

Table 1 : Summary of port cargo statistics

	4th qtr 2008 (Mn. tonnes)	Change over 4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008 (Mn. tonnes)	Change over Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
Port total	61.3	-6	259.4	+6
<u>Inward</u>	34.4	-6	146.0	+3
Imports	18.6	-5	76.3	0
Inward transhipment	15.8	-8	69.7	+7
<u>Outward</u>	26.9	-5	113.4	+9
Exports ⁽¹⁾	10.7	0	43.0	+18
Outward transhipment	16.2	-8	70.4	+4
 Seaborne⁽²⁾	 41.6	 -11	 180.0	 +1
<u>Inward</u>	25.5	-10	110.2	+1
Imports	13.5	-13	58.5	-3
Inward transhipment	12.0	-7	51.7	+5
<u>Outward</u>	16.1	-13	69.8	+3
Exports ⁽¹⁾	4.1	-29	18.8	-10
Outward transhipment	12.0	-5	51.0	+9
 River⁽²⁾	 19.7	 +8	 79.4	 +17
<u>Inward</u>	8.8	+6	35.8	+12
Imports	5.1	+25	17.8	+12
Inward transhipment	3.7	-12	17.9	+13
<u>Outward</u>	10.8	+10	43.7	+21
Exports ⁽¹⁾	6.6	+36	24.2	+57
Outward transhipment	4.3	-15	19.4	-6

Notes : Figures may not add up to the respective totals due to rounding.

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The river trade limits mean the waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong which broadly include the Pearl River, Mirs Bay and Macao, and other inland waterways in Guangdong and Guangxi which are accessible from waters in the vicinity of Hong Kong.

'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	4th qtr 2008 (⁰ 000 tonnes)	Change over 4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008 (⁰ 000 tonnes)	Change over Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
The mainland of China	12 945	-4	54 327	+5
<i>Seaborne</i> ⁽²⁾	4 152	-20	18 793	-8
<i>River</i> ⁽²⁾	8 794	+7	35 534	+12
Indonesia	2 743	-8	12 037	+21
Taiwan	2 055	-31	9 502	-12
Japan	2 157	-11	9 415	0
United States of America	2 024	-5	9 376	+15
Singapore	2 566	-17	9 293	-29
Korea	1 943	+7	8 037	+13
Thailand	1 224	-3	5 167	+10
Malaysia	617	-25	2 785	-17
Vietnam	612	+40	2 261	+54

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

Country/territory of discharge	4th qtr 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	Change over 4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	Change over Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
The mainland of China	12 562	+7	51 619	+21
<i>Seaborne</i> ⁽²⁾	2 035	-14	9 317	+11
<i>River</i> ⁽²⁾	10 527	+12	42 302	+23
United States of America	1 855	-12	7 991	-6
Taiwan	829	-51	4 965	+3
Japan	1 111	+12	4 351	+11
Vietnam	905	-16	3 733	+10
Malaysia	656	-14	2 923	+22
Thailand	552	-18	2 479	+13
Philippines	611	-3	2 440	+12
Singapore	427	-26	1 989	+1
Korea	452	-5	1 965	+12

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

Commodity group	Change over		Change over	
	4th qtr 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
Port total				
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes	7 154	+11	26 623	+7
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	5 406	-1	22 459	+11
Artificial resins and plastic materials	3 369	-13	14 859	0
Machinery	1 977	-16	8 631	-5
Iron and steel	1 428	-32	7 844	-15
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	942	+4	4 563	+23
Seaborne ⁽²⁾				
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials; and coal, coke and briquettes	6 190	-1	24 992	+4
Artificial resins and plastic materials	3 144	-14	13 800	-1
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	2 745	-14	12 888	+3
River ⁽²⁾				
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	2 661	+16	9 571	+23
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	744	0	3 794	+24
Machinery	714	-23	3 552	-5

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Table 5 : Principal commodities of outward port cargo ⁽¹⁾

Commodity group	Change over		Change over	
	4th qtr 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008 (‘000 tonnes)	Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
Port total				
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	6 837	+19	26 767	+58
Machinery	2 509	-14	10 754	-5
Artificial resins and plastic materials	2 287	-8	9 660	+8
Iron and steel	1 263	-21	6 571	-10
Bricks, ceramic tile and refractory construction materials	969	-1	3 864	+10
Live animals chiefly for food and edible animal products	851	+75	3 231	+67
Seaborne ⁽²⁾				
Machinery	2 279	-13	9 729	-4
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	1 171	-37	6 070	+23
Artificial resins and plastic materials	907	-14	3 772	+11
River ⁽²⁾				
Stone, sand and gravel; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; and pulp and waste paper	5 666	+46	20 697	+73
Artificial resins and plastic materials	1 379	-3	5 888	+6
Iron and steel	637	-34	3 610	-21

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Table 6 : Summary of container statistics

	4th qtr 2008 (‘000 TEUs [@])	Change over 4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008 (‘000 TEUs [@])	Change over Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
Port total	5 794	-8	24 494	+2
<u>Laden containers</u>	4 708	-10	20 272	+2
<i>Inward</i>	2 262	-9	9 841	+3
Imports	813	-10	3 531	-2
Inward transhipment	1 449	-9	6 309	+6
<i>Outward</i>	2 446	-10	10 432	0
Exports ⁽¹⁾	913	-15	3 922	-5
Outward transhipment	1 533	-7	6 509	+4
<u>Empty containers</u>	1 086	+3	4 222	+3
<i>Inward</i>	682	+3	2 561	+2
<i>Outward</i>	404	+2	1 661	+5
 Seaborne⁽²⁾	 4 154	 -7	 17 075	 +1
<u>Laden containers</u>	3 556	-9	15 051	+1
<i>Inward</i>	1 652	-8	7 000	+2
Imports	608	-12	2 636	-2
Inward transhipment	1 044	-5	4 364	+5
<i>Outward</i>	1 903	-11	8 051	0
Exports ⁽¹⁾	686	-19	2 932	-9
Outward transhipment	1 217	-6	5 118	+7
<u>Empty containers</u>	598	+9	2 024	-2
<i>Inward</i>	473	+5	1 658	-1
<i>Outward</i>	126	+29	367	-3
 River⁽²⁾	 1 640	 -9	 7 419	 +5
<u>Laden containers</u>	1 152	-10	5 221	+3
<i>Inward</i>	609	-13	2 841	+6
Imports	204	-3	895	0
Inward transhipment	405	-17	1 946	+8
<i>Outward</i>	543	-7	2 381	+1
Exports ⁽¹⁾	227	0	990	+11
Outward transhipment	316	-12	1 391	-5
<u>Empty containers</u>	488	-4	2 198	+8
<i>Inward</i>	210	0	904	+8
<i>Outward</i>	278	-7	1 294	+8

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vicinity of Hong Kong.

- @ 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.
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Table 7 : Summary of vessel arrivals

	4th qtr 2008	Change over 4th qtr 2007 (%)	Jan-Dec 2008	Change over Jan-Dec 2007 (%)
Ocean				
Number of incoming vessels ⁽¹⁾	8 630	-8	35 850	-3
Capacity (Mn. NRT [#])	96.8	-1	385.4	+3
River				
Number of incoming vessels ⁽¹⁾	43 950	-7	181 510	-4
Capacity (Mn. NRT [#])	23.6	-5	97.6	-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.