

**PMA Statement on Restart of Casual Draw Process  
February 6, 2017**

**Update:**

The Coast Arbitrator has ordered a restart in the processing of more than 80,000 responses submitted by individuals pursuing “casual” work at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. The Coast Arbitrator issued his ruling after ILWU Local 13 and 63 refused to participate in the scheduled casual draw process with the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA).

**Background:**

In response to significant workforce needs at the Southern California ports, the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) and the ILWU initiated a jointly-approved casual hiring process that includes a number of steps designed to ensure fairness and accountability. The PMA, terminal employers and ILWU work together to maintain a balanced approach on the number of registered workers needed at the ports, as well as the number of approved “casual workers” – who are individuals who can make themselves available for dispatch as needs arise. The agreed-to process received more than 80,000 responses from individuals interested before the January deadlines. The next step in the process – to begin to validate and process the responses in preparation for the draw – was to begin this morning, Monday, February 6.

Unfortunately, at the outset of the process, ILWU Local 13 and 63 chose not to participate in the draw, which will add 2,400 individuals to the roster of eligible casuals. Monday afternoon, the Coast Arbitrator ordered the process to resume, while allowing the parties to continue to present their concerns.

The PMA appreciates the significant interest in casual longshore work, and we are ready to move forward with the thousands of new hires needed to help keep cargo flowing through the Southern California ports. We look forward to working with the ILWU to meet the labor needs of the West Coast waterfront.

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