

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****CONTACT: ART WONG, Media Relations Manager****E-Mail: wong@polb.com****Website: www.polb.com****May 16, 2001****(562) 590-4123****IMPORTS LITTLE CHANGED, EXPORTS DECLINE IN APRIL**

Imports increased slightly while exports fell in April, as shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach moved the equivalent of 366,528 twenty-foot-long container units - nearly identical to the total for April 2000.

The number of imported cargo containers in April was 202,575 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a less-than-1 percent increase over the import total for April 2000. The port's leading inbound cargoes include clothing, toys, shoes and other household goods made in Asia.

The number of exported containers fell in April to 76,624 TEUs, a 15.8 percent decline from a year ago. April was the sixth consecutive month in which the number of outbound containers fell in comparison to the outbound total for the same month a year ago. Exports shipped through Long Beach include raw materials destined for Asia such as plastics, chemicals, cotton and recycled paper.

With a widening gap in inbound and outbound containers, the number of empties - most headed for Asia - increased 16.9 percent to 87,329 TEUs.

**Port of Long Beach
Container Traffic (TEUs*)**

	LOADED		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Inbound	Outbound	LOADED	EMPTIES	CONTAINERS
Mar-01	202,575	76,624	279,199	87,329	366,528
Mar-00	200,724	91,014	291,738	74,727	366,465
% Change	0.9%	-15.8%	-4.3%	16.9%	0.0%

Oct-00	235,511	88,541	324,052	108,880	432,932
Nov-00	213,065	90,756	303,821	107,076	410,897
Dec-00	180,631	79,351	259,982	91,408	351,390
Jan-01	194,746	77,073	271,819	82,622	354,441
Feb-01	155,148	75,520	230,668	81,044	311,712
Mar-01	195,605	84,349	279,954	80,325	360,279
Apr-01	202,575	76,624	279,199	87,329	366,528
Sep '00-Apr '01	1,377,281	572,214	1,949,495	638,684	2,588,179
Sep '99-Apr '00	1,334,505	613,116	1,947,621	602,928	2,550,549
% Change	3.2%	-6.7%	0.1%	5.9%	1.5%

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