

Trade Update

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December container volumes decrease on the prior year

Total container throughput (full & empty) in December 2022 were down 5.2% over December 2021 with a total of 261,334 TEU. Year to date container volumes were 4.2%.

Full overseas exports were down 4.3% on December 2021, with hay & fodder, wine, dried milk all below last year's levels.

Full overseas imports were down 10.5% on December 2021 with furniture, metal manufactures, domestic appliances, misc. food preparations, paperboard, toys & sports goods, electrical machinery all below last year's volumes.

Total empty container movements were 2.1% below December 2021.

December 2022 trade performance compared with December 2021 was as follows:



Full overseas container imports (excl. transshipments)
-10.5% below December 2021
+2.5% above FYTD22



Dry bulk trade
+33.6% above December 2021
-0.5% below FYTD22



Full overseas container exports (excl. transshipments)
-4.3% below December 2021
+0.7% above FYTD22



Break bulk trade
-28.4% below December 2021
+9.7% above FYTD22



Total empty containers moved
-2.1% below December 2021
+11.6% above FYTD22



Liquid bulk trade
-8.3% below December 2021
+4.7% above FYTD22



Bass Strait full container trade (excl. transshipments)
-4.5% below December 2021
-2.5% below FYTD22



Motor vehicle imports
7.7% above December 2021
(+2,436 units)
29.8% above FYTD22



Full container transshipments
15.5% above December 2021
8.8% above FYTD22



Trade outlook

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

Port of Melbourne

