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Dear Clients,

The latest news from the United States is that a temporary injunction has been granted by the San Francisco federal court, ordering a resumption of work. The PMA says it will order longshoremen to return to work at 18:00 Pacific Daylight Time on Wednesday 9 October. The injunction will remain in force until 16th October, but it is expected that the court will then grant an injunction for the full 80 day period permitted by US federal law.

It is however clear that it will take some time for harmonious labour relationships to be restored, and that it will be several weeks before the backlog of cargoes can be shifted and trade patterns returned to normal.

We will keep you informed as more information comes to hand.

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