

Trade Update

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January container volumes decrease on the prior year

Total container throughput (full & empty) in January 2023 were down 6.7% over January 2022 with a total of 257,227 TEU. Year to date container volumes were down 2.6%.

Full overseas imports were down 11.1% on January 2022 with furniture, metal manufactures, domestic appliances, paperboard, toys & sports goods, all below last year's volumes.

Full overseas exports were down 18.4% on January 2022, with hay & fodder, pulp & waste paper, and dried milk all below last year's levels.

Total empty container movements were 2.7% above January 2022.

January 2023 trade performance compared with January 2022 was as follows:



Full overseas container imports
(excl. transshipments)
-11.1% below January 2022
+0.5% above FYTD22



Dry bulk trade
-18.8% below January 2022
-2.4% below FYTD22



Full overseas container exports
(excl. transshipments)
-18.4% below January 2022
-1.9% below FYTD22



Break bulk trade
-14.0% below January 2022
+6.3% above FYTD22



Total empty containers moved
+2.7% above January 2022
+10.3% above FYTD22



Liquid bulk trade
+30.9% above January 2022
+7.7% above FYTD22



Bass Strait full container trade
(excl. transshipments)
+1.3% above January 2022
-2.0% below FYTD22



Motor vehicle imports
-4.5% below January 2022
(+464 units)
21.7% above FYTD22



Full container transshipments
36.9% above January 2022
12.7% above FYTD22



Trade outlook

Container trade for February 2023 is tracking below the comparative month in 2022.

Port of Melbourne

