

## IMPORTED CONTAINER CARGO JUMPS 18 PERCENT IN MAY

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 19, 2002 – Led by a sharp rise in imports, container cargo shipments at the Port of Long Beach climbed in May to the equivalent of 428,033 twenty-foot-long container units – an increase of 16.5 percent over May 2001. This May's total is the fourth highest monthly total in port history.

“Even with a sluggish U.S. economic recovery, trade continues to grow,” said port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke.

The number of imported containers rose to 231,382 twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs), an increase of 18 percent over May 2001. The port's leading imports include Asian-made clothing, shoes, toys and consumer electronics.

For the fourth consecutive month, exports gained over the export total for the same month a year ago. Exported containers in May increased to 84,062 TEUs, a gain of 3.6 percent over May 2001. The leading exports shipped through Long Beach include factory equipment and raw materials such as plastics, chemicals and recycled metal and paper.

The shipping lines also moved more empty containers back to Asia in May. The number of empty containers shipped through the port jumped to 112,589 TEUs, a 24.6 percent increase. Nearly all of the empty containers were headed overseas to be re-filled with products that will be shipped back to the United States.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's busiest container cargo seaports, a leading gateway between the U.S. and Asia. Nearly \$95 billion in trade moved through the port last year. General cargo is shipped in steel containers of various sizes. The standard measure for container cargo is the twenty-foot-long container or the twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU).

## Port of Long Beach

### Container Trade (TEUs\*)

	LOADED Inbound	Outbound	TOTAL LOADED	TOTAL EMPTYES	TOTAL CONTAINERS
<b>May-02</b>	<b>231,382</b>	<b>84,062</b>	<b>315,444</b>	<b>112,589</b>	<b>428,033</b>
May-01	196,120	81,108	277,228	90,344	367,572
<b>% change</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
Jan-02	180,528	70,944	251,472	93,173	344,645
Feb-02	202,276	83,333	285,609	77,374	362,983
Mar-02	171,874	87,845	259,719	83,887	343,606
Apr-02	227,953	87,960	315,913	94,287	410,200

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<b>Jan-May '02</b>	<b>1,014,013</b>	<b>414,144</b>	<b>1,428,157</b>	<b>461,310</b>	<b>1,889,467</b>
Jan.-May '01	944,193	394,675	1,338,868	421,671	1,760,539
<b>% change</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

*\*TEUs: 20-foot equivalent units or 20-foot-long cargo container*

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