

Grain handler Louis Dreyfus files complaint against CN Rail

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May 5 (Reuters) - The Canadian unit of global grain trader Louis Dreyfus Corp has complained to the Canadian government about service from the country's biggest railway, [Canadian National Railway Co](#), following a record-breaking harvest that has led to transportation bottlenecks.

Louis Dreyfus [Commodities](#), which operates a canola-crushing plant at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and 10 country elevators in Western Canada, filed a complaint on April 16, the Canadian Transportation Agency said on Monday.

The agency said Dreyfus complained about CN's service based on a contract between the two companies. The company has also requested that the agency issue an interim order requiring CN to abide by contractual terms during the proceedings.

A huge crop combined with a frigid winter caused CN and rival Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd to fall behind on filling requests for grain hopper cars to country elevators. This caused [grains](#) and [oilseeds](#) to pile up in commercial and farm storage, including the largest wheat [stocks](#) in 20 years as of March 31.

Brant Randles, president of Louis Dreyfus [Commodities](#), said the company does not comment on pending legal proceedings. A Canadian National spokesman could not immediately comment.

The complaint was filed under the Canada Transportation Act. Under provisions of the act, if the CTA determines a railway is not meeting its contractual obligations, it can order it to meet them within a set time period. (Reporting by Rod Nickel in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Gus Trompiz in Paris, editing by G Crosse)