canada reported a record load factor of 86.8 per cent for August, compared to WestJet's load factor of 84.5 percent.

7. Prohibition of Transborder Charters with Professional Sports Teams Resulting in New Filing

Effective September 2, 2009, and until further notice, the Canadian Transportation Agency prohibits charter flights carried out by US carriers under season-long contracts with professional sports teams that include multiple stops in Canada. The Agency has new filing requirements in place.

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8. Air Canada's path to the leading edge

Air Canada's CEO was interviewed for the *Globe and Mail*. He was asked questions on his future vision for the carrier, how one survives in tough times, his views on innovation and the role of the board of directors, etc. He indicated that Air Canada is the fourteenth-largest carrier in the world and will be one of the leading carriers. In tough times, one has to communicate, keep hope alive and have a sense of optimism. One also has to create a culture of innovation by getting various people on. While management is responsible for strategy, the board discusses and approves it. A combination of optimism, clear communication and innovation can help the carrier get to be at the leading edge.

9. Bombardier sees modest growth in airline traffic

The recovery of aircraft manufacturing is dependent on air passenger and air cargo demand. Bombardier Inc., the world's No. 3 commercial aircraft maker, expects airline traffic to record modest growth for the last quarter of 2009, with cargo leading the way in the recovery. Airbus expects a recovery in total passenger traffic volume by 2010, while Boeing only sees a growth in aircraft demand in 2012. While the decline in airline traffic has stopped, it is difficult to forecast a rebound in sales.

10. WestJet offers blockbuster deal for eastern frequent flyers

On September 9, 2009, WestJet announced that it is offering a package of 20 one-way flights for \$2,000 between Toronto and Montréal, and Toronto and Ottawa. This industry-leading offer is available for purchase until September 30, 2009.

11. WestJet Announces Prospectus Offering of Common Voting Shares and Variable Voting Shares

WestJet Airlines Ltd. announced that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters to purchase from WestJet and sell to the public an aggregate of Common and Variable Voting Shares. The purchase price of \$11.20 per share will result in gross proceeds of approximately \$150 million assuming that the over-allotment option is not exercised, and approximately \$172.5 million if the over-allotment option is fully exercised.

12. IATA and ICAO Strengthen Cooperation - New Agreement on Dangerous Goods Handling

IATA emphasized the importance of cooperation with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to ensure that air transport continues to improve safety and environmental performance, and achieve financial sustainability.

13. Air Canada fights ruling on sports team flights

The recent U.S. ban on multiple stops 'is wreaking havoc on the hockey season'. As a result, Air Canada is suing U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood over his department's decision to ban the airline's sports team charters from making multiple

stops in the United States. The carrier claims that there have been no incidents on cabotage and "The action by the department is arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to law."

14. US Needs To Restore Aviation Leadership Role

On September 15, 2009 the International Air Transport Association (IATA) called on the new Obama Administration in the US to renew its role as a leader in the global aviation industry and take immediate action to boost the US economy and to make the global system safer and more secure. IATA's CEO in a speech, outlined a prescription to help the US aviation industry recover from a crisis and called for policy changes in the areas of safety, security, environment and commercial freedoms.

15. Deeper Losses Forecast - Falling Yields, Rising Fuel Costs

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) on September 15, 2009 announced a revised global financial forecast predicting airline losses totalling US\$11 billion in 2009. This is US\$2 billion worse than the previously projected US\$9 billion. The three factors for the losses are: weak demand, yields and fuel costs.

16. The problem according to IATA: Too many airlines

IATA claims that there are too many airlines for the number of passengers and if some airlines are too survive others must exit. Its CEO is calling for governments to embrace "open skies" by approving new routes, permitting "cabotage" where foreign carriers would fly point-to-point within another country and increasing foreign ownership limits. Further, in a global business, he questions whether there should be restrictions on acquisitions within political borders?" IATA is

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forecasting \$11-billion in losses this year among its members.

17. Bill C-310

Bill C-310 (Airline Passenger Bill of Rights) has been referred to the House Transport, infrastructure and Communities Committee. Meetings on this Bill have not yet been scheduled. (The Vote was 139 for and 129 against).

18. U.S. DOT, Air Canada Reach Agreement on NHL Team Charters

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Air Canada on September 18, 2009 reached an agreement to apply an unprecedented level of monitoring and enforcement to Air Canada's charter flights for certain National Hockey League teams in the United States to ensure compliance with U.S. law. DOT said that it would continue to enforce vigorously the laws prohibiting cabotage.

19. Purolator Expands Service to Canada

On September 21, 2009, Purolator USA expanded service to the Canadian border for Los Angeles and other regional businesses in light of the volume of trade.

20. Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports [August 2009]

Aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 5.3% in August 2009 compared with August 2008. These 93 airports reported 553,605 movements in August 2009 compared with 584,875 movements at 95 airports in August 2008.

21. Airlines present climate change proposals to heads of governments

Climate change is a global problem and aviation is a global industry. Given this commonality, IATA outlined the industry's commitment to three sequential targets, in its aviation paper. 1. Improving carbon efficiency with a 1.5% average annual improvement in fuel efficiency to 2020; 2. Stabilizing emissions with carbon-neutral growth from 2020; and 3. Emissions reductions with a 50% absolute cut in emissions by 2050 compared to 2005

22. Groupe Aeroplan looking more attractive

According to an analyst at Raymond James, Groupe Aeroplan Inc. is getting to be a much more attractive stock as consumer confidence improves. The improving global GDP growth outlook also supports a recovery in revenue passenger miles growth by Star Alliance partners.

23. Jazz eyes Toronto airport return

Jazz wants to break Porter's monopoly on commercial flights at Toronto City Centre Airport. Jazz suspended its service at the island airport near downtown Toronto in March, 2006, claiming that it had been evicted by a firm affiliated with Porter. An exclusivity arrangement between Porter and the Toronto Port Authority is set to expire in the spring of 2010. Jazz indicates that it operated at the island airport for 18 years before it was evicted.

24. Brief: IATA to reduce credit card merchant fees and fraudulent operations

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) on September 24, 2009 announced the launch of two services for airlines around the world to reduce costs and help manage risk associated with credit card operations. The IATA CreditCard Optimisation Service will reduce commission rates and service charges, improve speed and method of payment. The second service called IATA Perseuss is an online database, which allows airlines to legally share data about fraudulent credit card transactions.

25. Canadian Officials Look To Airships For Transport To Remote Northern Outposts

In the Autopia blog at *Wired Magazine* Keith Barry wrote, "In a search for alternatives to the famed ice roads of the Arctic, Canadian officials are looking to use massive airships for moving freight across the frozen north." Barry noted, "If such a shift occurs, large cargo could be moved via airship economically. Unlike trucks or planes, airships can operate in all but the most extreme weather." Barry reported that Calgary-based SkyHook International, along with Boeing, is currently developing an airship capable of lifting more than 80,000 pounds for over 200 miles.

26. Air Canada pilots seek review of age ruling

The Federal Court of Canada is being asked to step into a dispute between pilots at Air Canada A.C.A-T and the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. The Union asks for review of a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal that called into question the retirement age provision of the pilots' collective agreement.

27. Traffic Volumes Improve, but Costs Rising - Profitability Remains Distant

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced on September 29, 2009 the international scheduled traffic results for August 2009. Compared to the same month in 2008 passenger demand was down 1.1% and freight demand fell 9.6%. However, both were an improvement compared to July 2009 by 2.9% and 11.3%, respectively. Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's Director General and CEO said "Demand continues to improve, but profitability remains ever distant."

WATER TRANSPORTATION

1. Containerized traffic July 2009 - Port of Montreal

The Port of Montreal reports that cumulative TEUs for July 2009 were 729,096 down 15.1% compared to the same period in 2008. Cumulative traffic in terms of metric tonnes declined 18.1%. Outbound TEUs were 369,400 down 19% and inbound TEUs were 359,696 down 10.7%.

2. Cumulative traffic summary January to July (metric tonnes)

The Port of Montreal reports that total cargo (containerized and non-containerized cargo and bulk cargo (dry and liquid)) declined 13.8 percent to 13.037 million tonnes for the period January to July 2009 compared to a similar period in 2008.

3. Shore power for cruise ships at Canada Place a Canadian first

On August 31, 2009, Port Metro Vancouver unveiled its new shore power facility at the Canada Place cruise ship terminal. The port is the first in Canada to install shore power for cruise ships, and the third in the world to do so. It is a highly effective way to reduce marine diesel air emissions by enabling ships to shut down their engines and connect to BC Hydro's electrical grid in order to provide necessary power while docked.

4. Cumulative Cruise shipping April to August 2009 (YTD) - Port Metro Vancouver

Cumulative number of cruise passengers at the Port of Vancouver till the end of August 2009 was 731,882 or 4% higher than the same period in 2008, the revenue passengers increased by the same percent.

5. Top 20 Container Lines

For container shipping four highlights have emerged in 2009. 1. Top three continue to put distance between themselves and the other container lines though MSC and CMA CGM gain on Maersk; 2. APL breaks into the Top 5, but capacity gains are tempered by layups; 3. Historic scrapping levels and order delays help offset new deliveries but capacity is still coming too fast, too soon; and 4. UASC new to the list as Wan Hai drops out. The articles then explores whether size matters when it comes to container shipping lines.

6. Cumulative containerized traffic January to August 2009 - Port Metro Vancouver

Cumulative TEUs for January to August 2009 were 1,419,761 down 15% over the same period a year ago. Outbound TEUs were down 14% and in bound TEUs were down 17%.

7. Port of Metro Vancouver - Accumulated Container Traffic Report Month of August 2009

Cumulative TEUs for January to August 2009 for the Port of Metro Vancouver were 1,419,761, 15% lower when compared to the same period last year. Outbound TEUs were 684,690 and in bound TEUs were 735,071.

8. New regulations adjust Pacific Pilotage charges

On September 11, 2009, Canada's Transport Minister announced that new regulatory amendments will enable the Pacific Pilotage Authority to adjust its general tariffs of pilotage charges for vessels that are 226 metres or more in overall length. The present regulations result in higher charges for fully laden cargo vessels than for cruise ships. The amended regulations equalize the charges by allowing a gross tonnage charge and eliminate the current charge for navigating through the Seymour Narrows channel.

9. Study highlights importance of Ontario's marine industry

The Ontario Marine Transportation Forum (OMTF) has released a one-year study designed to help better understand the state of Ontario's marine industry. "The study highlights not only the economic importance of the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway, but also its important environmental role in reducing Ontario's carbon footprint."

10. Feds to invest millions for Port of Montreal truck portal

The Government of Canada will invest up to \$9 million to build a common portal for the entry and exit of trucks at the Port of Montreal. The construction of a common portal will permit the Port of Montreal to improve the flow of truck traffic,

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reduce waiting time and gas emissions while increasing its competitiveness.

11. Hamilton, Halifax port authorities team up to promote short-sea shipping

The Hamilton Port Authority signed an agreement with the Halifax Port Authority on September 17, 2009, with the intention of developing short-sea shipping service opportunities.

12. Changes proposed to improve safety and security at sea

Canada's Transport Minister John Baird on September 23, 2009 announced proposed regulations to help improve marine safety and security. The regulations would enable Canada to adopt an international shipping requirement that mandates tracking systems aboard certain classes of vessels. It would help ensure safety and security, and the free flow of cargo by sea.

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13. The Government of Canada Announces Infrastructure Stimulus Funding for Port Metro Vancouver

On September 23, 2009, the Government announced Funding of nearly \$42 million for 14 Port Metro Vancouver infrastructure projects, under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund at a news conference in Vancouver.

14. Antitrust: Commission adopts new Block Exemption Regulation for liner shipping consortia

The European Commission has adopted a new Block Exemption Regulation No 906/2009 (September 28, 2009) revising the current exemption for liner shipping consortia from the EC Treaty's ban on restrictive business practices (Article 81). The current consortia block exemption Regulation 823/2000, which expires in April 2010, allows shipping lines to enter into cooperation for the purpose of providing a joint service in transporting cargo (so-called "consortia"). The new Regulation extends the current exemption for such co-operation for five more years, until April 2015, within a new legislative and economic environment. Changes notably include a reduction of the market share threshold above which companies do not qualify for automatic exemption under the Regulation and an extension of the scope of the exemption to all cargo liner shipping services. The threshold has been reduced to 30% from 35% and the list of exempted commodities have been revised.

15. EU Extends Ocean Carrier Anti-Trust Exemption

Container shipping consortia will be exempt from European Union competition rules for five years past the current deadline, the European Commission said Sept. 28, 2009. The EU's executive arm extended the so-called block exemption for consortia until April 2015. The Commission has, however, modified the current exemption, which expires in April 2010, to increase competition in liner shipping services to and from EU ports.

16. Europeans extend liner shipping regulation

On September 28, 2009, the European Commission said it has agreed to extend a regulation that will allow liner shipping companies to continue to operate in space-sharing agreements and other sorts of operating pacts for another five years. Last October, the EC eliminated the block exemption for liner shipping conferences, bringing to an end the ability of shipping companies to discuss and fix prices. But this action extends to April 2015 the ability of shipping lines to charter space on each other's ships.

17. Canada won't sign cargo shipping liability reform

Transport Canada has decided not to sign the Rotterdam Rules, an international agreement, that attempts to set liability limits for lost or damaged marine cargo. The new rules are an attempt to replace the Hague Rules and modernize maritime carrier liability guidelines, which were first set out in the 1920s.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

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1. Canadian Pacific downgraded at UBS

The recent run-up in Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.'s stock led to a downgrade at UBS on August 31, 2009.

2. STB Rebuffs Challenge to CN-EJE Track Rights

In early August 2009, when CN served notice to the STB that it would implement 17 new trackage right agreements within 30 days, certain groups asked the STB to delay the process to determine its effects. The request of these groups were denied by the STB.

3. CP Rail sees no Canadian recovery till mid-2010

The CEO of Canadian Pacific Railway said there are no signs yet that an economic recovery is under way in Canada. He said he was looking at the second half of 2010 before there will be any growth. As of the end of August 2009, CP Rail's carloads were 19% to 20% below what they were a year ago. However, that was an improvement on the 32% year-on-year decline in the second quarter of this year.

4. CN opens new auto-hauling compound

CN opened its new \$14-million Toronto Automotive Compound at MacMillan yard north of Toronto on September 11, 2009. The Toronto auto compound is one of 17 vehicle distribution facilities operated by Autoport Ltd. in Canada and the United States.

5. CN reaches voluntary mitigation agreement with the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Ill.

CN announced on September 14, 2009 a voluntary mitigation agreement (VMA) with the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Ill., located approximately 40 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, that addresses the municipality's environmental issues following the acquisition of EJ&E.

6. Rail Reform "Still Being Worked Out"

Observers say that the US Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is close to introducing the first reform of rail economic regulation in 30 years, but indicate all issues are not yet settled. The bill is likely to make it easier for rail shippers to challenge railroads on rates, access and service issues before the Surface Transportation Board.

7. Protecting farmers' rights to use producer car-loading sites

CN Rail agreed to reconsider its actions to close 52 producer car rail sites and has made assurances that it will engage farmers on the changes to its rail system instead of acting unilaterally after a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of State.

8. Government of Canada and VIA Rail expand renewal of passenger train cars and locomotives

The Government of Canada and VIA Rail announced on September 21, 2009, a \$20 million program to renew and improve two key components of its nationwide locomotive and rolling stock fleet. It will give Canadians a more efficient, reliable and comfortable passenger rail network. It will also create and maintain skilled employment, contributing to the government's strategy of employment and economic stimulus.

9. Canadian rails on route for recovery: Raymond James

Volumes at the railways are still down about 17% year-over-year, however, they have risen approximately 20% over the past four months. While this is an impressive updraft, the magnitude and sustainability of that momentum is still being fiercely debated by major railways. Nevertheless, a Raymond James analyst, has raised the target price of the stock of both railways.

10. Panel selected for rail freight service review

On September 23, 2009, the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport), announced the appointment of a three member panel to conduct Phase II of the rail freight service review. The review is examining Canada's rail-based logistics system (including shippers, terminal operators, ports and vessels), focusing on service provided to Canadian shippers and customers. The panel will propose recommendations to address problems and issues.

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11. Canadian Pacific Seeking to Lure More U.S. Importers

Canadian Pacific Railroad intends to help the Port of Vancouver increase its share of the lucrative market in the U.S. Midwest according to Fred Green, President and CEO. He hopes to optimize the investment made between various parts of the transportation network. Canadian Pacific is the main link between the Port of Vancouver and the U.S. Midwest and Vancouver has a 5 to 6 percent share of the intermodal market in the Midwest.

12. CN completes \$100 million Memphis yard reconstruction

CN announced on September 24, 2009, the completion of the \$100 million multi-year construction project to reconfigure and modernize its Memphis rail classification yard. The new Memphis yard is CN's second largest classification yard in the United States.

HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

1. June 2009 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Fell 31.5 Percent from June 2008

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totalled \$31 billion in June 2009, down 36.6 percent compared to June 2008. The value of imports carried by truck was 34.8 percent lower in June 2009 compared to June 2008, while the value of exports carried by truck was 28.8 percent lower during this period. The value of imports carried by rail was 44.6 percent lower in June 2009 compared to June 2008, while the value of exports carried by rail was 42.5 percent lower during this period.

2. PM announces expansion of border crossing facilities at Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge

On September 2, 2009, the Prime Minister announced that travelers who rely on the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge will be able to count on reduced traffic congestion and improved border security thanks to a major expansion and redevelopment of the bridge's Canadian Customs Plaza. This bridge is Canada's tenth-busiest passenger crossing.

3. Greyhound to cut service in Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario

Greyhound Canada says that it plans to halt bus service in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. It also is "reviewing its operations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. Greyhound is asking the federal and provincial governments to step in and find a solution to avert the planned closings.

4. Greyhound plans cuts to rural bus services

Greyhound senior vice-president Stuart Kendrick said closing regional operations "in the middle of Canada" would affect about 150 communities in Manitoba and up to 80 stops in northwestern Ontario (including Kenora,

Thunder Bay and Wawa). The company is working with other companies to ensure replacement services in northwestern Ontario. The federal Transport Minister, said he has met with Greyhound and rejected their demand for a subsidy. The company also met with provincial ministers and blames the government for not addressing the issue of rural service.

5. Quebec carrier swallows competition

One of Quebec's largest for-hire carriers, the furniture experts V.A. Inc., has just acquired two of its major competitors, Nesel Fast Freight, of Brampton, Ont., and Transport Gingras, based in Flavier Station on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. All three trucking companies cover the same territory in the furniture and appliance-hauling sectors, mainly in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. It will likely make V.A. Inc. one of the top 25 largest top for-hire companies.

6. TransForce buys retail division of ATS Andlauer

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On September 10, 2009, TransForce announced it has acquired the retail solutions division of ATS Andlauer Transportation Services, which generates revenues of about \$120 million per year using 165 owner/operators. It is TransForce's strategy of growth through selectively acquiring leading companies with strong leadership.

7. Online tool gives a peek at other people's pricing

Monitoring price changes enables carriers as well as shippers to remain competitive and keep tabs on your competition. Nulgox, a consultant company, recently began publishing a index for freight costs based on a data base of \$750 million of transportation transactions per year. The first release from the new Canadian General Freight Index (CGFI) indicates that prices have dropped more than 13 percent since July 2008, and 7.8 percent in the first five months of

8. New budget crucial to truckings post-recovery success: CTA

The Canadian Trucking Alliance in its appearance before the House of Commons called for measures designed not only to help "ensure" an economic recovery, but also to help the trucking industry to capitalize on renewal. The CEO called for: partnerships with the government to accelerate the re-equipping of the Canadian truck fleet because the industry does not have the capital; allocation of revenues from the excise tax to accelerating the investment in new smog-free heavy truck engines; and similar incentives or rebates for safety enhancement technologies including electronic on-board recorders, and vehicle stability systems.

9. New bus rapid transit service moves forward in Brampton

On September 18, 2009, government officials launched the start of construction for Brampton's new bus rapid transit (BRT) service, and officially unveiled its new name — Züm.

10. Governments of Canada and Alberta break grounds on two ring road interchanges in Southwest Edmonton

On September 21, 2009, government officials initiated the construction of two interchanges on Anthony Henday Drive to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety. The governments of Canada and Alberta will each contribute \$22.3 million to the \$44.6-million project that will be complete in the fall of 2011.

11. Now is Not the Time for U.S. States to Raise Carrier Fees

The Canadian Trucking Alliance and other carrier groups are strongly against a proposal from the US Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) that would see some carriers faced with significant fee increases under the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCRA). They say that a recession is not the time for increases and there are other problems.

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1. Jack Short: The Bottom has been Reached

Jack Short, Secretary General of the International Transport Forum, at a meeting of Nordic and Baltic Ministers of Transport in Riga, Latvia on September 15, 2009 said that "There are signs that the bottom has been reached". But it is too early to speak of recovery. For the transport sector to emerge stronger three things are needed: additional investment; resistance to protectionism; and adoption of innovative and greener technologies.

2. Travel between Canada and other countries

Travel from the United States to Canada reached 1.6 million trips in July 2009, up 4.9% from June 2009. Travel from overseas countries increased to 340,000 trips, up 0.8% for the same period. In the other direction, Canadian residents took 3.0 million trips to the United States in July 2009, up 2.3% from June 2009. Travel by Canadians to overseas destinations increased to 679,000 up 2.5% trips in July 2009.

3. CEOs of 3PLs share economic predictions in new report

The results of a survey by Penske Logistics were characterized by caution – projected growth for this year was even slimmer than in 2008. CEOs from the Asia-Pacific region anticipated the greatest growth, 12.9% compared with 21.4% in 2008. European CEOs actually projected a 3.3% shrinkage of their companies, when last year they anticipated a 10.8% growth. North American executives indicated just 6.9%, down from last year's 12.6%.

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