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Port Houston Operations Update

USMX-ILA Pending Work Stoppage

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The existing contract between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) expires at midnight on Monday, September 30 and we are preparing for a potential work stoppage on October 1st. In the days leading up to September 30th, we expect normal business operations. If there is a work stoppage, Port Houston container terminal gates will be closed.

We will provide daily updates and share the latest information on our [website](#) as the situation develops. Please see below for additional details regarding our container terminal operations.

Friday, September 27

- Standard Hours – 6 am -7 pm, ingate close at 6 pm
- No reefers after 5 pm

Saturday, September 28

- Extended Hours – 8 am -5 pm, ingate close at 4 pm
- No reefers/Out of Gauge
- Empty Yards will match our hours
- Please confirm LFD/Cutoffs with the SSL
- Port Houston Customer Service will be available

Monday, September 30

- Standard Hours – 6 am -7 pm, ingate close at 6 pm
- No reefers after 5 pm
- Vessel ops will conclude by 7 pm

Reefer Units: Reefers may be received until 5 pm September 30th. All reefer units will remain connected to power throughout any work stoppage – Please contact the ocean carriers for monitoring capabilities.

Hazardous Units: Hazardous may be received until 6 pm September 30th. Please ensure the unit is pre-advised before returning to the terminal to avoid delays.

Rail: There will be no train departures after September 29th.

Storage: Port Houston will not charge the ocean carriers storage on days the terminal gates are closed. Please reach out to the ocean carrier directly for free-time inquiries.

General Cargo/Multipurpose Facilities:

ILA-supported public general cargo/multi-purpose facilities are expected to be impacted by the work stoppage.

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