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## Strike Action Suspended at East and Gulf US Ports

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# 1 Strike Action Suspended

## 1.1 East and Gulf US Ports

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) union in a joint statement with the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) "have reached a tentative agreement on wages and have agreed to extend the Master Contract until January 15, 2025 to return to the bargaining table to negotiate all other outstanding issues. Effectively immediately, all current job (strike) actions will cease, and all work covered by the Master Contract will resume".

Port Houston announced on its website that it will open its Bayport and Barbours Cut Container Terminals on Friday, October 4. Gate hours will open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; ingate closing at 7 p.m. Rail operations are resumed, and vessel operations to begin from 7 p.m.

On Saturday, October 5, the terminals will have extended hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with ingates closing at 4 p.m.

"Port Houston will not charge the ocean carriers storage on days the terminal gates were closed"

World Cargo News reports that over 50 containerships are currently waiting to discharge cargo at the affected East and Gulf US ports, with around 100 more on the way. According to Xeneta, it will take two to three weeks to clear the cargo backlog.



Image: [Houston, USHOU - United States \(USA\) - Real time view of all ships currently in Houston - United States \(USA\) - VesselFinder](#)

[Joint Statement Regarding Master Contract – ILA Union](#)

[International Longshoremen's Association suspends ports strike until January - BBC News](#)

[Notices & Alerts - Port Houston](#)

[ILA, USMX strike tentative deal, ports resume operations ▶ WorldCargo News](#)

Please contact your local Pentagon office for multimodal options and latest updates provided by the carriers on bookings and quotations over the coming weeks.

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