

Table 1 : Summary of port cargo statistics

	3rd qtr 2008 (Mn. tonnes)	Change over 3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008 (Mn. tonnes)	Change over Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
Port total	67.3	+9	198.1	+10
<u>Inward</u>	37.2	+7	111.6	+7
Imports	18.7	+2	57.7	+2
Inward transhipment	18.6	+12	53.9	+13
<u>Outward</u>	30.1	+12	86.5	+14
Exports ⁽¹⁾	11.1	+20	32.3	+26
Outward transhipment	18.9	+8	54.2	+8
 Seaborne⁽²⁾	 46.2	 +3	 138.3	 +6
<u>Inward</u>	27.7	+3	84.7	+5
Imports	14.1	-3	45.0	0
Inward transhipment	13.6	+9	39.7	+10
<u>Outward</u>	18.5	+4	53.6	+8
Exports ⁽¹⁾	5.1	-4	14.6	-3
Outward transhipment	13.4	+7	39.0	+14
 River⁽²⁾	 21.1	 +25	 59.8	 +20
<u>Inward</u>	9.5	+20	26.9	+14
Imports	4.5	+20	12.7	+7
Inward transhipment	5.0	+21	14.2	+22
<u>Outward</u>	11.6	+30	32.8	+25
Exports ⁽¹⁾	6.1	+52	17.7	+67
Outward transhipment	5.5	+11	15.1	-4

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'0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.5%.

Table 2 : Main countries/territories of loading of inward port cargo⁽¹⁾

Country/territory of loading	3rd qtr 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	Change over 3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	Change over Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
The mainland of China	14 363	+8	41 382	+7
<i>Seaborne</i> ⁽²⁾	4 923	-9	14 642	-4
<i>River</i> ⁽²⁾	9 440	+21	26 740	+15
Indonesia	2 741	+49	9 294	+34
Taiwan	1 975	-28	7 447	-5
United States of America	2 682	+35	7 353	+23
Japan	2 439	+13	7 258	+4
Singapore	1 884	-42	6 728	-33
Korea	2 053	+8	6 094	+15
Thailand	1 326	+9	3 943	+15
Malaysia	721	-14	2 168	-15
Vietnam	649	+88	1 649	+59

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Table 3 : Main countries/territories of discharge of outward port cargo⁽¹⁾

Country/territory of discharge	3rd qtr 2008 (['] 000 tonnes)	Change over 3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008 (['] 000 tonnes)	Change over Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
The mainland of China	13 720	+29	39 058	+26
<i>Seaborne</i> ⁽²⁾	2 425	+12	7 282	+21
<i>River</i> ⁽²⁾	11 295	+33	31 776	+27
United States of America	2 005	-13	6 136	-4
Taiwan	1 349	+31	4 136	+33
Japan	1 175	+20	3 240	+11
Vietnam	786	-4	2 828	+22
Malaysia	877	+29	2 267	+39
Thailand	614	+18	1 927	+27
Philippines	637	+27	1 829	+18
Singapore	569	+14	1 562	+12
Korea	593	+26	1 513	+19

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Table 4 : Principal commodities of inward port cargo ⁽¹⁾

Commodity group	Change over		Change over	
	3rd qtr 2008 ('000 tonnes)	3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008 ('000 tonnes)	Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
Port total				
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes	5 536	-4	19 469	+5
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	6 245	+33	17 053	+16
Artificial resins and plastic materials	3 951	+9	11 490	+5
Machinery	2 155	-5	6 654	-1
Iron and steel	2 064	-15	6 416	-10
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	1 357	+33	3 621	+29
Live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products	976	+36	2 807	+44
Paper and paper products	794	-8	2 505	-3
Vegetables and fruit	689	+6	2 166	+7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	681	-7	1 949	-8
Seaborne ⁽²⁾				
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes	5 414	-3	18 801	+5
Artificial resins and plastic materials	3 683	+9	10 656	+4
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	3 689	+25	10 143	+9
Iron and steel	1 756	-19	5 634	-10
Machinery	1 233	-7	3 816	-2
River ⁽²⁾				
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	2 555	+47	6 910	+26
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	1 169	+41	3 050	+32
Machinery	922	-1	2 838	+2
Tools, cutlery, metal household ware and manufactures	298	-8	940	+6
Artificial resins and plastic materials	268	+10	834	+14

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	3rd qtr 2008 ('000 tonnes)	3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008 ('000 tonnes)	Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
Port total				
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	6 881	+79	19 930	+79
Machinery	2 699	-5	8 245	-1
Artificial resins and plastic materials	2 580	+24	7 373	+14
Iron and steel	1 899	-1	5 308	-7
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	1 091	+14	2 895	+13
Live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products	970	+55	2 380	+65
Tools, cutlery, metal household ware and manufactures	692	-16	2 001	-8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	648	-13	1 717	-8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	596	+6	1 697	+3
Paper and paper products	557	-7	1 665	-7
Seaborne ⁽²⁾				
Machinery	2 418	-5	7 450	-1
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	1 799	+54	4 899	+60
Artificial resins and plastic materials	904	+8	2 865	+22
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	1 026	+11	2 748	+13
Iron and steel	831	+14	2 335	+12
River ⁽²⁾				
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	5 082	+91	15 031	+86
Artificial resins and plastic materials	1 676	+35	4 508	+9
Iron and steel	1 067	-10	2 973	-18
Live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products	455	+78	1 044	+91
Machinery	280	-4	796	-8

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Table 6 : Summary of container statistics

	3rd qtr 2008 (‘000 TEUs [@])	Change over 3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008 (‘000 TEUs [@])	Change over Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
Port total	6 684	+7	18 700	+5
<u>Laden containers</u>	5 510	+7	15 565	+6
<i>Inward</i>	2 656	+9	7 579	+8
Imports	966	+8	2 719	+1
Inward transhipment	1 690	+10	4 860	+12
<i>Outward</i>	2 854	+5	7 986	+4
Exports ⁽¹⁾	1 111	+1	3 010	-1
Outward transhipment	1 742	+8	4 976	+8
<u>Empty containers</u>	1 175	+9	3 136	+3
<i>Inward</i>	723	+4	1 879	+1
<i>Outward</i>	452	+17	1 257	+7
 Seaborne⁽²⁾	 4 577	 +3	 12 921	 +4
<u>Laden containers</u>	4 039	+4	11 496	+5
<i>Inward</i>	1 870	+8	5 348	+6
Imports	717	+7	2 028	+1
Inward transhipment	1 153	+8	3 320	+9
<i>Outward</i>	2 169	+2	6 148	+4
Exports ⁽¹⁾	819	-5	2 247	-6
Outward transhipment	1 350	+6	3 901	+11
<u>Empty containers</u>	538	-6	1 426	-5
<i>Inward</i>	459	-5	1 185	-4
<i>Outward</i>	79	-11	241	-13
 River⁽²⁾	 2 107	 +18	 5 779	 +9
<u>Laden containers</u>	1 470	+15	4 069	+8
<i>Inward</i>	786	+14	2 231	+12
Imports	249	+9	691	+1
Inward transhipment	537	+16	1 541	+18
<i>Outward</i>	685	+18	1 838	+4
Exports ⁽¹⁾	292	+25	763	+14
Outward transhipment	393	+13	1 075	-3
<u>Empty containers</u>	637	+25	1 710	+12
<i>Inward</i>	264	+22	694	+11
<i>Outward</i>	372	+26	1 016	+13

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@ TEU stands for twenty-foot equivalent unit which is a unit measure in capacity terms for different sizes of containers for moving the cargo. One TEU is equivalent to the capacity of one 20'x8'x8' container.

Table 7 : Summary of vessel arrivals

	3rd qtr 2008	Change over 3rd qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Sep 2008	Change over Jan-Sep 2007 (%)
Ocean				
Number of incoming vessels ⁽¹⁾	8 830	-3	27 230	-2
Capacity (Mn. NRT [#])	93.5	-1	288.6	+5
River				
Number of incoming vessels ⁽¹⁾	45 630	-5	137 560	-3
Capacity (Mn. NRT [#])	24.7	-1	74.1	-5

Notes : (1) The number of vessels is rounded to the nearest 10.

Net registered ton (NRT) is a unit measure in volume terms of the space of a vessel available for carrying passengers or goods. One NRT is equivalent to 100 cubic feet.