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**Container Trade Up 9 Percent in October**

With retailers stocking up for a big holiday season, shipping terminals at the Port of Long Beach handled the equivalent of 432,934 twenty-foot cargo container units in October - the port's second-best month ever. The total was a 9.2 percent increase over the October 1999 total, and just shy of August 2000's record 437,741 twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs).

The increase in cargo was led by a 15.3 percent jump in inbound containers, compared with October 1999. The port's shipping terminals handled 235,511 TEUs of imported containers. The July-through-October period is usually the port's peak shipping season, a time when retailers import high volumes of containers filled with clothing, toys, consumer electronics and other holiday merchandise made in Asia.

The number of export containers, most filled with raw materials bound for Asia, climbed 5 percent to 88,541 TEUs - the highest export total since May.

"It was a very strong month, both inbound and outbound," said Don Wylie, the port's managing director of maritime services. "October is typically one of the busiest months of the peak season. The holiday cargoes have all flowed smoothly through our port, and we're very proud of the terminal operators who made this possible."

The number of empty containers shipped through the port, most of them headed back to Asia, was 108,880 TEUs in October, an increase of 1 percent over October 1999.

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

LOADED	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
Inbound	Outbound	LOADED	EMPTIES CONTAINERS

<b>Oct-00</b>	<b>235,511</b>	<b>88,541</b>	<b>324,052</b>	<b>108,880</b>	<b>432,932</b>
Oct-99	204,242	84,349	288,591	107,829	396,420
<b>% Change</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
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
<b>Jan'00-Oct '00</b>	<b>2,062,492</b>	<b>874,246</b>	<b>2,936,738</b>	<b>901,762</b>	<b>3,838,500</b>
Jan '99 - Oct '99	1,922,034	811,323	2,733,357	912,581	3,645,938
<b>% Change</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

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