



Media Release

December – Trade Still on the Rise

Container trade through Port Botany reached almost 174,000 TEUs in December 2011, a rise of 1.3 per cent on December 2010.

Full containerised imports for December 2011 reached almost 83,790 TEUs, 1.4 per cent higher than December 2010.

Full containerised exports reached almost 35,520 TEUs in December 2011, and year to date were up 0.5% on the same period last year.

Sydney Ports Chief Executive Officer, Grant Gilfillan, said the leading containerised exports for the month of December were Cereals, Chemicals and Machinery and Transport Equipment.

“All up, these commodities represent 30 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.

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

“Combined, these commodities represent over 61 per cent of total full 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 (49.0 per cent) and Europe (14.9 per cent), which combined accounted for almost 64 per cent of total container imports through Port Botany.

For full details on the trade statistics:

http://www.sydneyports.com.au/trade_services/trade_information

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