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Amid continuing weakness in the U.S. and Asian economies, container cargo volumes dipped at the Port of Long Beach for a second-consecutive month in June. Shipping terminals in Long Beach handled the equivalent of 362,656 twenty-foot-long container units in June, a 3.3 percent decline from June 2000.

It was the second-straight month that this year's total lagged behind the same month a year ago. May's total was down 9.6 percent from May 2000. The last time that the port had two consecutive months of declines was January and February of 1993, when the United States was in the midst of a recession.

In June, the import total was virtually the same as a year ago. The number of inbound containers fell slightly to 202,987 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), a difference of a handful of containers and a decrease of 0.01 percent from June 2000. The port's leading imports include such Asian-made consumer products as clothing, toys, shoes and household goods.

The number of exports fell to 78,395 TEUs, a 5.9 percent decline from June 2000. It was the ninth time in the last 10 months that the export totals declined in comparison to the same month a year ago. The port's leading exports include such raw materials as plastics, chemicals, cotton and recycled paper and metal.

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

	LOADED		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Inbound	Outbound	LOADED	EMPTIES	CONTAINERS
Jun-01	202,987	78,395	281,383	81,275	362,656
June-00	203,004	83,305	286,309	88,586	374,895
% Change	0.1%	-5.9%	-1.7%	-8.3%	-3.3%
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
May-01	196,120	81,108	277,228	90,344	367,572

Jun-01	202,987	78,395	281,383	81,275	362,656
Jan '00- June '01	1,147,181	473,070	1,620,251	502,946	2,123,197
Jan '99- June '00	1,156,267	531,944	1,688,211	485,044	2,173,255
% Change	-0.8%	-11.1%	-4.0%	3.7%	-2.3%

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

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