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### **Container Cargo Volume Up Nearly 9 Percent in August**

For a second-consecutive month the Port of Long Beach has broken its container cargo record. Heading into the middle of the peak shipping season, cargo terminals at the port moved the equivalent of 434,741 20-foot container units in August, an 8.9 percent increase over August 1999. The previous record was July's 409,979 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

The July-through-October period is traditionally the port's busiest as retailers import back-to-school merchandise and then their Christmas holiday products including clothing, footwear and toys. In August, the number of imported containers shipped through the port jumped 10.4 percent to a record 236,969 TEUs.

The number of exported containers climbed 6.7 percent to 86,012 TEUs. While this was an improvement over 1999, it was slightly less than July's total, a reflection of the modest pace of the economic recovery in Asia.

The number of empty containers increased 7.4 percent to a record 111,760 TEUs. Because of the imbalance in trade, nearly all of the empty containers were headed back to Asia to be re-filled with cargo for the United States.

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

	LOADED		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Inbound	Outbound	LOADED	EMPTY	CONTAINERS
<b>Aug-00</b>	<b>236,969</b>	<b>86,012</b>	<b>322,981</b>	<b>111,760</b>	<b>434,741</b>

Aug-99	214,709	80,581	295,290	104,015	399,305
<b>% Change</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>8.9%</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
<b>Jan-Aug '00</b>	<b>1,618,101</b>	<b>704,830</b>	<b>2,322,931</b>	<b>695,044</b>	<b>3,017,975</b>
Jan-Aug '99	1,498,712	644,666	2,143,378	703,431	2,846,809
<b>% Change</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

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