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Canadian National (CN) locomotive engineers currently on strike

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The following is based on a broadcast email of the Canadian Society of Customs Brokers (CSCB), with additional material supplied by Russell A. Farrow Limited.

CN Railway locomotive engineers began a work stoppage early Saturday.

CN's strike contingency plans went into effect Friday evening, in preparation for the work stoppage by the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC), which took place at 12:01 am, EST on Saturday.

The company used managers to keep trains running over the weekend. CN remains committed to safely providing the highest possible levels of service under the circumstances to its customers during the current labour disruption.

Further updates are available from CN at www.cn.ca/service.

The Canadian Labour Minister is preparing legislation to order the 1,700 engineers back to work.

A government release Monday (November 30th) says legislation could be introduced if CN and the Teamsters union representing the engineers are unable to negotiate a settlement. The legislation would order an end to the strike immediately, and send all issues to binding arbitration.