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## NEWSLETTER

### **East Coast Labor Negotiations Get 90-Day Extension**

**Norfolk** – As the result of ongoing negotiations aided by federal mediators, the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) has agreed to postpone a threatened labor action along the US East and Gulf coasts for 90 days. During this 90-day period, the ILA and United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) will continue both local and master contract negotiations.

Had an agreement – temporary or permanent – not been reached, the labor action would have gone into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 1, and effectively halted cargo operations at ports from Maine to Texas.

At The Port of Virginia, cargo operations are continuing per normal and will remain as such as negotiations between the two sides continue. As part of the pre-strike planning process, Virginia Port Authority (VPA) and Virginia International Terminals Inc. (VIT), have developed a page on the VPA website [www.portofvirginia.com](http://www.portofvirginia.com) dedicated to providing local, up-to-date strike information. The page will be maintained through the extended negotiation period and updated as necessary.