

Trade Update

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April 2023 container volumes decrease on the prior year

Total container throughput (full & empty) in April 2023 were down 3.9% over April 2022 with a total of 246,542 TEU. Year to date container volumes were down 0.5%.

Full overseas imports were down 4.8% on April 2022 with furniture, miscellaneous manufactures, non-electrical machinery, domestic appliances, clothing and toys & sporting goods below last year's volumes.

Full overseas exports were down 3.4% on April 2022, with miscellaneous manufactures, pulp & wastepaper, paperboard and packaged beef below last year's volumes.

Total empty container movements were 5.0% below April 2022.

April 2023 trade performance compared with April 2022 was as follows:



Full overseas container imports (excl. transshipments)
-4.8% below April 2022
-2.8% below FYTD22



Dry bulk trade
+8.8% above April 2022
-0.7% below FYTD22



Full overseas container exports (excl. transshipments)
-3.4% below April 2022
-2.3% below FYTD22



Break bulk trade
-28.2% below April 2022
-1.6% below FYTD22



Total empty containers moved
-5.0% below April 2022
+4.9% above FYTD22



Liquid bulk trade
+4.4% above April 2022
+6.4% above FYTD22



Bass Strait full container trade (excl. transshipments)
-7.1% below April 2022
-2.4% below FYTD22



Motor vehicle imports
-11.7% below April 2022
(-4,161 units)
+14.5% above FYTD22



Full container transshipments
+16.7% above April 2022
+6.2% above FYTD22



Trade outlook

Container trade for May 2023 is tracking slightly below the comparative month in 2022.

Port of Melbourne

