

Meeting with the Mediators

This week, APM Terminals Gothenburg and the Swedish Dockworkers' Union, section 4 (SDU) were called to a meeting with Mediators appointed by the Swedish National Mediation Office.

The Mediators' purpose was to obtain a written presentation of the compromise solution to which SDU had previously referred.

We note that no written solution was forthcoming. SDU did however, provide a verbal explanation that the compromise solution was a “mirror agreement” of the industry's existing Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Swedish Transport Workers' Union.

After consultation with the Mediators, both the mediators and APM Terminals Gothenburg do not regard this as a feasible way out of this conflict. This is due to imminent risks of subpoenas and continuing legal actions. Central Collective Bargaining Agreement can only be signed by the Swedish Port Association.

In APM Terminal Gothenburg's view, the only possible solution to the conflict is through an agreement based on the proposals previously put forward by the Mediators; a side letter to the existing CBA or a local agreement in accordance with the mediators' proposal, since these proposals are in compliance with Swedish legislation and the Swedish Model.