

Trade Update

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Stronger container volumes in September

Strong volumes have been seen in September as peak season continues.

September 2022 saw total container throughput (full and empty) up 8.2% over September 2021 with a total of 287,350 TEU. Year to date container volumes are up 7.3%.

Full overseas imports were up 10.8% on September 2021 with strong trade flowing into peak season, with domestic appliances, non-electrical machinery, textiles, metal manufactures, toys, sporting goods and transport equipment all above last year's volumes. **Full overseas exports** were up 8.7% on September 2021, with wheat, cottonseed, raw cotton, nuts (almonds), malt and rice all above last year's levels.

Total empty container movements were 4.3% above September 2021.

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



Full overseas container imports (excl. transshipments)
10.8% above September 2021
9.4% above FYTD22



Dry bulk trade
22.3% below September 2021
3.6% below FYTD22



Full overseas container exports (excl. transshipments)
8.7% above September 2021
4.2% above FYTD22



Break bulk trade
28.7% above September 2021
25.5% above FYTD22



Total empty containers moved
4.3% above September 2021
9.9% above FYTD22



Liquid bulk trade
13.2% above September 2021
12.1% above FYTD22



Bass Strait full container trade (excl. transshipments)
4.8% below September 2021
2.0% below FYTD22



Motor vehicle imports
71.5% above September 2021
(+14,743 units)
32.1% above FYTD22



Full container transshipments
30.7% above September 2021
8.2% above FYTD22

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Trade outlook

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

Supply chain

Globally, congestion and some delays remain, however schedule reliability continues to improve. Container freight rates continued to decline throughout September, although still remaining above pre-pandemic levels.

Trade volumes to Australia remain strong as peak season continues, with some vessel congestion still being seen at several ports impacted by severe weather events. Locally the supply chain remains resilient and we continue to monitor the situation throughout the peak season.

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