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IDC Calls for Strikes at All Europe Ports to Support Spanish Efforts

[On June 29, International Dockworkers' Council](#) will call on ports across Europe to conduct a two-hour strike in support of Spanish dockworkers, who have been protesting for job security.

The IDC stated in an article, “This stoppage has been called for two main reasons: to support the struggle of Spanish dockworkers in their conflict with that nation’s government; and to fight the ultra-liberal model of the European Union that goes against the interests of workers and trade unions.” There are reports that the strike will continue intermittently throughout late-June and early-July.

In 2016, the European Union fined Spain over \$17 million because the country had withheld port employment to all but union members. [This spring, Spain modified its laws](#) in order to comply with the EU, and received initial pushback from longshoremen. Eventually, a consensus was reached between the government and union organizations in late-May. [News sources report that soon after](#), a misunderstanding led to a return to strike, leading to shipment delays and vessel re-routings.



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