

## Media Release

### November trade bounces back

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Container trade through Port Botany reached almost 184,000 TEUs in November 2011, up by 5.6 per cent on November 2010.

Sydney Ports Chief Executive Officer Grant Gilfillan said that the strong trade result was significant.

“After a previous month when maintenance and industrial relations issues at Port Botany created congestion at the quayside, our strong trade performance is back on track,” Mr Gilfillan said.

Full containerised exports reached over 37,000 TEUs in November 2011, marginally down (by 1.3 per cent) on the same period last year.

Mr Gilfillan said that the leading containerised exports for the month of November were Cereals, Chemicals and Machinery and Transport Equipment.

“All up, these commodities represent 31 per cent of total full exports,” he said. Exported Chemicals include plastic materials, artificial resins, organic and inorganic chemicals as well as explosives and other chemical materials and products. Full containerised imports for November 2011 reached almost 93,000 TEUs, 3.3 per cent higher than November 2010.

“The key import commodities for November 2011 were Machinery & Transport equipment, Miscellaneous Manufactures, Chemicals.

“Combined, these commodities represent over 59 per cent of total containerised imports,” Mr Gilfillan said.

Imported Machinery and Transport Equipment includes electrical and non-electrical machinery, industrial machinery & equipment, motor vehicle parts and accessories as well as agricultural machinery and equipments.

Imported Chemicals include plastic materials, essential oils and perfume materials and Medical and pharmaceutical products.

The majority of containerised imports were sourced from East Asia (49.3 per cent) and South East Asia (15.0 per cent), which combined accounted for over 64 per cent of total container imports through Port Botany.

Mr Gilfillan said that Sydney Ports was managing the increase in container trade by investing in infrastructure such as the Port Botany Expansion and by leading the Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy.

“The commencement of operations of the third terminal at Port Botany in 2013 will bring a major boost to capacity—and competition—at the port while ongoing road and rail landside efficiencies will be gained through the highly successful PBLIS reform programme.” Mr Gilfillan said.

\*TEU = Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units

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