








**MONTHLY OVERSEAS CONTAINER TRADE UPDATE: AUGUST 2018**

**Overseas container trade – August 2018**

				
Full overseas container imports	Full overseas container exports	Empty overseas container imports	Empty overseas container exports	Total overseas containers
0.8%	- 1.6%	- 16.7%	0.7%	- 0.3%
108,838	62,131	4,344	38,550	213,863

**Total overseas container throughput** (full + empty) for August was 213,863 TEU, this was a decrease of 0.3% over August 2017. Total (full + empty) overseas container imports for the month were flat while total (full + empty) overseas container exports decreased by 0.7% in comparison to August 2017.

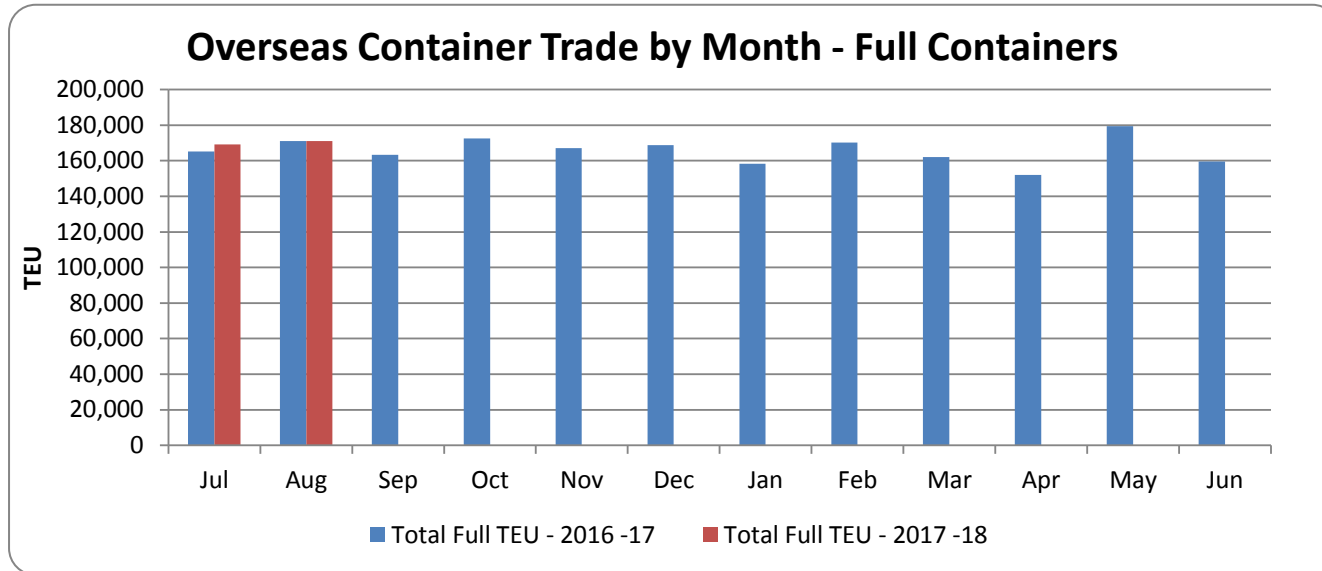
**Full overseas container imports** were 108,838, an increase of 0.8% against August last year. Most commodities recorded gains for the month including timber, miscellaneous manufactures, ceramic goods, rubber manufactures, paper & newsprint, miscellaneous food preparations, metal manufactures and tea. Commodities with the most notable declines were builder’s hardware, clothing, textiles, toys & sporting goods, iron & steel, paper & fibreboards, vehicle parts and fruit & vegetables.

**Full overseas container exports** were 62,131 TEU for August 2018 which fell 1.6% against August 2017. The commodities that recorded gains for the month include fruit & vegetables, paper & newsprint, pulp & waste paper, cotton – raw, malt and confectionary. Commodities with the most notable declines were textiles, wood & cork manufactures, plastic ware, wool, vegetable oils, raw plastic, cereal grains and paper & fibre boards.

**Empty overseas container** movements for August were down 1.3% over the same period last year to 42,894 TEU. Empty overseas exports rose 0.7% for the month, while empty overseas imports decreased by 16.7% against August 2017.

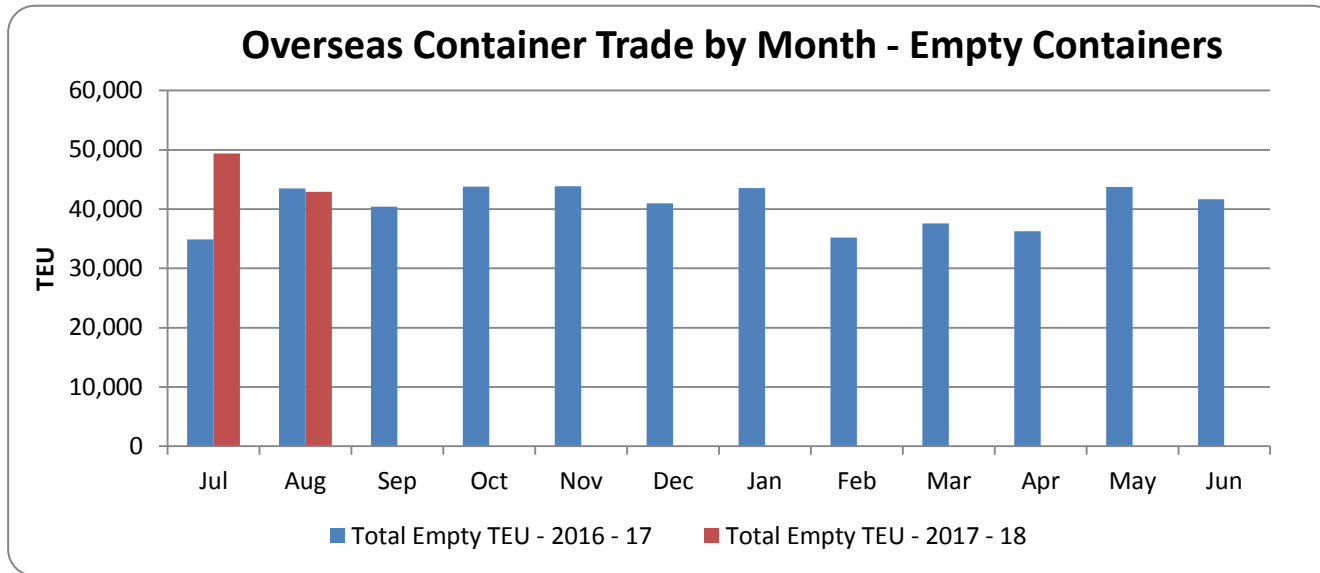
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**Overseas Container Trade by Month  
FULL CONTAINERS (TEU)**



2018-19	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	105,384	108,838										
Export	63,720	62,131										
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,104</b>	<b>170,969</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
2017-18	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	98,664	107,939	104,191	109,175	107,040	104,840	104,338	105,182	91,770	91,111	112,951	98,403
Export	66,502	63,168	59,080	63,300	60,015	63,847	53,922	65,035	70,259	60,968	66,419	61,082
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,166</b>	<b>171,107</b>	<b>163,271</b>	<b>172,475</b>	<b>167,055</b>	<b>168,687</b>	<b>158,260</b>	<b>170,217</b>	<b>162,029</b>	<b>152,079</b>	<b>179,370</b>	<b>159,485</b>

**Overseas Container Trade by Month  
EMPTY CONTAINERS (TEU)**

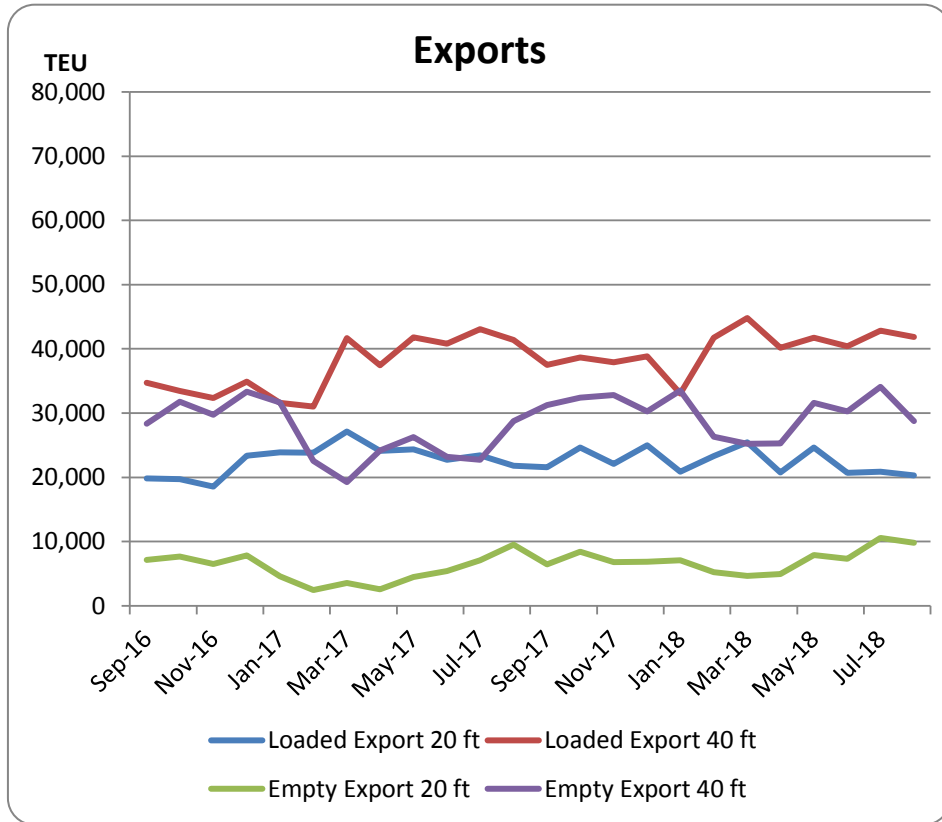
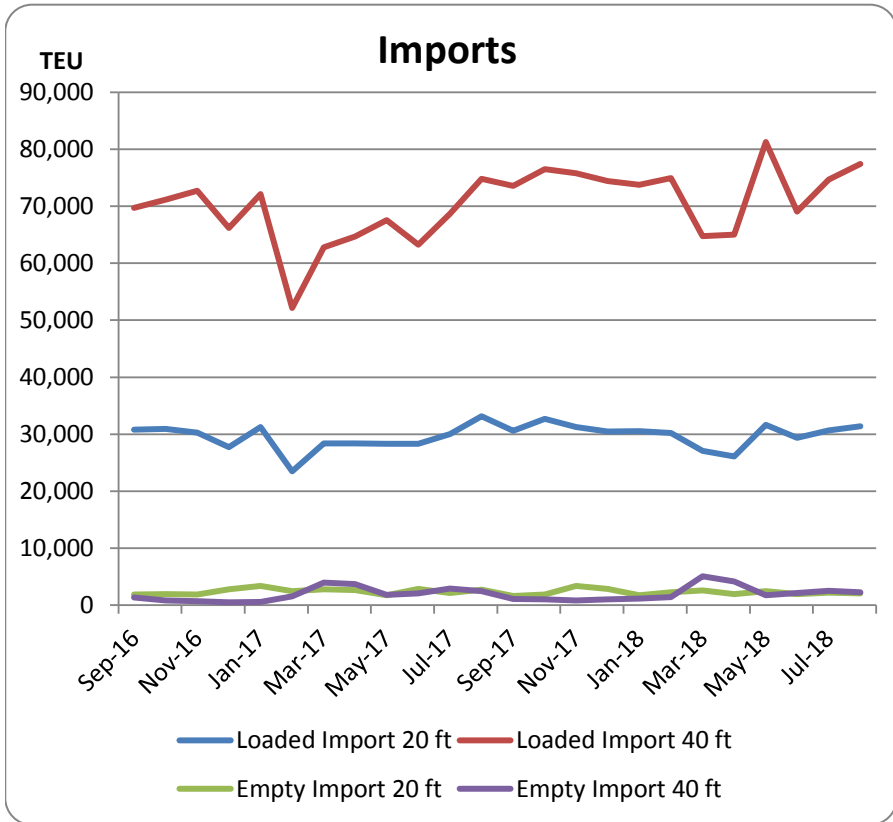


2018-19	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	4,709	4,344										
Export	44,656	38,550										
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,365</b>	<b>42,894</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
2017-18	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	5,046	5,215	2,692	2,923	4,263	3,828	2,914	3,664	7,683	6,046	4,210	4,082
Export	29,808	38,265	37,722	40,842	39,606	37,124	40,645	31,529	29,893	30,188	39,544	37,557
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,854</b>	<b>43,480</b>	<b>40,414</b>	<b>43,765</b>	<b>43,869</b>	<b>40,952</b>	<b>43,559</b>	<b>35,193</b>	<b>37,576</b>	<b>36,234</b>	<b>43,754</b>	<b>41,639</b>

**Total Overseas Trade by Month by Sector - September 2016 to August 2018**  
**IMPORT & EXPORT CONTAINERS**



01/09/16 to 31/08/18

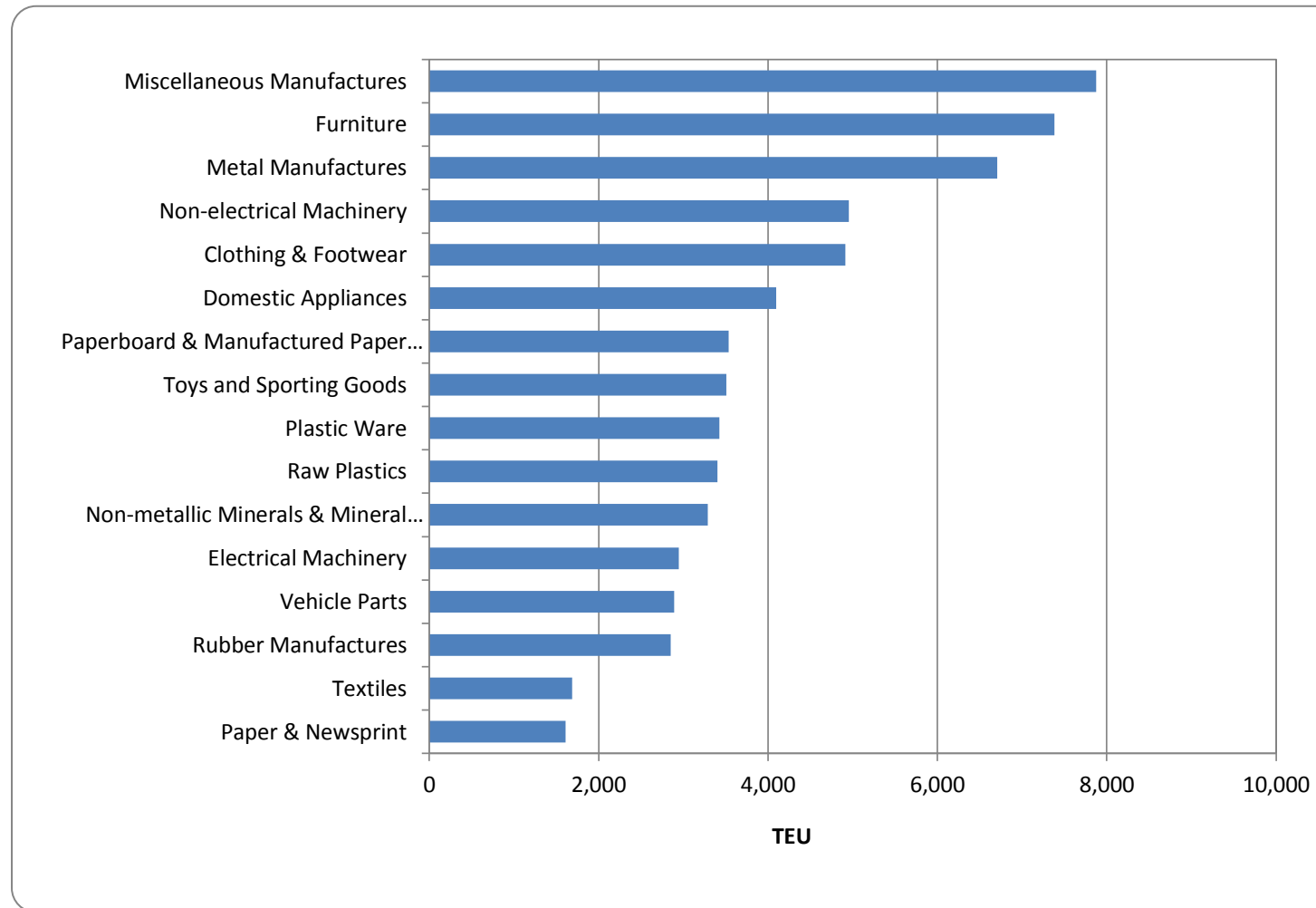




**Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Sector  
FULL IMPORTS (TEU)**

01/08/18 to 31/08/18

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Miscellaneous Manufactures	7,874	7.2%
Furniture	7,382	6.8%
Metal Manufactures	6,706	6.2%
Non-electrical Machinery	4,953	4.6%
Clothing & Footwear	4,911	4.5%
Domestic Appliances	4,094	3.8%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	3,533	3.2%
Toys and Sporting Goods	3,509	3.2%
Plastic Ware	3,424	3.1%
Raw Plastics	3,403	3.1%
Non-metallic Minerals & Mineral Manufactures	3,287	3.0%
Electrical Machinery	2,948	2.7%
Vehicle Parts	2,890	2.7%
Rubber Manufactures	2,850	2.6%
Textiles	1,686	1.5%
Paper & Newsprint	1,610	1.5%
~All Others	43,778	40.2%
<b>TOTAL FULL IMPORTS</b>	<b>108,838</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Empties	4,344	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,182</b>	



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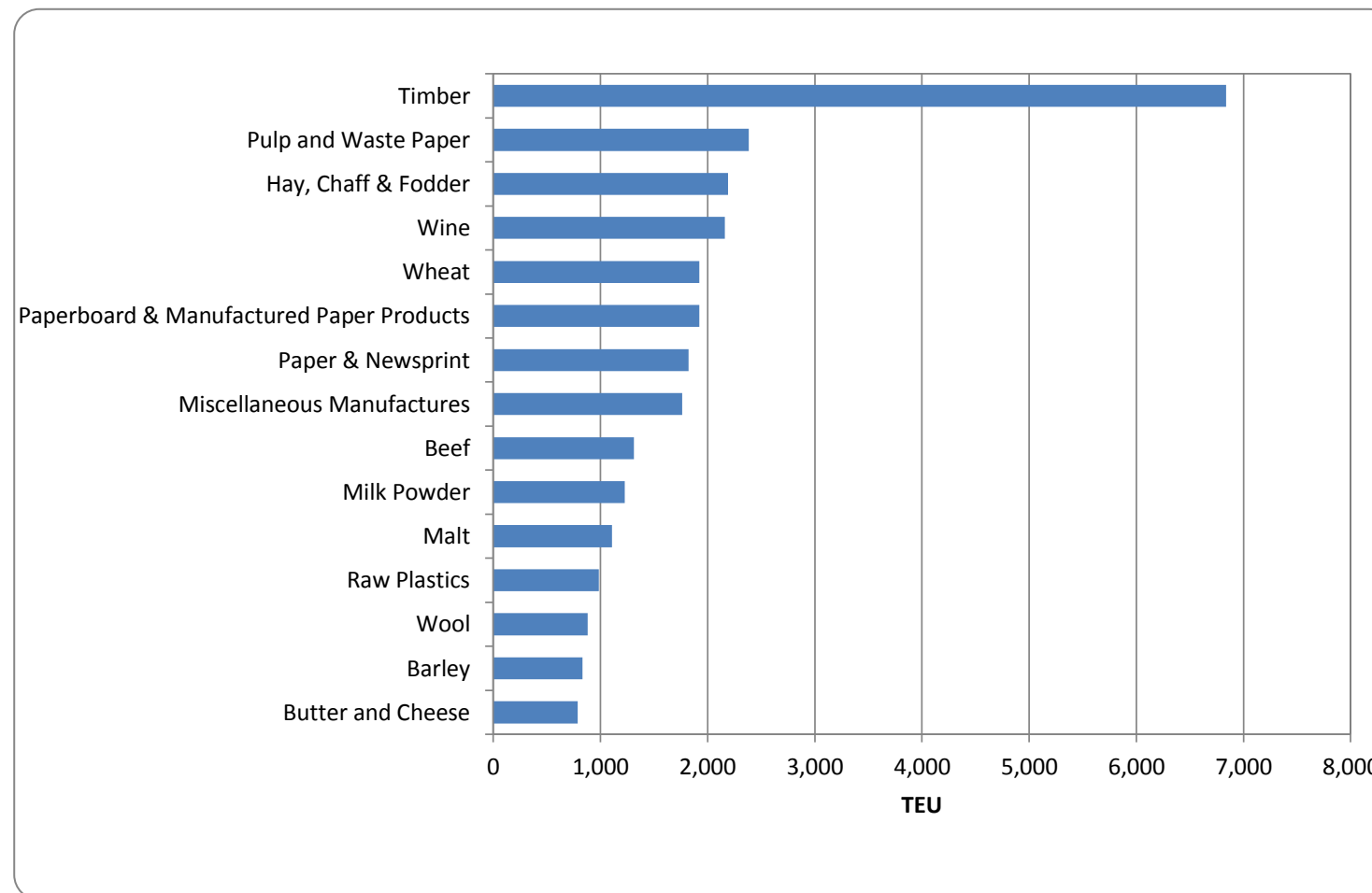
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**Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Sector  
FULL EXPORTS (TEU)**

01/08/18 to 31/08/18

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Timber	6,837	11.0%
Pulp and Waste Paper	2,383	3.8%
Hay, Chaff & Fodder	2,190	3.5%
Wine	2,159	3.5%
Wheat	1,924	3.1%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	1,921	3.1%
Paper & Newsprint	1,823	2.9%
Miscellaneous Manufactures	1,764	2.8%
Beef	1,311	2.1%
Milk Powder	1,227	2.0%
Malt	1,109	1.8%
Raw Plastics	984	1.6%
Wool	881	1.4%
Barley	832	1.3%
Butter and Cheese	788	1.3%
~All Others	33,998	54.7%
<b>TOTAL FULL EXPORTS</b>	<b>62,131</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Empties	38,550	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,681</b>	



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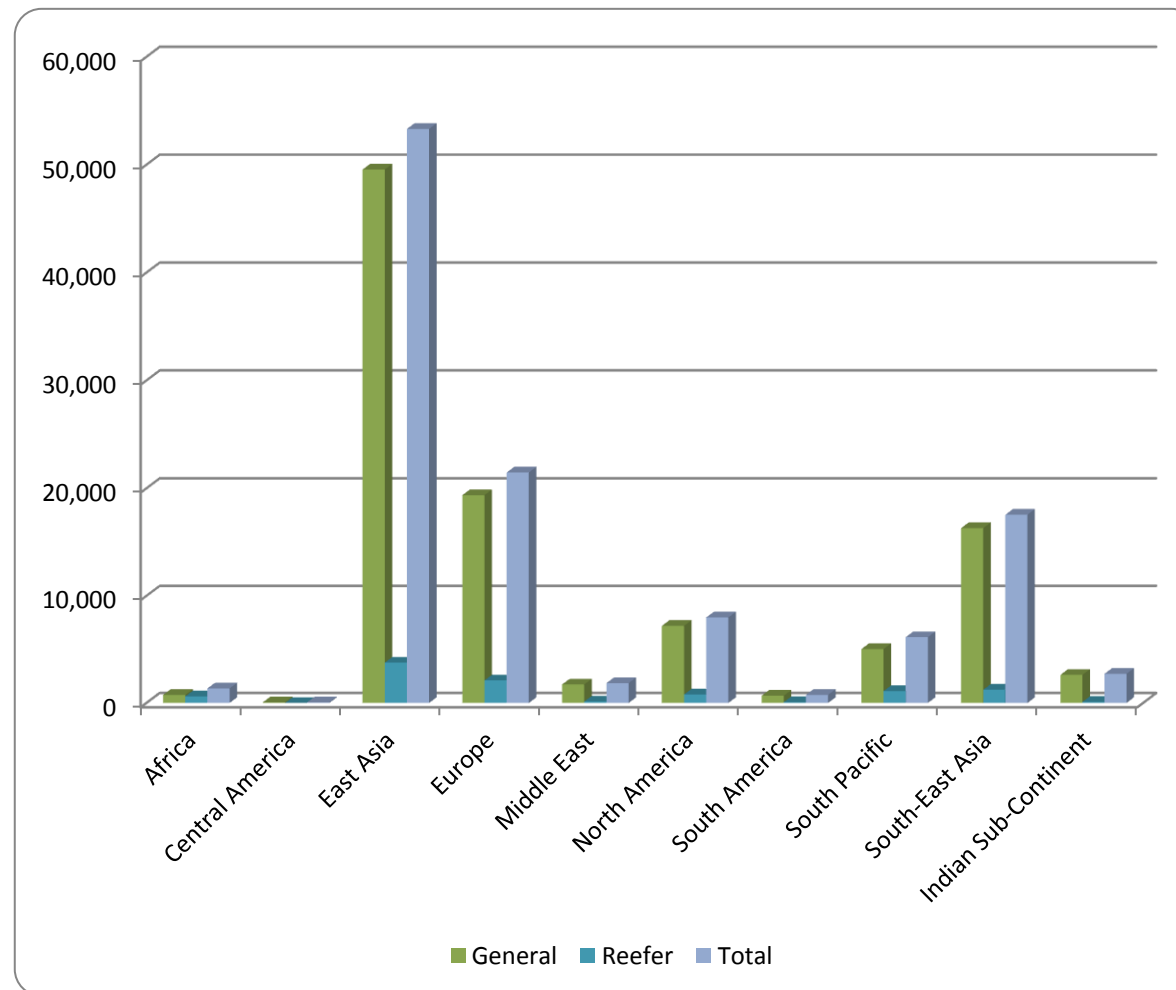
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**Monthly Overseas Container Trade by Origin Region**  
**TOTAL IMPORTS (TEU)**

01/08/18 to 31/08/18

REGION	IMPORT		Total
	General	Reefer	
Africa	746	608	1,354
Central America	60	-	60
East Asia	49,549	3,763	53,312
Europe	19,362	2,103	21,465
Middle East	1,724	130	1,854
North America	7,196	787	7,983
South America	676	78	754
South Pacific	5,027	1,109	6,136
South-East Asia	16,310	1,236	17,546
Indian Sub-Continent	2,622	96	2,718
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103,272</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>113,182</b>





**Monthly Overseas Container Trade by Destination Region**  
**TOTAL EXPORTS (TEU)**

01/08/18 to 31/08/18

REGION	EXPORT		Total
	General	Reefer	
Africa	610	91	701
Central America	222	45	267
East Asia	40,344	5,295	45,639
Europe	1,624	295	1,919
Middle East	1,585	444	2,029
North America	3,081	1,410	4,491
South America	184	10	194
South Pacific	10,013	1,426	11,439
South-East Asia	29,633	1,663	31,296
Indian Sub-Continent	2,651	55	2,706
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,947</b>	<b>10,734</b>	<b>100,681</b>

