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PORT TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW IN MONTH OF JULY

Total trade through the Port of Melbourne for July 2018 saw a 9.0% increase (8.46 million revenue tonnes) on July of last year (2017).

All cargo types recorded increases for the month, with the exception of the dry bulk cargoes. Dry bulk decreases were a direct result of lower grain exports with the FY18 harvest returning closer to average volumes following a record FY17.

Total container throughput (full + empty) for July increased 9.1% over July 2017 to a total of 255,153 TEU, with total imports for the month up 6.9% and total exports increasing 11.4%.

Full container imports for July were 7.3% up on the same month last year. At a sector level, overseas imports gained 6.8% for the month; imports from Tasmania were up 18.0%.

Commodities most responsible for the monthly increase in containerised imports included, electrical machinery (↑ 31%), miscellaneous manufactures (↑ 13%), timber (↑ 37%), furniture (↑ 12%), aluminium (↑ 52%), miscellaneous food preparations (↑ 12%), and ceramic goods (↑ 22%).

Container Throughput: (TEU)

	July-2018	Change (July- 2017)	Financial Year to Date	Change (July-2018)
Full Imports	115,690	+ 7.3%	115,690	+ 7.3%
Full Exports	79,693	- 3.7%	79,693	- 3.7%
Empties	59,770	+ 38.0%	59,770	+ 38.0%
Total	255,153	+ 9.1%	255,153	+ 9.1%

Following two consecutive months of decline in May and June, liquid bulk trade returned to positive territory in July with a 7.7% increase over July 2017.

Motor vehicle trade in total for July recorded a 5.5% increase over the equivalent month last year. Transport equipment imports (commercial vehicles) were the main contributor to the monthly result; increasing 44.5% (+2,371 units) while imports of new passenger vehicles were up 6.7% (+841 units).

Non-Containerised Trade: Revenue Tonnes

	July-2018	Change (July- 2018)	Financial Year to Date	Change (July-2018)
Motor Vehicles	647,942	+ 5.5%	647,942	+ 5.5%
Liquid Bulk	652,374	+ 7.7%	652,374	+ 7.7%
Dry Bulk	410,007	- 14.2%	410,007	- 14.2%
Breakbulk	108,195	+ 25.9%	108,195	+ 25.9%
Other	299,220	+ 27.1%	299,220	+ 27.1%
Total	2,117,738	+ 4.9%	2,117,738	+ 4.9%

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