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Container Total Tops 400,000 Units In November

With the peak holiday shipping season extending into November, and exports at their highest levels since May, shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach handled the equivalent of 410,897 cargo containers, an increase of 3.4 percent over November 1999. The monthly total was the port's third highest for the year.

In November, the equivalent of 213,065 twenty-foot container units were imported through the port, an increase of nearly 2 percent from November 1999 and the eighth consecutive month that imports topped 200,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

Until recent years, the peak-shipping season had ended in October so retailers would have plenty of time to get their imported holiday merchandise onto their shelves. Now retailers are able to ship products faster, and they're continuing to import holiday products in November.

The number of export containers was 90,756 TEUs, a slight decrease from November 1999 but the highest monthly export total since May. The number of empty containers, almost all headed back to Asia to be refilled with products, climbed nearly 11 percent to 107,076 TEUs.

Port of Long Beach Container Traffic (TEUs*)

	LOADED		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Inbound	Outbound	LOADED	EMPTIES	CONTAINERS
Nov-00	213,065	90,756	303,821	107,076	410,897
Nov-99	209,444	91,210	300,645	96,656	397,301
% Change	1.7%	-0.5%	1.1%	10.8%	3.4%

Jan-00	178,672	80,091	258,763	80,380	339,143
Feb-00	177,362	81,893	259,255	75,961	335,216
Mar-00	178,489	97,871	276,360	74,404	350,764
Apr-00	200,724	91,014	291,738	74,727	366,465
May-00	218,016	97,770	315,786	90,986	406,772
Jun-00	203,004	83,305	286,309	88,586	374,895
Jul-00	224,865	86,874	311,739	98,240	409,979
Aug-00	236,969	86,012	322,981	111,760	434,741
Sep-00	208,880	80,875	289,755	97,838	387,593
Oct-00	235,511	88,541	324,052	108,880	432,932
Nov-00	213,065	90,756	303,821	107,076	410,897
Jan'00-Nov '00	2,275,557	965,002	3,240,559	1,008,838	4,249,397
Jan '99 - Nov '99	2,131,478	902,524	3,034,002	1,009,238	4,043,240
% Change	6.8%	6.9%	5.8%	0.0%	5.1%

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