








**MONTHLY OVERSEAS CONTAINER TRADE UPDATE: MARCH 2021**

**Overseas container trade – March 2021**

Full overseas container imports	Full overseas container exports	Empty overseas container imports	Empty overseas container exports	Total overseas containers
				
<b>37.5%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>- 7.0%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>
<b>114,867</b>	<b>66,306</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>60,623</b>	<b>248,735</b>

**Total overseas container throughput** (full + empty) for March 2021 was 248,735 TEU, this was an increase of 33.8% over March 2020. Total (full + empty) overseas container imports for the month were up 33.9% while total (full + empty) overseas container exports also increased by 33.7% in comparison to March 2020.

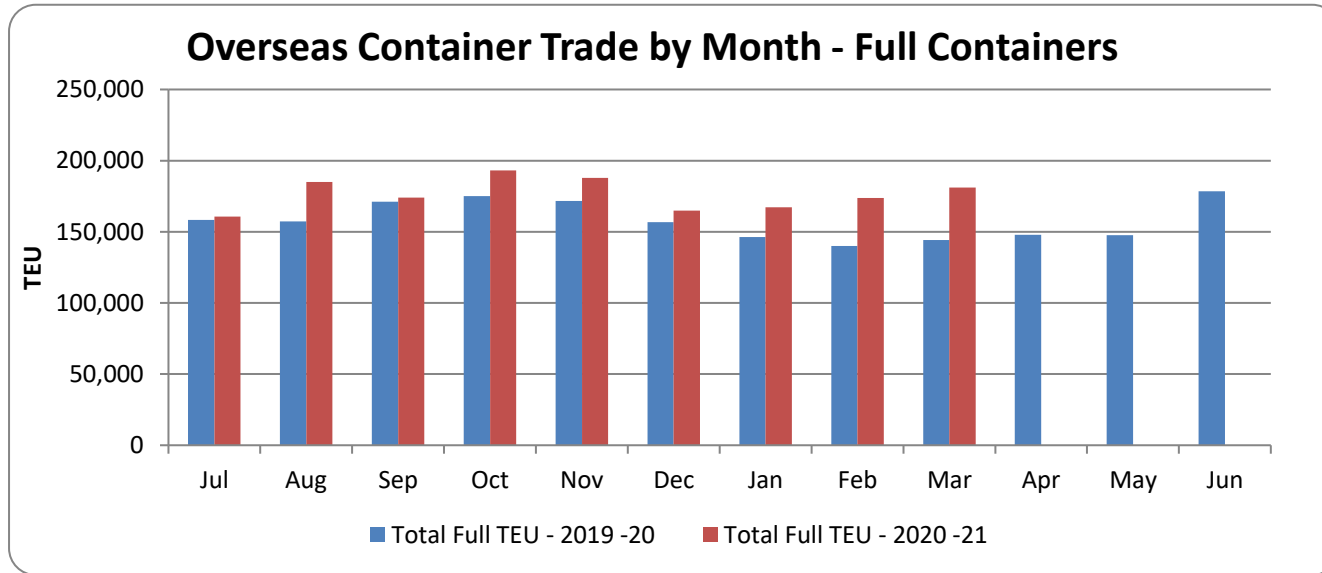
**Full overseas container imports** were 114,867 in March 2021, which increased 37.5% against March last year. Commodities that recorded gains for the month include electrical equipment, miscellaneous manufactures, furniture, machinery, metal manufactures, clothing, toys & sporting goods, textiles, plastic ware, beverages, wood & cork manufactures, vehicle parts, builders hardware, transport equipment, paper & fibre boards, ceramic goods, miscellaneous food preparations, footwear and glass and glassware. There were no commodities with notable decline.

**Full overseas container exports** were 66,306 TEU for March 2021 which rose 9.0% against March 2020. The commodities that recorded gains for the month include cereal grains, stockfeed, fruit & vegetables, wool, non-ferrous metals, dairy products, metal manufactures, essential oils and electrical equipment. Commodities with the most notable declines were meat, oil seeds, nuts, kernels, malt, paper & fibre boards, timber, chemical products, crude animal materials, iron & steel, sugar preparations and machinery.

**Empty overseas container** movements for March were up 62.5% over the same period last year to 67,562 TEU. Empty overseas exports rose 77.8% for the month, while empty overseas imports decreased by 7.0% against March 2020.

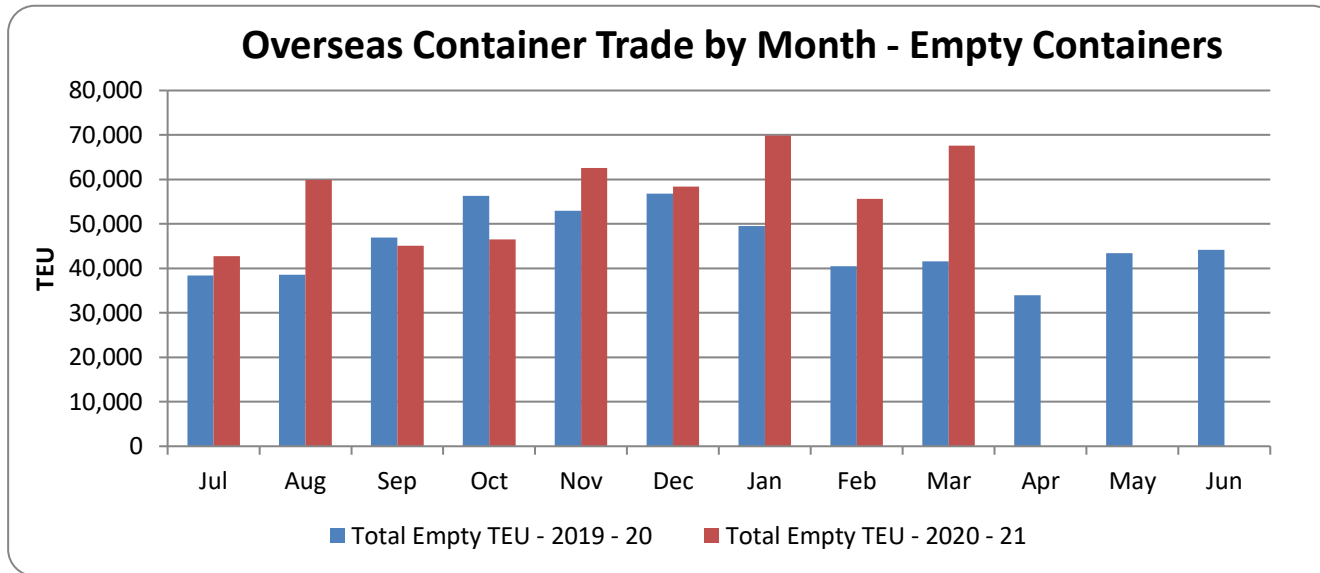
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**Overseas Container Trade by Month  
FULL CONTAINERS (TEU)**



2020-21	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	104,216	120,853	115,516	128,446	133,032	115,994	118,576	113,407	114,867			
Export	56,476	64,266	58,387	64,742	54,755	48,924	48,655	60,335	66,306			
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,692</b>	<b>185,119</b>	<b>173,903</b>	<b>193,188</b>	<b>187,787</b>	<b>164,918</b>	<b>167,231</b>	<b>173,742</b>	<b>181,173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
2019-20	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	100,533	101,337	112,772	116,105	113,817	99,663	102,154	88,070	83,510	91,512	93,142	113,187
Export	57,787	56,021	58,267	59,063	57,869	57,144	44,110	52,058	60,838	56,413	54,536	65,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,320</b>	<b>157,358</b>	<b>171,039</b>	<b>175,168</b>	<b>171,686</b>	<b>156,807</b>	<b>146,264</b>	<b>140,128</b>	<b>144,348</b>	<b>147,925</b>	<b>147,678</b>	<b>178,466</b>

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

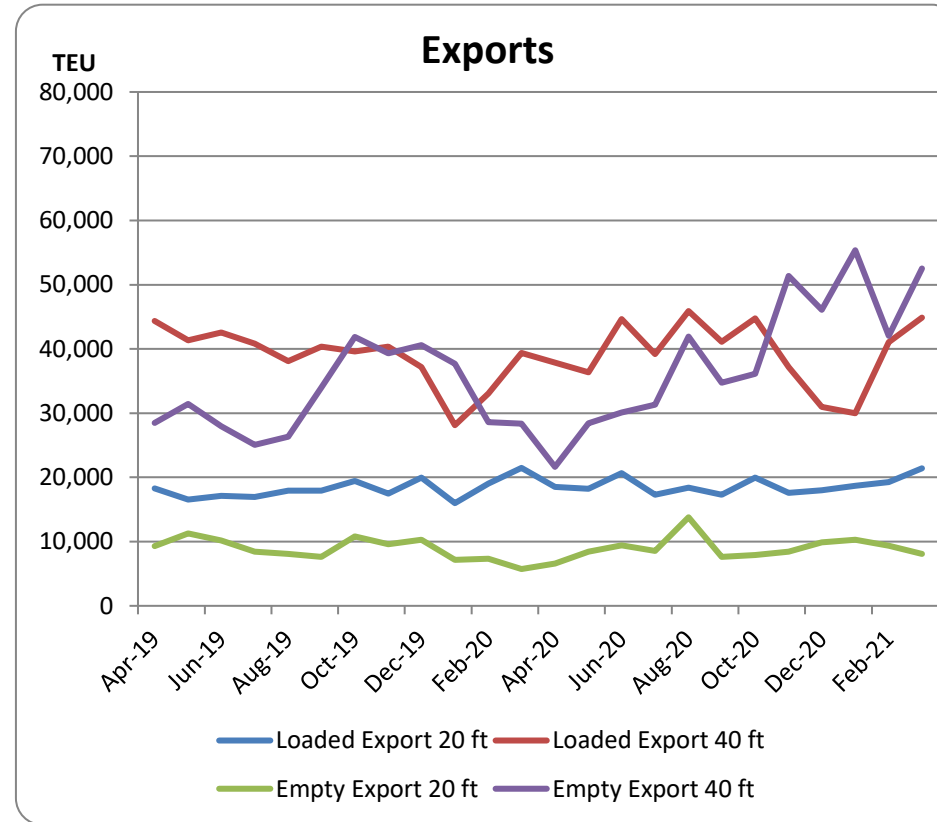
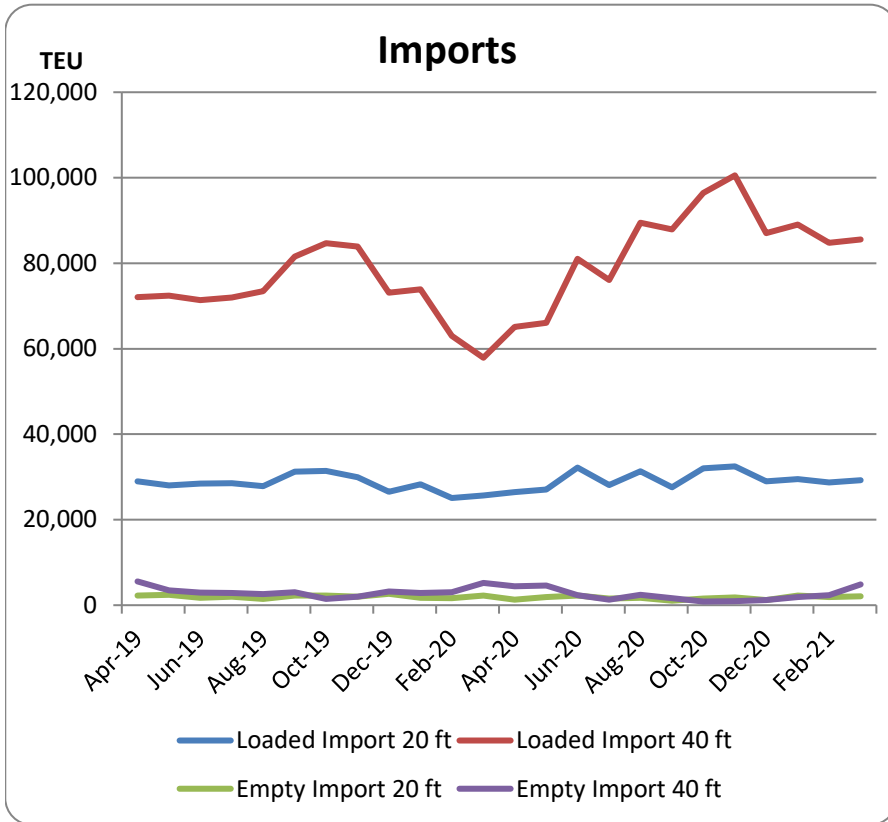


2020-21	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	2,867	4,177	2,672	2,435	2,760	2,404	4,180	4,200	6,939			
Export	39,870	55,698	42,377	44,081	59,800	56,007	65,674	51,395	60,623			
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,737</b>	<b>59,875</b>	<b>45,049</b>	<b>46,516</b>	<b>62,560</b>	<b>58,411</b>	<b>69,854</b>	<b>55,595</b>	<b>67,562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
2019-20	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	4,885	4,111	5,315	3,644	3,993	5,859	4,660	4,615	7,461	5,764	6,582	4,625
Export	33,485	34,462	41,647	52,671	48,922	50,926	44,869	35,905	34,103	28,225	36,839	39,528
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,370</b>	<b>38,573</b>	<b>46,962</b>	<b>56,315</b>	<b>52,915</b>	<b>56,785</b>	<b>49,529</b>	<b>40,520</b>	<b>41,564</b>	<b>33,989</b>	<b>43,421</b>	<b>44,153</b>

**Total Overseas Trade by Month by Sector - April 2019 to March 2021**  
**IMPORT & EXPORT CONTAINERS**



01/04/19 to 31/03/21

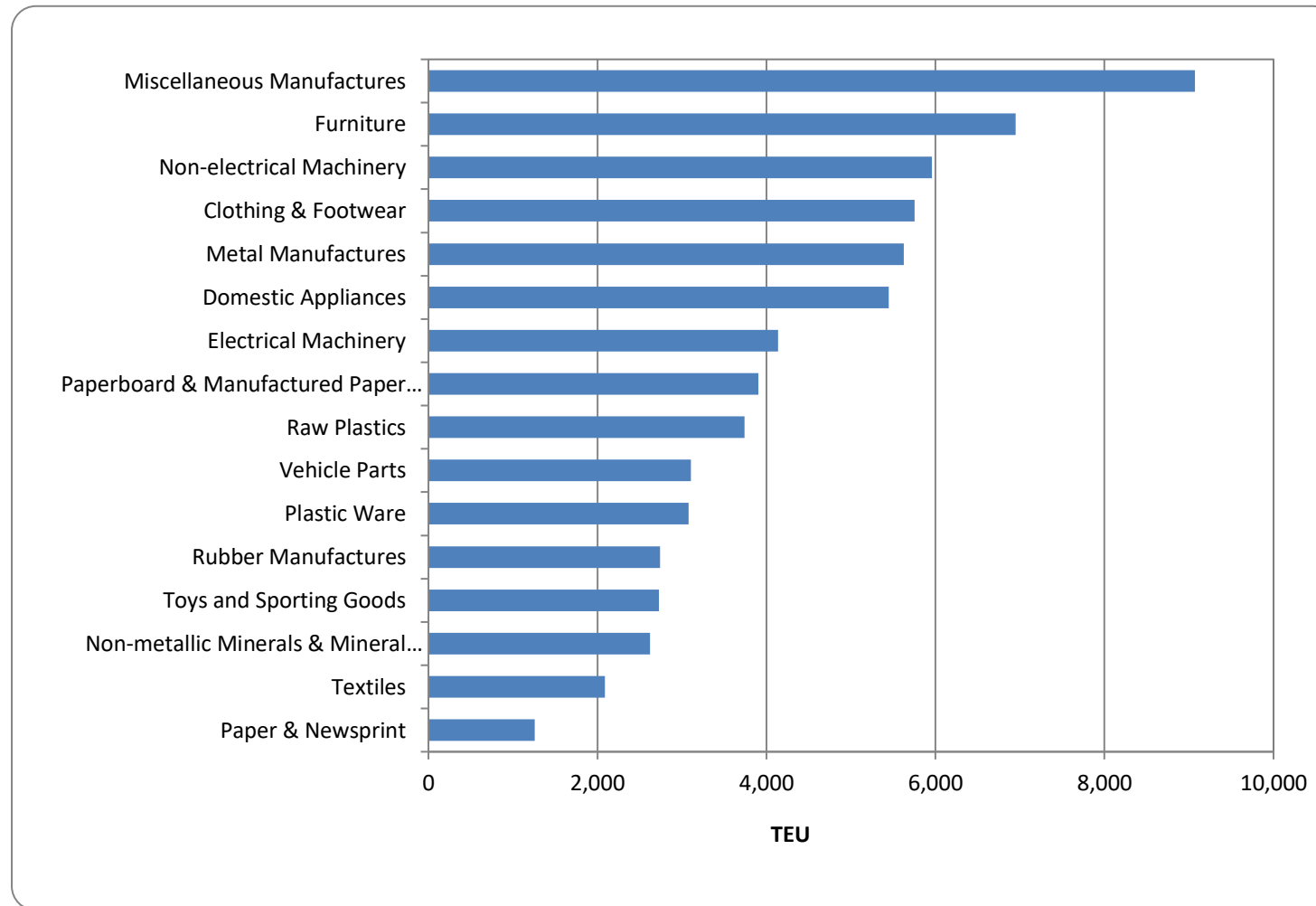




**Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Sector  
FULL IMPORTS (TEU)**

01/03/21 to 31/03/21

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Miscellaneous Manufactures	9,071	7.9%
Furniture	6,950	6.1%
Non-electrical Machinery	5,957	5.2%
Clothing & Footwear	5,754	5.0%
Metal Manufactures	5,623	4.9%
Domestic Appliances	5,445	4.7%
Electrical Machinery	4,135	3.6%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	3,904	3.4%
Raw Plastics	3,742	3.3%
Vehicle Parts	3,106	2.7%
Plastic Ware	3,079	2.7%
Rubber Manufactures	2,741	2.4%
Toys and Sporting Goods	2,728	2.4%
Non-metallic Minerals & Mineral Manufactures	2,622	2.3%
Textiles	2,086	1.8%
Paper & Newsprint	1,256	1.1%
~All Others	46,668	40.6%
<b>TOTAL FULL IMPORTS</b>	<b>114,867</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Empties	6,939	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121,806</b>	



\* Miscellaneous Manufactures represents a variety of commodities such as freight of all kinds and general cargo as declared by the shipping line manifests.

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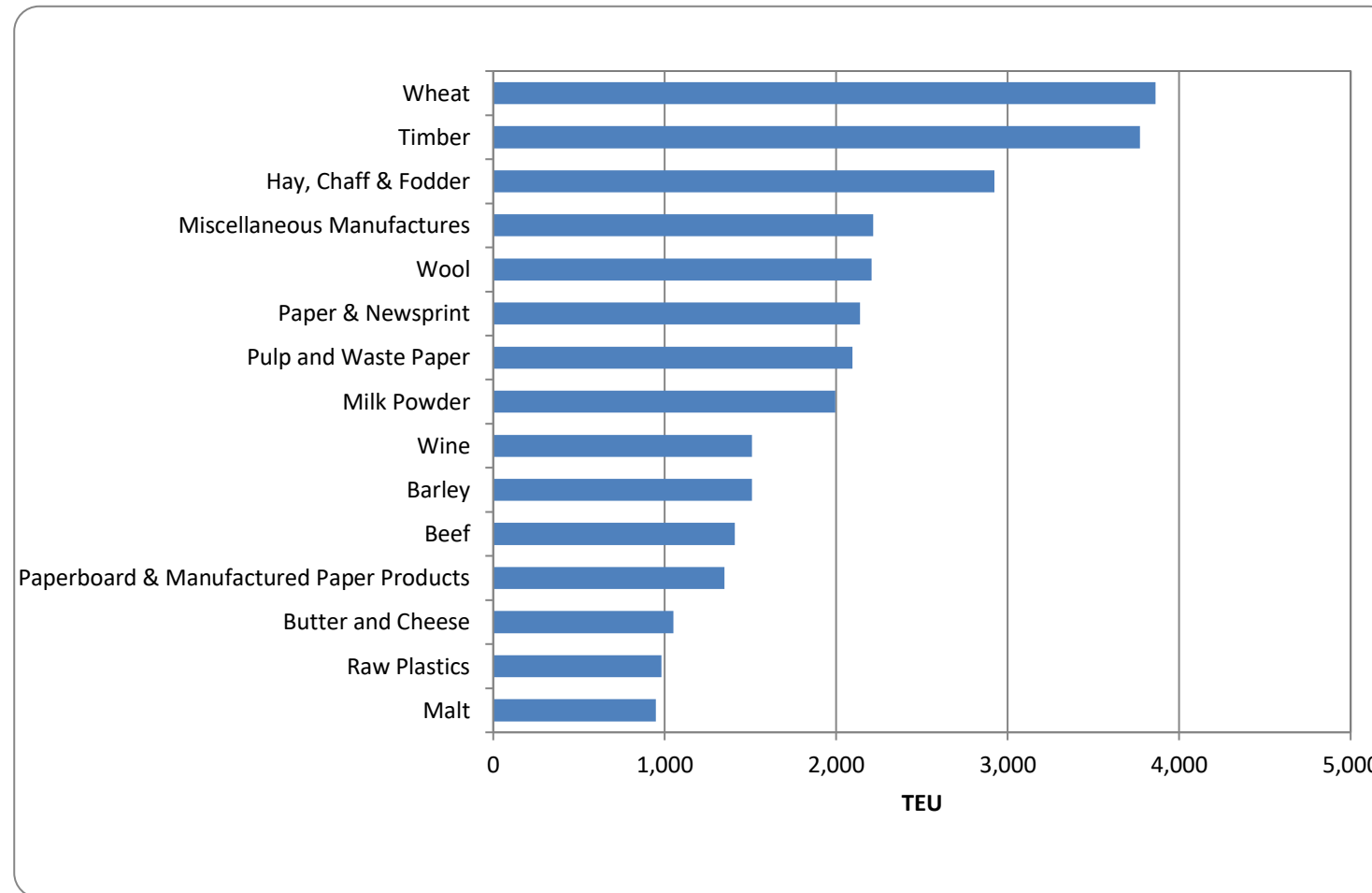
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**Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Sector  
FULL EXPORTS (TEU)**

01/03/21 to 31/03/21

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Wheat	3,862	5.8%
Timber	3,772	5.7%
Hay, Chaff & Fodder	2,923	4.4%
Miscellaneous Manufactures	2,216	3.3%
Wool	2,207	3.3%
Paper & Newsprint	2,139	3.2%
Pulp and Waste Paper	2,094	3.2%
Milk Powder	1,995	3.0%
Wine	1,509	2.3%
Barley	1,508	2.3%
Beef	1,408	2.1%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	1,348	2.0%
Butter and Cheese	1,051	1.6%
Raw Plastics	980	1.5%
Malt	948	1.4%
~All Others	36,346	54.8%
<b>TOTAL FULL EXPORTS</b>	<b>66,306</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Empties	60,623	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126,929</b>	



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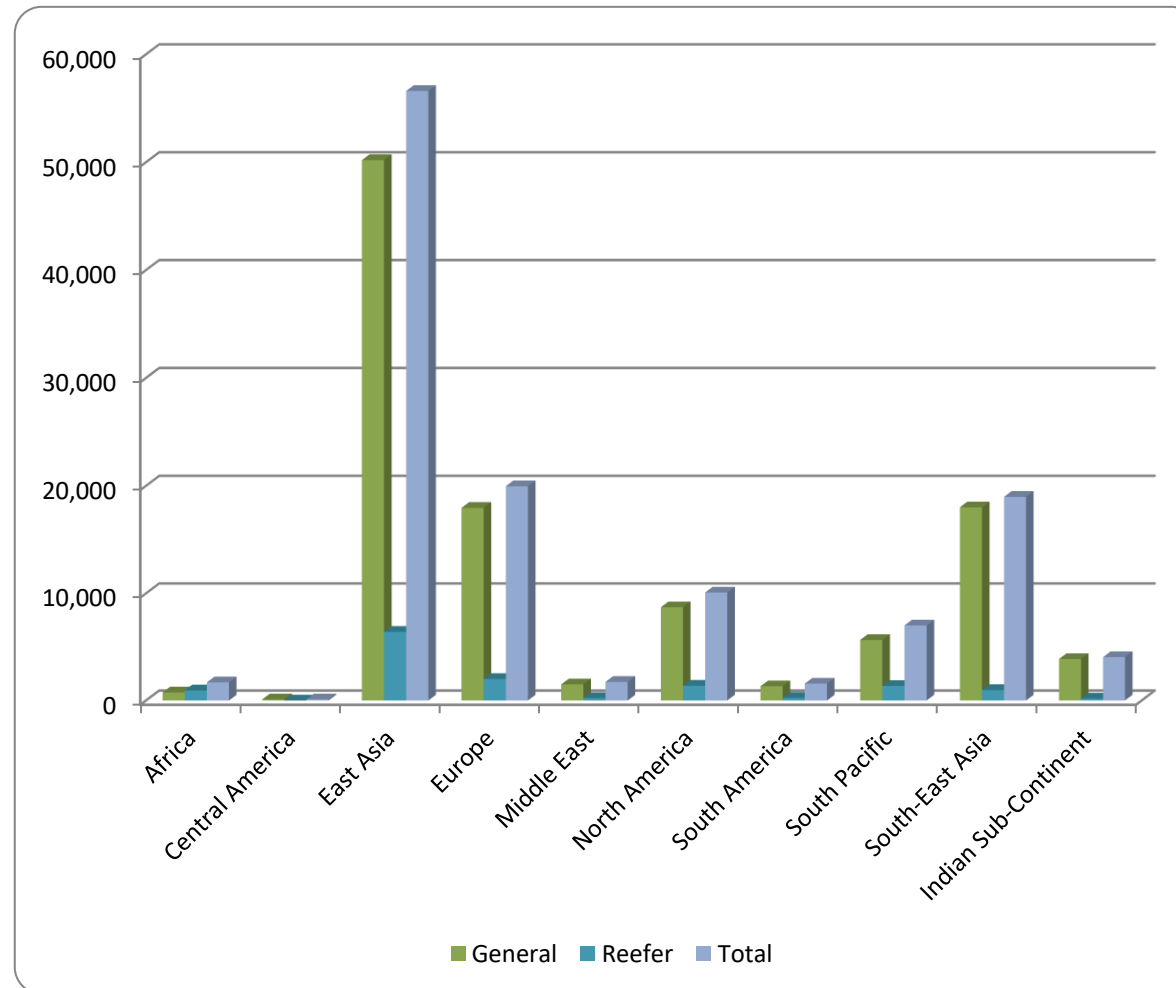
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**Monthly Overseas Container Trade by Origin Region**  
**TOTAL IMPORTS (TEU)**



01/03/21 to 31/03/21

REGION	IMPORT		Total
	General	Reefer	
Africa	752	943	1,695
Central America	106	-	106
East Asia	50,197	6,412	56,609
Europe	17,958	2,005	19,963
Middle East	1,506	231	1,737
North America	8,702	1,378	10,080
South America	1,330	247	1,577
South Pacific	5,650	1,358	7,008
South-East Asia	18,006	976	18,982
Indian Sub-Continent	3,870	179	4,049
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,077</b>	<b>13,729</b>	<b>121,806</b>





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

01/03/21 to 31/03/21

REGION	EXPORT		Total
	General	Reefer	
Africa	414	91	505
Central America	97	42	139
East Asia	51,040	6,380	57,420
Europe	1,767	392	2,159
Middle East	1,762	370	2,132
North America	3,059	1,397	4,456
South America	305	5	310
South Pacific	13,860	2,466	16,326
South-East Asia	36,500	2,116	38,616
Indian Sub-Continent	4,790	76	4,866
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,594</b>	<b>13,335</b>	<b>126,929</b>

