



**Statement from the Pacific Maritime Association  
Regarding Southern California Work Action  
March 20, 2023**

The West Coast longshore contract provides employers the right to assign staggered shifts during meal periods to ensure labor is available at all times to deliver and receive containers. Beginning March 15, ILWU Local 13 has stopped complying with that contract provision. As a result, longshore workers at the Ports of LA and Long Beach are not working the terminals between 12pm-1pm and 10pm-11pm, creating significant delays. Because the contract is not in place, there is no option for PMA to arbitrate the matter and require the union to man the terminals continuously without interruption.

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