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The volume of container cargo shipped through the Port of Long Beach in August rose to the highest level of the year - 405,862 twenty-foot-long container units - an indication that holiday shipments have begun moving through the port.

The port's peak shipping season typically is the August-through-October period when retailers stock their shelves with holiday clothing, toys and other merchandise imported from Asia. Cargo terminals at the port reported that the number of containers shipped through their facilities in August -- including loaded inbound containers, loaded outbound containers and empty container -- increased 7 percent over this July's total of 379,032 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

Cargo terminals moved 221,492 TEUs of loaded import containers in August, an increase of 6.4 percent from July. They moved 83,301 TEUs of loaded export containers in August, a 6.9 percent increase from July. The number of empty containers was 101,069 TEUs, an 8.8 percent increase from July.

With the weakness of economies around the world, this August container total was down 6.6 percent from August 2000. Imports declined 6.5 percent from the same month a year ago. Exports, largely raw materials shipped to Asian manufacturers, fell 3.2 percent. Empties, nearly all of them headed to Asia to be refilled with cargo for the United States, decreased by 9.6 percent.

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

	LOADED		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Inbound	Outbound	LOADED	EMPTIES	CONTAINERS
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
Jul-01	208,179	77,956	286,135	92,897	379,032
Aug-01	221,492	83,301	304,793	101,069	405,862

Jan '00-Aug '01	1,576,852	634,327	2,211,179	696,912	2,908,091
Jan '99-Aug '00	1,618,101	704,830	2,322,931	695,044	3,017,975
% Change	-2.5%	-10.0%	-4.8%	0.3%	-3.6%

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

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