

SPAIN, the negotiations take over the strikes, however some delays & congestions can still be faced

On Thursday March 16, the Spanish Parliament rejected the controversial Real Decreto-Ley presented early this year by the government to liberalize port labor.

This has followed the European Commission's procedure and the European Court of Justice's judgement which ruled that the current system is in breach of the freedom of establishment from the European Union's Treaty.

Last week vote is a victory for the Spanish unions, however it's not the end of the situation as an agreement must be found. The negotiations must be promptly effective otherwise Spain will face fines of millions and any additional day would cost thousands euros to the Spanish government.

The Spanish social partners have requested to engage in tripartite negotiations. However, the government has not yet responded which makes unclear what strategy the government will pursue.

Read more : <http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/215390/spanish-congress-dismisses-port-reform-plan/>