

Trade Update

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November container volumes decrease on the prior year

November 2022 saw total container throughput (full and empty) down 8.4% over November 2021 with a total of 258,449 TEU. Year to date container volumes are up 5.6%.

Full overseas imports were down 12.16% on November 2021 with domestic appliances, non-electrical machinery, ceramic goods, clothing, miscellaneous manufactures and metal manufactures all above last year's volumes.

Full overseas exports were down 13.81% on November 2021, with wheat, pulp & waste paper, hay & fodder all below last year's levels.

Total empty container movements were 4.4% above November 2021.

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



Full overseas container imports (excl. transshipments)
12.1% below November 2021
5.2% above FYTD22



Dry bulk trade
4.0% below November 2021
5.3% below FYTD22



Full overseas container exports (excl. transshipments)
13.8% below November 2021
1.6% above FYTD22



Break bulk trade
51.8% above November 2021
16.4% above FYTD22



Total empty containers moved
4.4% above November 2021
13.9% above FYTD22



Liquid bulk trade
4.6% below November 2021
7.9% above FYTD22



Bass Strait full container trade (excl. transshipments)
16.9% below November 2021
5.4% below FYTD22



Motor vehicle imports
57.8% above November 2021
(+13,385 units)
35.7% above FYTD22



Full container transshipments
16.4% above November 2021
7.0% above FYTD22

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Trade outlook

Container trade for December 2022 is tracking above the comparative month in 2021.

Supply chain

Globally, port congestion and schedule reliability is improving, but remains higher than pre-Covid averages with some ongoing disruption. Container freight rates continued to decline throughout November, although still remaining above pre-pandemic levels.

Locally the supply chain remains resilient, with minimal congestion and we continue to monitor the situation.

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