








MONTHLY OVERSEAS CONTAINER TRADE UPDATE: DECEMBER 2019

Overseas container trade – December 2019

				
Full overseas container imports	Full overseas container exports	Empty overseas container imports	Empty overseas container exports	Total overseas containers
-5.5%	-2.1%	48.8%	4.1%	-1.4%
99,775	57,143	5,964	52,446	215,348

Total overseas container throughput (full + empty) for December 2019 was 215,348 TEU, this was a decline of 1.4% over December 2018. Total (full + empty) overseas container imports for the month were down 3.6% while total (full + empty) overseas container exports increased by 0.7% in comparison to December 2018.

Full overseas container imports were 99,775, which decreased 5.5% against December last year. Commodities that recorded gains for the month include furniture, textiles, iron & steel and crude fertilisers & minerals. Commodities with the most notable decline were machinery, paper & fibre boards, metal manufactures, plastic ware, timber, glass and glassware, paper & newsprint, fruit & vegetables, misc. food prep., misc. manuf., confectionery, meat, beverages, clothing, food preparations and essential oils.

Full overseas container exports were 57,143 TEU for December 2019 which declined 2.1% against December 2018. The commodities that recorded gains for the month include fruit & veg, metal scrap, malt, stockfeed, meat, misc. manuf., cereal grains and oil seeds, nuts, kernels. Commodities with the most notable declines were timber, non-ferrous metals, dairy products, pulp & waste paper, cotton - raw, paper & newsprint, iron & steel, glass and glassware, plastics, raw, beverages, metal manufactures and precision goods.

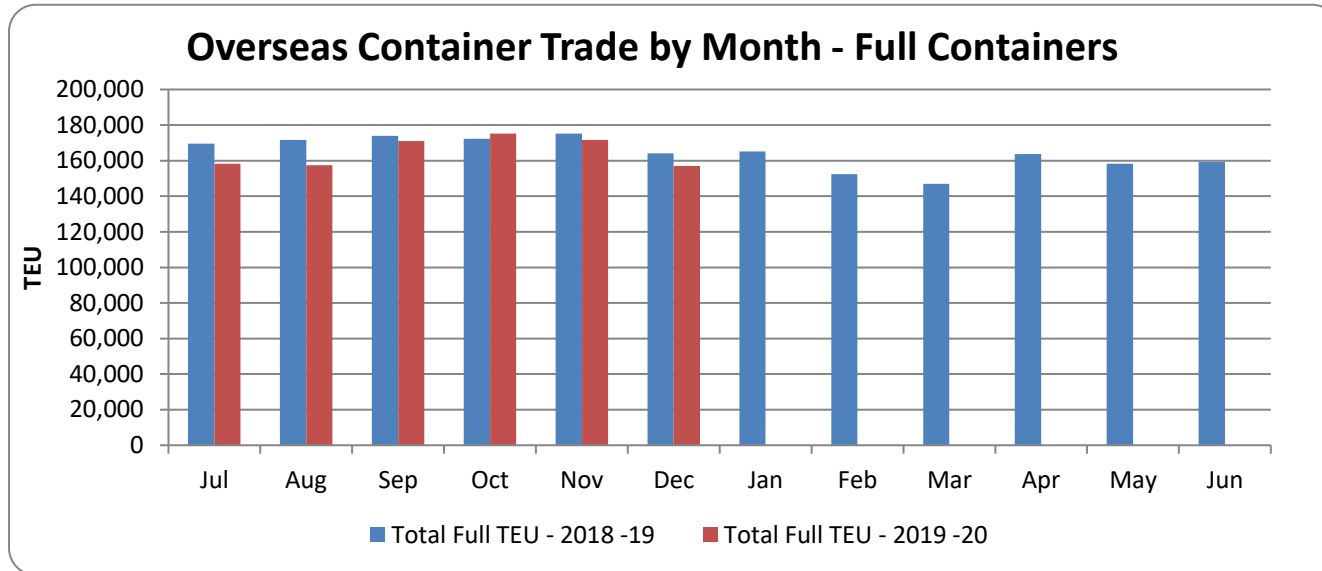
Empty overseas container movements for December were up 7.4% over the same period last year to 58,430 TEU. Empty overseas exports rose 4.1% for the month, while empty overseas imports also increased by 48.8% against December 2018.

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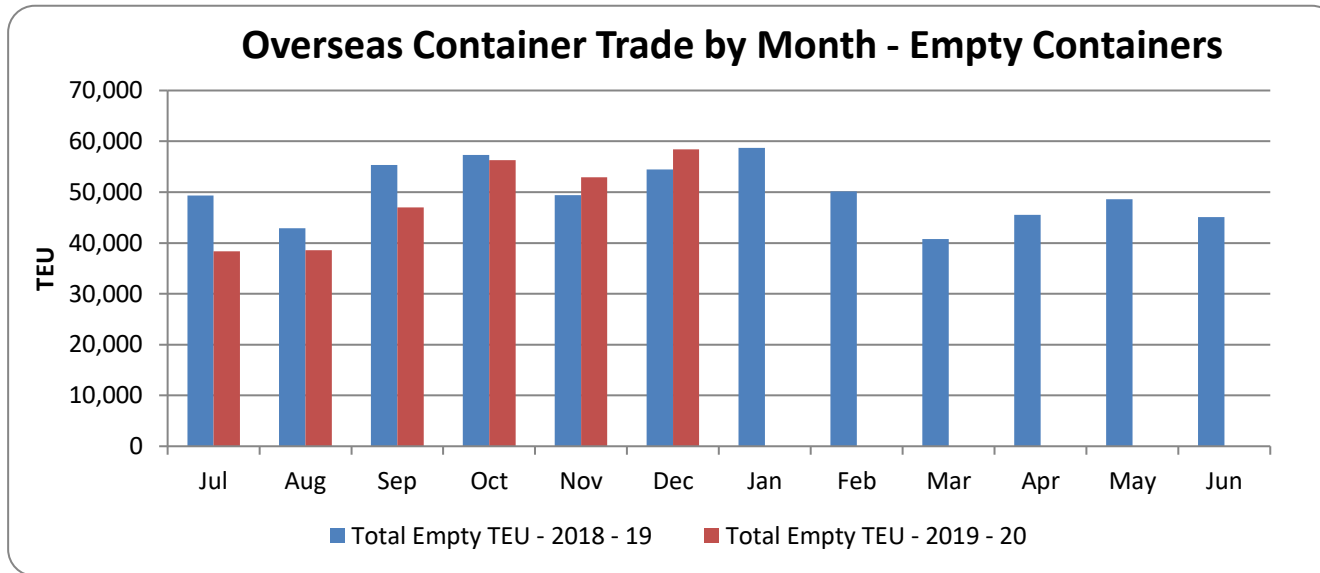
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**Overseas Container Trade by Month
FULL CONTAINERS (TEU)**



2019-20	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	100,533	101,337	112,772	116,105	113,819	99,775						
Export	57,787	56,021	58,267	59,063	57,869	57,143						
Total	158,320	157,358	171,039	175,168	171,688	156,918	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018-19	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	105,839	109,391	112,822	113,325	118,985	105,634	115,104	97,435	86,720	101,053	100,484	99,694
Export	63,662	62,358	61,032	58,898	56,267	58,391	50,124	55,006	60,217	62,602	57,878	59,639
Total	169,501	171,749	173,854	172,223	175,252	164,025	165,228	152,441	146,937	163,655	158,362	159,333

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

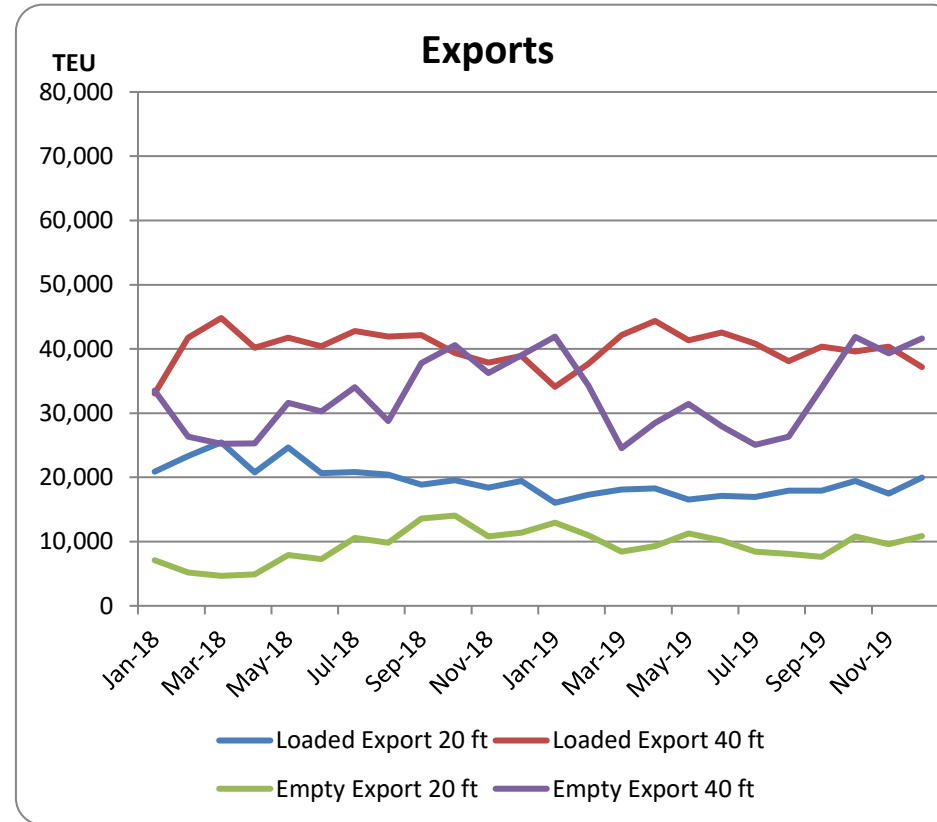
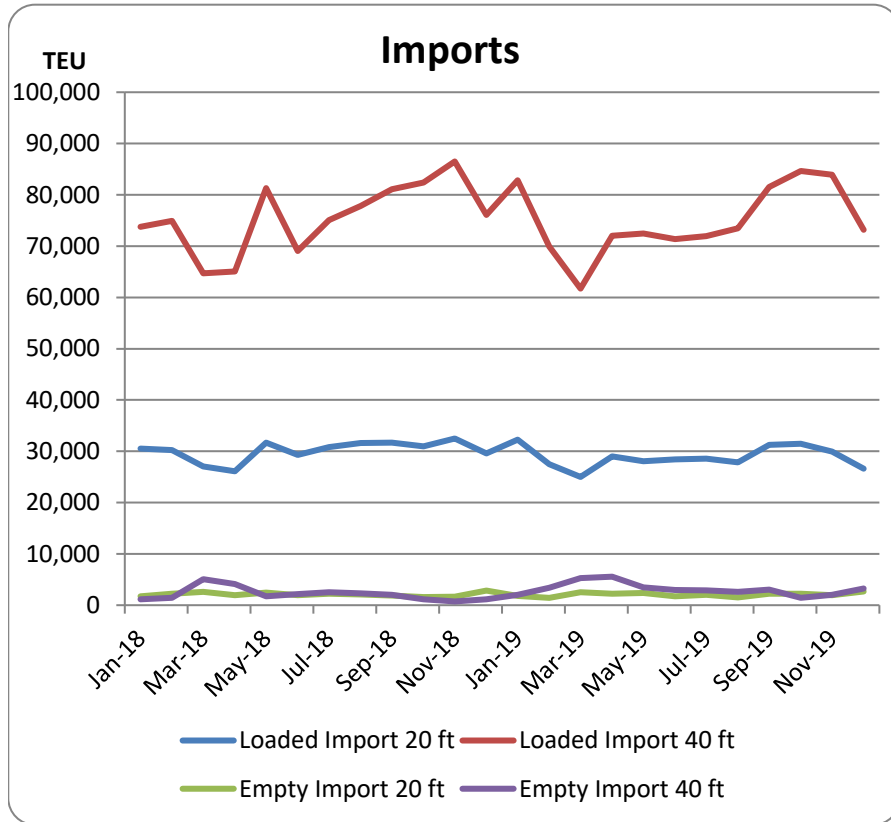


2019-20	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	4,885	4,111	5,315	3,644	3,993	5,964						
Export	33,485	34,462	41,647	52,671	48,922	52,466						
Total	38,370	38,573	46,962	56,315	52,915	58,430	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018-19	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	4,708	4,352	3,909	2,719	2,389	4,007	3,842	4,862	7,822	7,767	5,894	4,634
Export	44,656	38,548	51,429	54,617	47,003	50,419	54,837	45,301	32,955	37,750	42,707	40,455
Total	49,364	42,900	55,338	57,336	49,392	54,426	58,679	50,163	40,777	45,517	48,601	45,089

Total Overseas Trade by Month by Sector - January 2018 to December 2019
IMPORT & EXPORT CONTAINERS



01/01/18 to 31/12/19

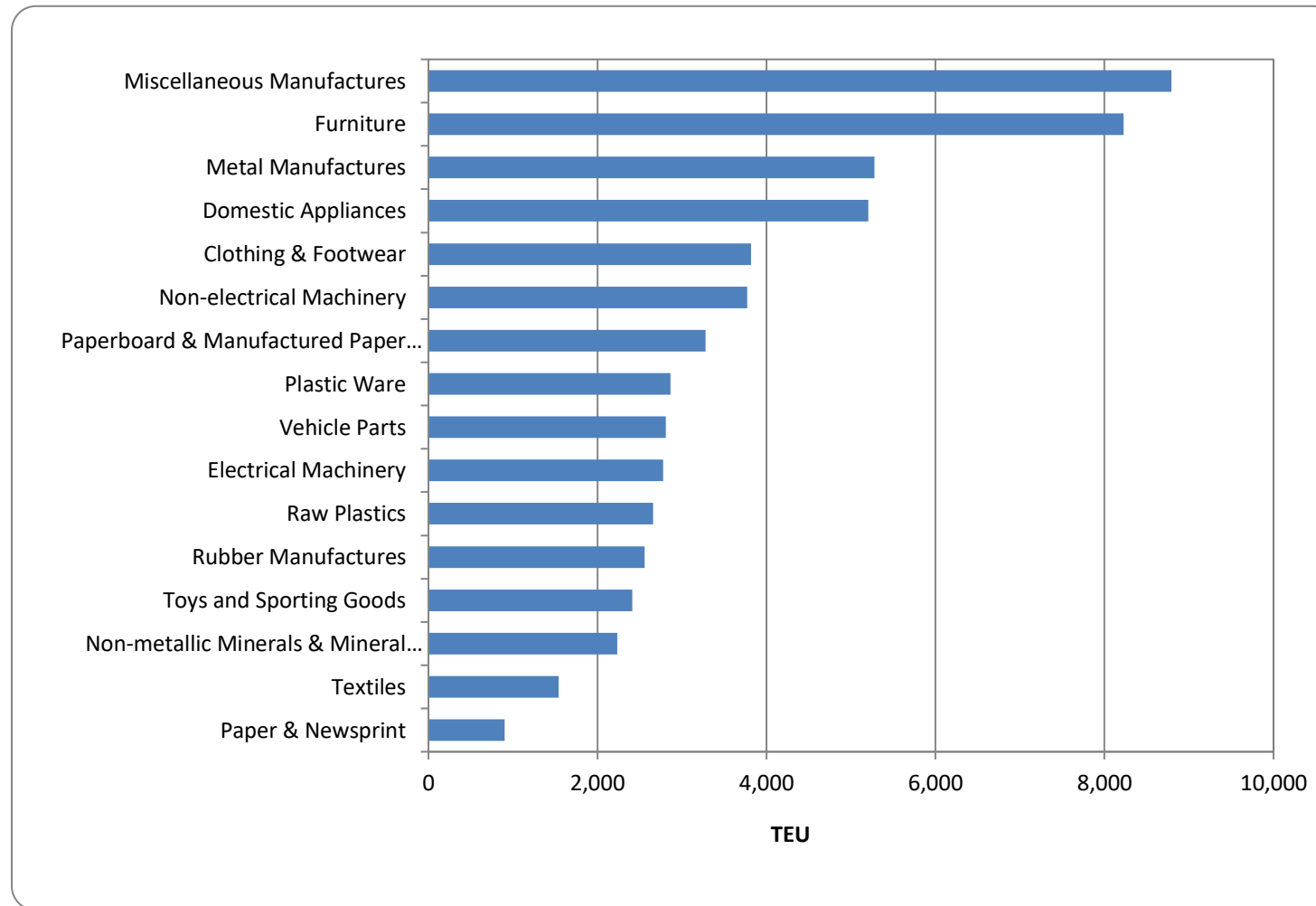




**Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Sector
FULL IMPORTS (TEU)**

01/12/19 to 31/12/19

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Miscellaneous Manufactures	8,790	8.8%
Furniture	8,226	8.2%
Metal Manufactures	5,277	5.3%
Domestic Appliances	5,204	5.2%
Clothing & Footwear	3,817	3.8%
Non-electrical Machinery	3,772	3.8%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	3,277	3.3%
Plastic Ware	2,865	2.9%
Vehicle Parts	2,809	2.8%
Electrical Machinery	2,776	2.8%
Raw Plastics	2,660	2.7%
Rubber Manufactures	2,560	2.6%
Toys and Sporting Goods	2,412	2.4%
Non-metallic Minerals & Mineral Manufactures	2,232	2.2%
Textiles	1,542	1.5%
Paper & Newsprint	903	0.9%
~All Others	40,653	40.7%
TOTAL FULL IMPORTS	99,775	100.0%
Empties	5,964	
TOTAL	105,739	



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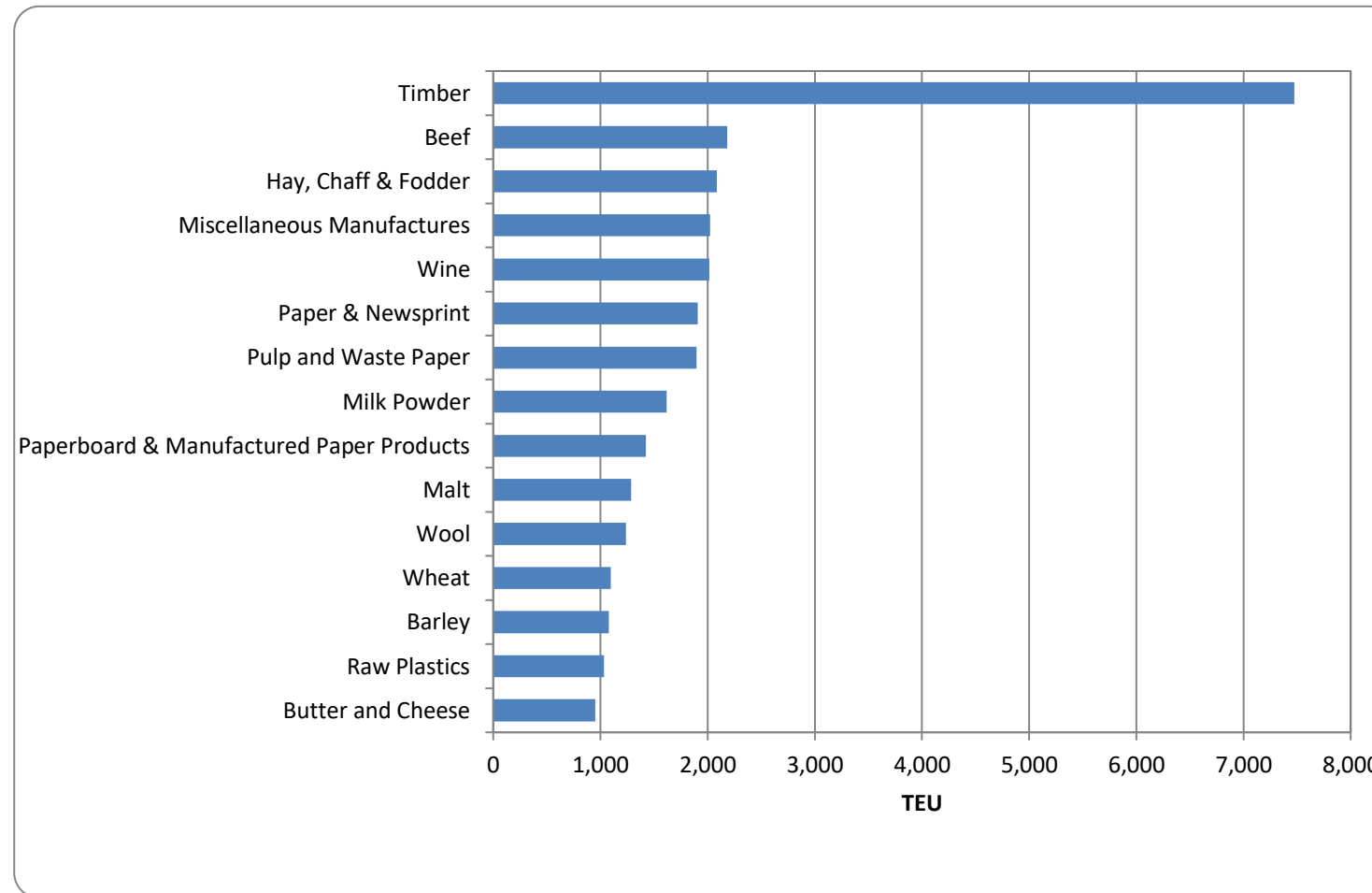
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**Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Sector
FULL EXPORTS (TEU)**

01/12/19 to 31/12/19

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Timber	7,473	13.1%
Beef	2,183	3.8%
Hay, Chaff & Fodder	2,085	3.6%
Miscellaneous Manufactures	2,025	3.5%
Wine	2,016	3.5%
Paper & Newsprint	1,906	3.3%
Pulp and Waste Paper	1,896	3.3%
Milk Powder	1,619	2.8%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	1,425	2.5%
Malt	1,288	2.3%
Wool	1,239	2.2%
Wheat	1,096	1.9%
Barley	1,079	1.9%
Raw Plastics	1,032	1.8%
Butter and Cheese	951	1.7%
~All Others	27,830	48.7%
TOTAL FULL EXPORTS	57,143	100.0%
Empties	52,466	
TOTAL	109,609	



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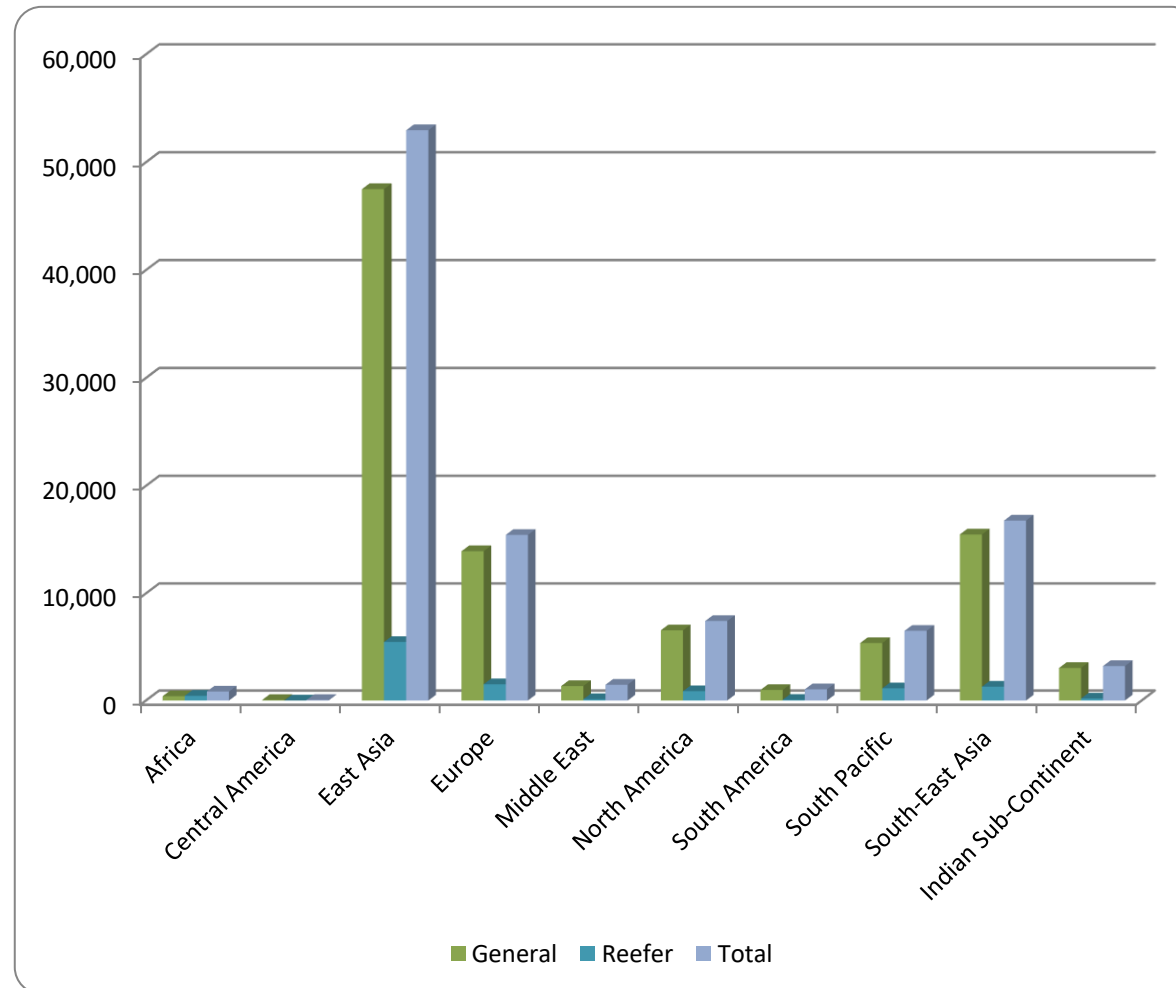
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Monthly Overseas Container Trade by Origin Region
TOTAL IMPORTS (TEU)

01/12/19 to 31/12/19

REGION	IMPORT		Total
	General	Reefer	
Africa	396	438	834
Central America	51	-	51
East Asia	47,504	5,462	52,966
Europe	13,937	1,513	15,450
Middle East	1,346	124	1,470
North America	6,549	872	7,421
South America	980	64	1,044
South Pacific	5,362	1,140	6,502
South-East Asia	15,491	1,290	16,781
Indian Sub-Continent	3,035	184	3,219
TOTAL	94,651	11,087	105,738





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

01/12/19 to 31/12/19

REGION	EXPORT		Total
	General	Reefer	
Africa	1,127	156	1,283
Central America	131	42	173
East Asia	50,735	4,209	54,944
Europe	2,353	166	2,519
Middle East	1,438	406	1,844
North America	2,560	1,126	3,686
South America	263	11	274
South Pacific	11,503	1,982	13,485
South-East Asia	26,378	1,646	28,024
Indian Sub-Continent	3,320	57	3,377
TOTAL	99,808	9,801	109,609

