



MONTHLY OVERSEAS CONTAINER TRADE UPDATE: MARCH 2013

Month to month overseas container trade comparison – March 2013

Category	Change (%)	Volume (TEU)
Full overseas container imports	-5.5%	73,475
Full overseas container exports	9.9%	61,369
Empty overseas container imports	74.5%	7,448
Empty overseas container exports	-8.1%	17,012
Total overseas containers	1.9%	159,303

Total overseas container throughput (full + empty) for March was 159,303 TEU, this was an increase of 1.9% over March 2012 however is down 1.9% for the financial year to date. Total (full + empty) overseas container imports for the month were down 1.3% while total (full + empty) overseas container exports increased by 5.5%, mainly driven by a record month for full overseas container exports.

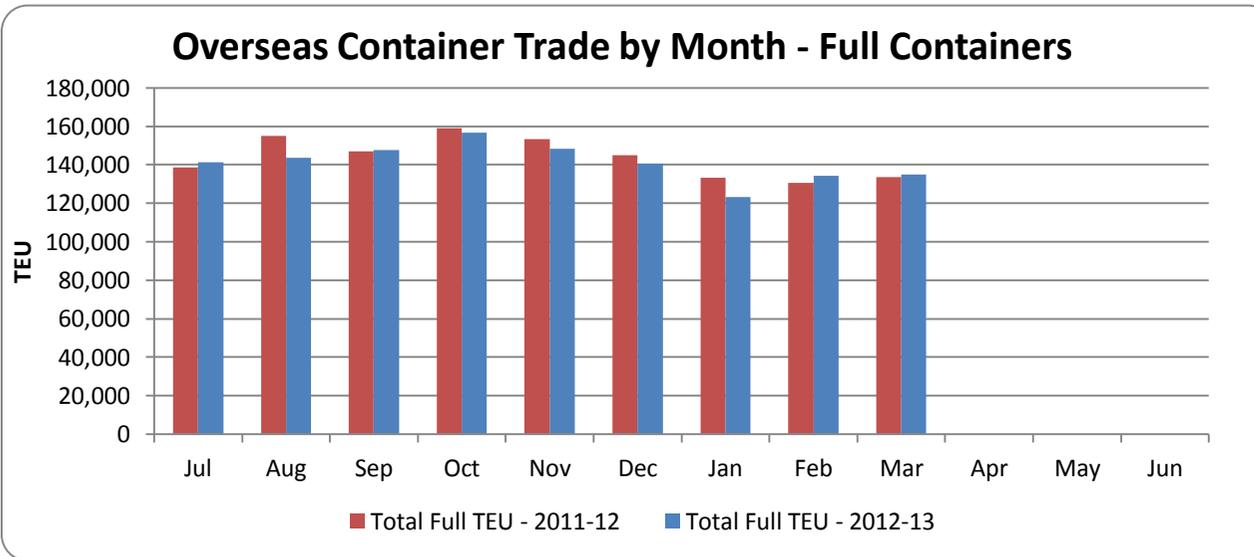
Full overseas container imports decreased 5.5% against March last year to be down 3.4% on a year to date basis. Several commodities recorded significant gains for the month including paper, aluminium, essential oils, timber, fruit, and pulp & wastepaper. Commodities with the most notable declines were furniture, metal manufactures, electrical machinery, and fresh & frozen vegetables.

Full overseas container exports achieved a record 61,369 TEU which resulted in a 9.9% increase over March last year to be slightly up by 0.3% on a year to date basis. Timber, pulp and waste paper, paperboards, fruit, meat, and zinc returned the most notable increases, whilst exports of wheat, barley, metal manufactures, and ores & concentrates recorded the most significant declines for the month.

Empty overseas container movements for March increased 7.4% over the same period last year to 24,460 TEU, to be down 1.6% on a year to date basis. Empty overseas exports decreased 8.1% for the month while imports increased by 74.5%.

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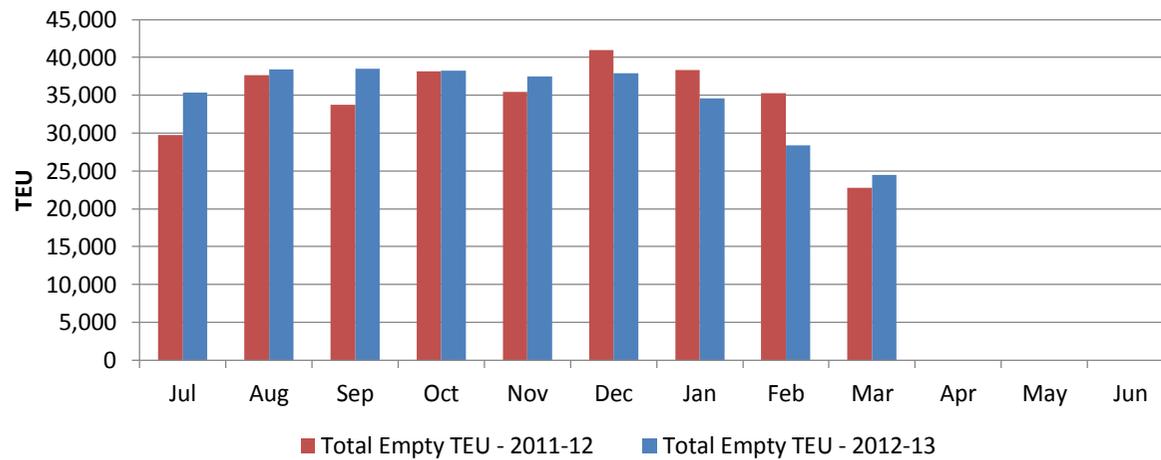
Overseas Container Trade by Month FULL CONTAINERS (TEU)



2012-13	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	86,201	90,179	92,904	99,479	96,179	84,358	80,212	78,983	73,475			
Export	54,996	53,471	54,582	57,316	52,040	56,118	43,090	55,219	61,369			
Total	141,197	143,650	147,486	156,795	148,219	140,476	123,302	134,202	134,844			
2011-12	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Import	87,287	98,421	94,109	100,754	98,770	89,309	87,561	75,602	77,750	85,657	81,504	78,081
Export	51,251	56,457	53,020	58,269	54,473	55,669	45,669	54,918	55,816	55,452	60,134	56,109
Total	138,538	154,878	147,129	159,023	153,243	144,978	133,230	130,520	133,566	141,109	141,638	134,190

Overseas Container Trade by Month EMPTY CONTAINERS (TEU)

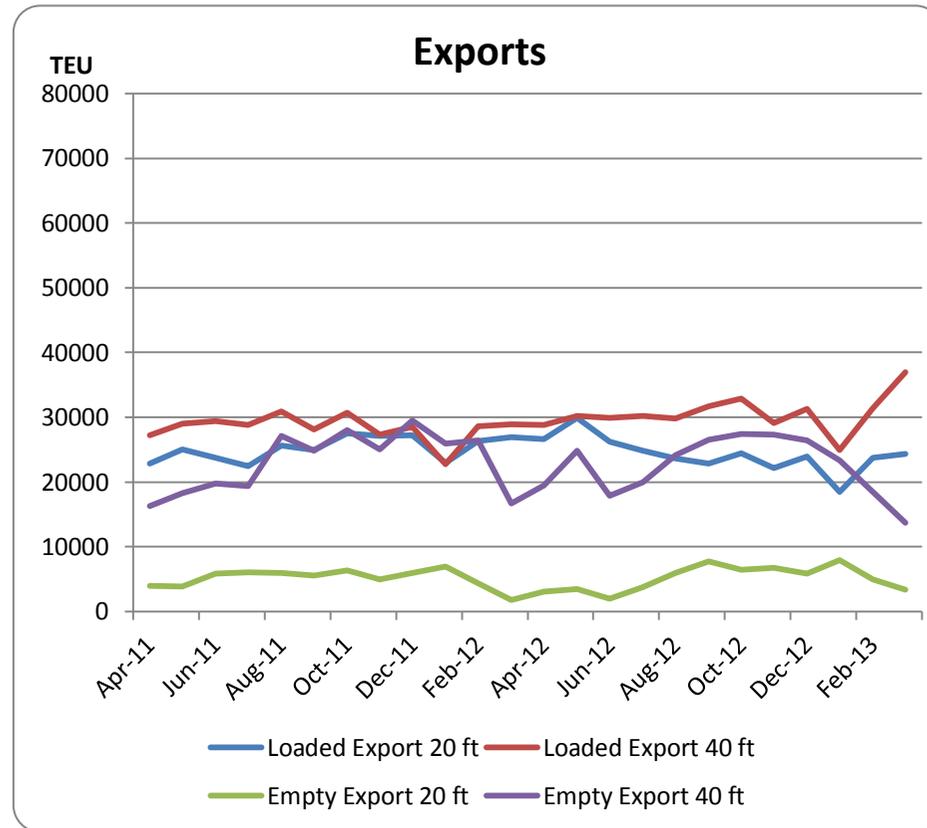
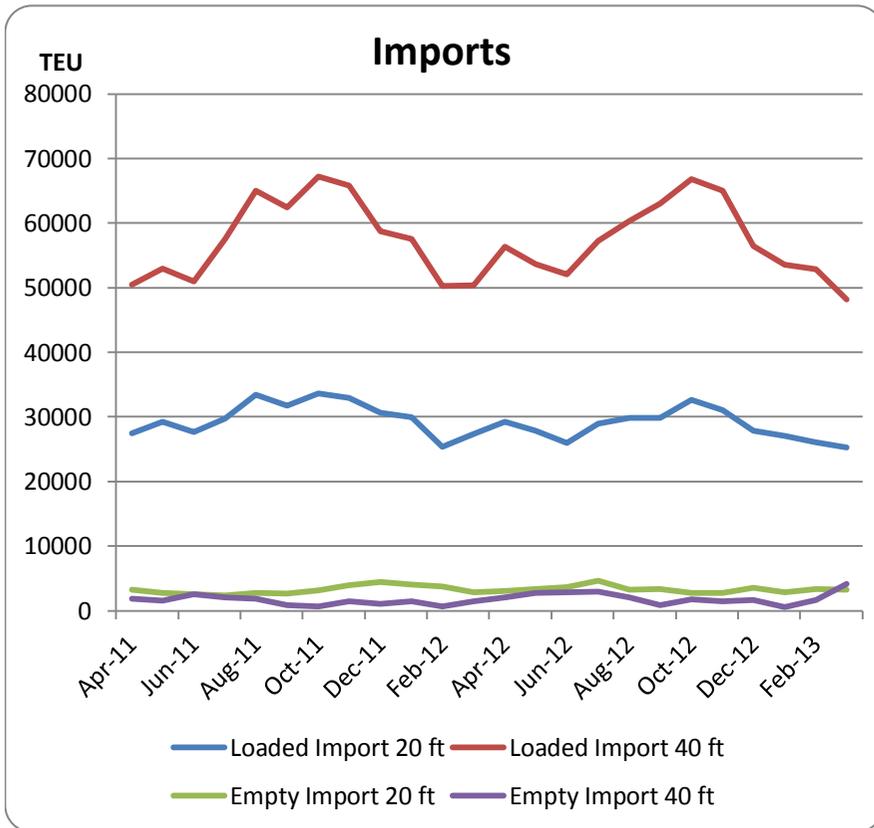
Overseas Container Trade by Month - Empty Containers



2012-13	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13
Import	5,247	4,202	4,562	4,184	5,223	5,219	3,439	5,011	7,448			
Export	30,103	34,228	33,910	34,039	32,289	32,661	31,144	23,402	17,012			
Total	35,350	38,430	38,472	38,223	37,512	37,880	34,583	28,413	24,460			
2011-12	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12
Import	4,394	4,624	3,441	3,805	5,430	5,555	5,482	4,345	4,269	5,068	6,032	6,525
Export	25,384	33,067	30,278	34,363	30,030	35,461	32,847	30,931	18,503	22,524	28,264	19,830
Total	29,778	37,691	33,719	38,168	35,460	41,016	38,329	35,276	22,772	27,592	34,296	26,355

Total Overseas Trade by Month by Sector - April 2011 to March 2013 IMPORT & EXPORT CONTAINERS (TEU)

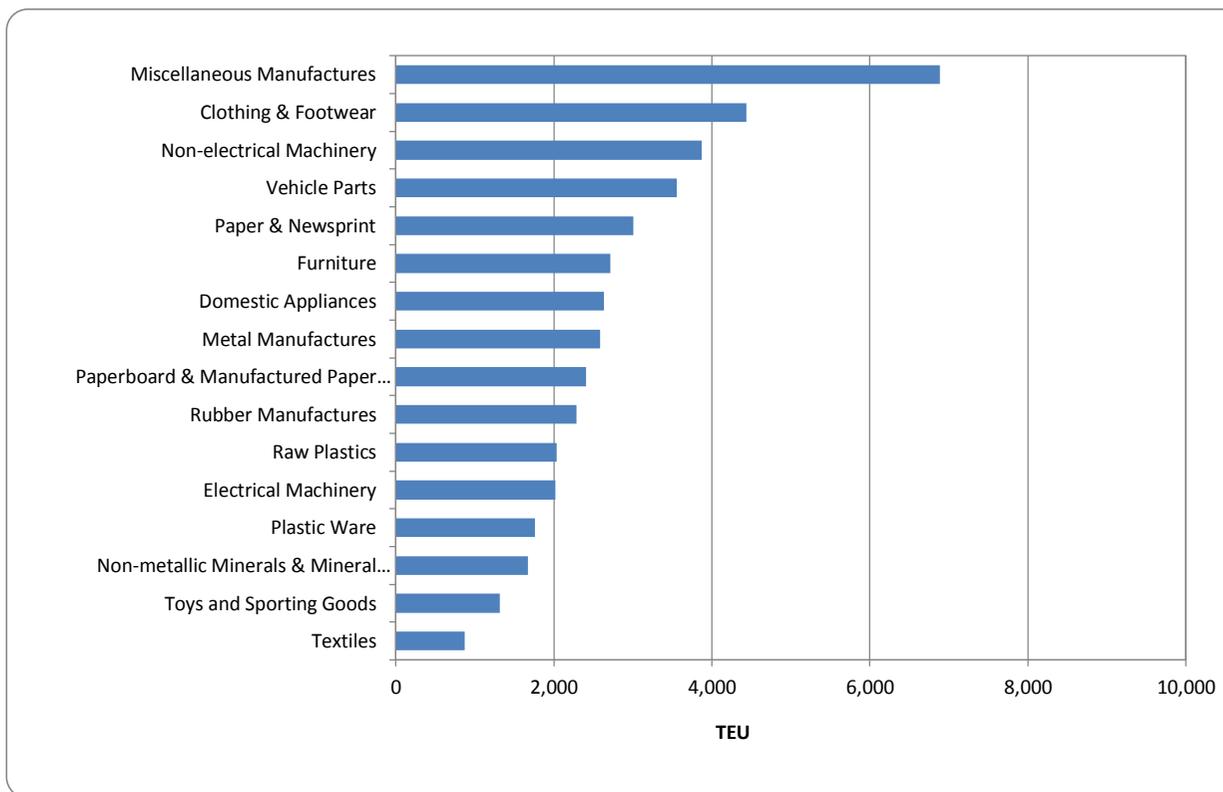
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Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Region FULL IMPORTS (TEU)

01/03/13 to 31/03/13

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Miscellaneous Manufactures	6,890	9.4%
Clothing & Footwear	4,434	6.0%
Non-electrical Machinery	3,873	5.3%
Vehicle Parts	3,558	4.8%
Paper & Newsprint	3,008	4.1%
Furniture	2,716	3.7%
Domestic Appliances	2,631	3.6%
Metal Manufactures	2,583	3.5%
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	2,407	3.3%
Rubber Manufactures	2,284	3.1%
Raw Plastics	2,034	2.8%
Electrical Machinery	2,015	2.7%
Plastic Ware	1,759	2.4%
Non-metallic Minerals & Mineral Manufactures	1,672	2.3%
Toys and Sporting Goods	1,316	1.8%
Textiles	868	1.2%
~All Others	29,427	40.1%
TOTAL FULL IMPORTS	73,475	100.0%
Empties	7,448	
TOTAL	80,923	



* Miscellaneous Manufactures represents a variety of commodities such as freight of all kinds and general cargo as declared by the shipping line manifests.

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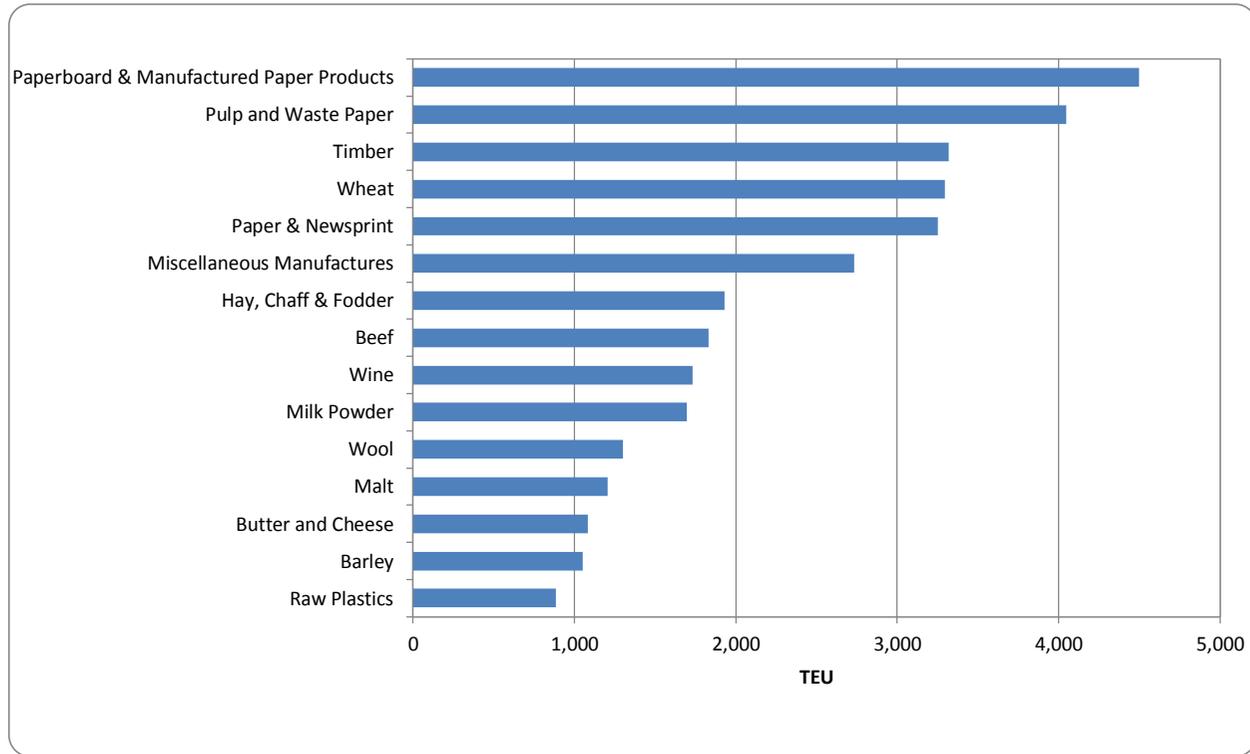
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Overseas Containerised Commodity Trade by Region FULL EXPORTS (TEU)



01/03/13 to 31/03/13

Commodity	TEU Estimate	% Share
Paperboard & Manufactured Paper Products	4,498	7.3%
Pulp and Waste Paper	4,049	6.6%
Timber	3,317	5.4%
Wheat	3,297	5.4%
Paper & Newsprint	3,251	5.3%
Miscellaneous Manufactures	2,735	4.5%
Hay, Chaff & Fodder	1,930	3.1%
Beef	1,829	3.0%
Wine	1,730	2.8%
Milk Powder	1,697	2.8%
Wool	1,301	2.1%
Malt	1,204	2.0%
Butter and Cheese	1,084	1.8%
Barley	1,051	1.7%
Raw Plastics	886	1.4%
~All Others	27,510	44.8%
TOTAL FULL EXPORTS	61,369	100.0%
Empties	17,012	
TOTAL	78,381	



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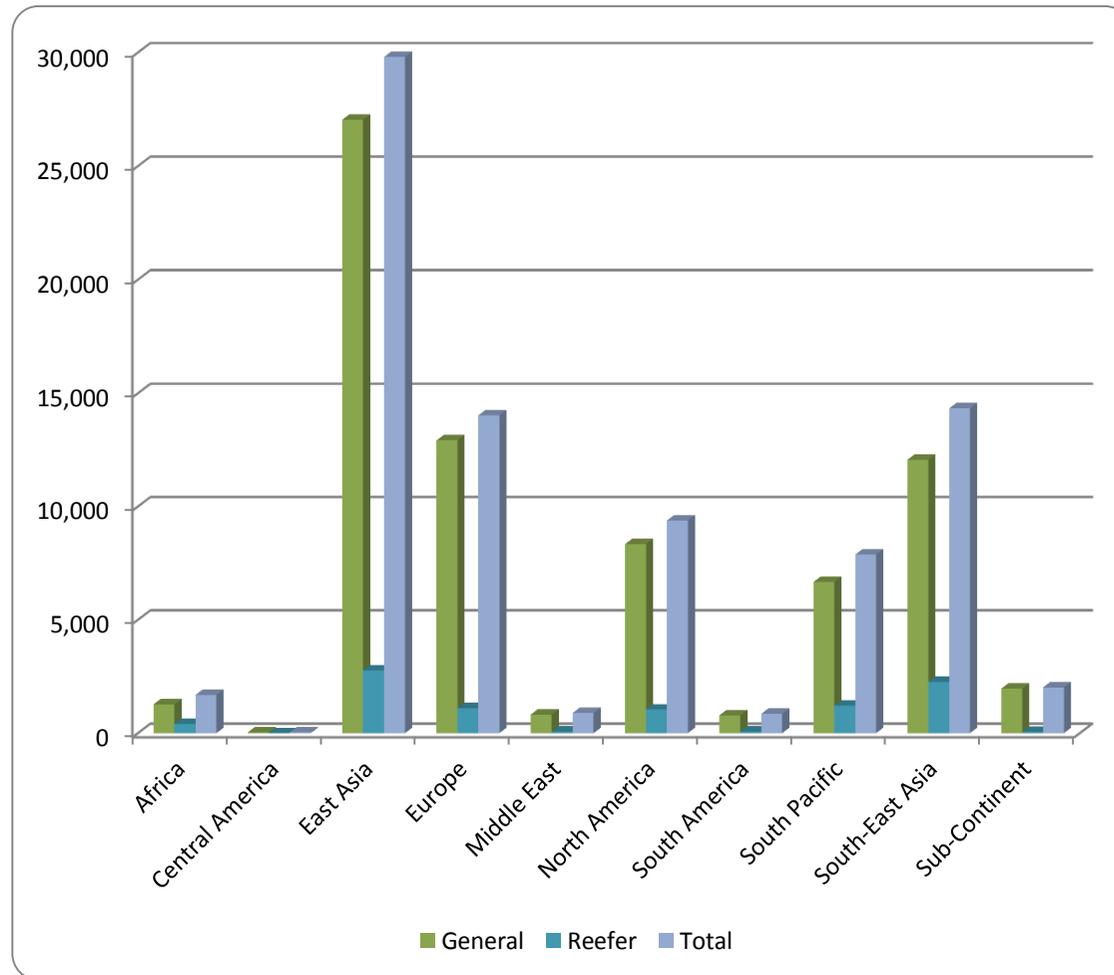
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Monthly Overseas Container Trade by Origin Region TOTAL IMPORTS (TEU)

01/03/13 to 31/03/13

REGION	General	IMPORT Reefer	Total
Africa	1,274	412	1,686
Central America	37	2	39
East Asia	27,038	2,767	29,805
Europe	12,921	1,107	14,028
Middle East	821	68	889
North America	8,342	1,043	9,385
South America	786	68	854
South Pacific	6,672	1,209	7,881
South-East Asia	12,068	2,267	14,335
Sub-Continent	1,966	55	2,021
TOTAL	71,925	8,998	80,923



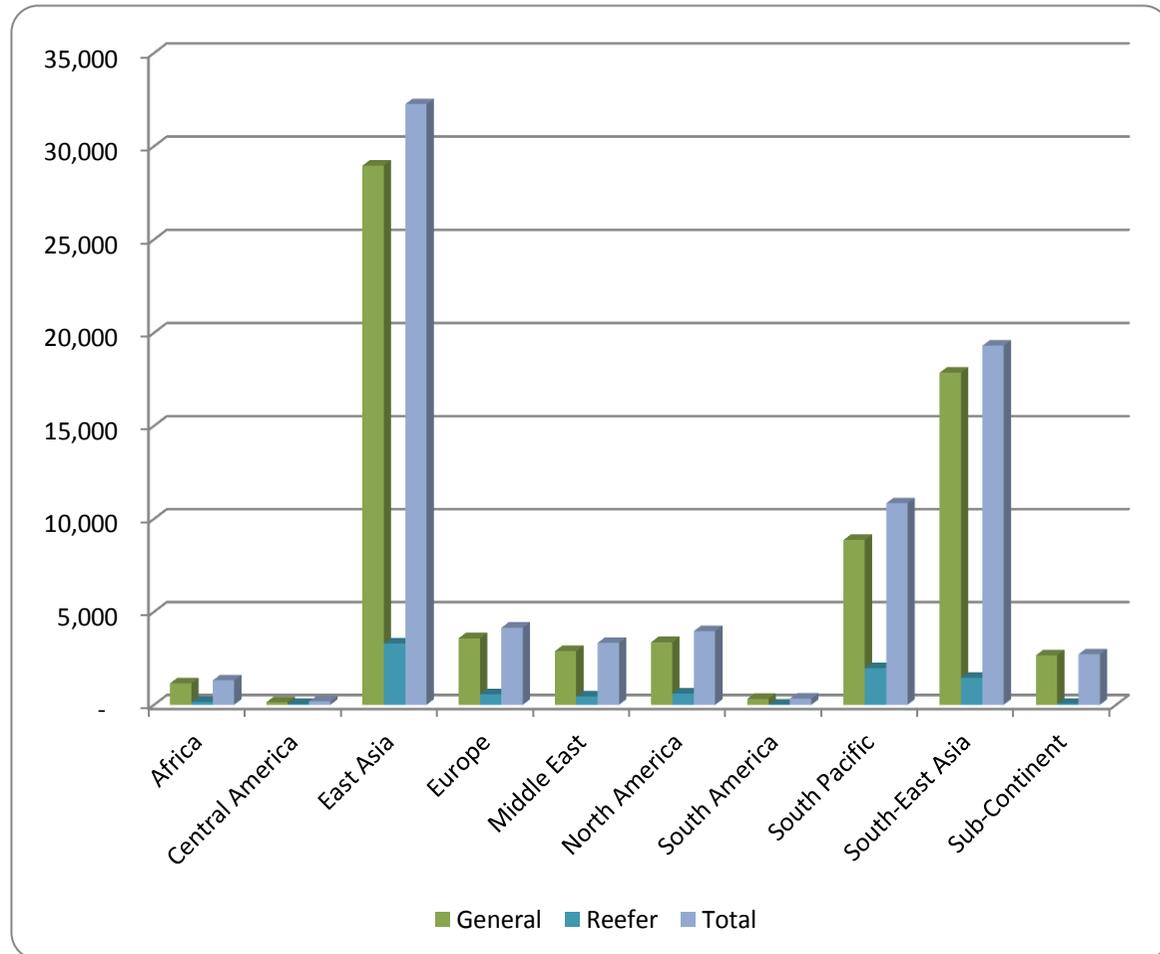
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Monthly Overseas Container Trade by Destination Region TOTAL EXPORTS (TEU)

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REGION	General	EXPORT Reefer	Total
Africa	1,156	157	1,313
Central America	134	45	179
East Asia	28,964	3,292	32,256
Europe	3,578	569	4,147
Middle East	2,886	445	3,331
North America	3,362	601	3,963
South America	322	10	332
South Pacific	8,861	1,973	10,834
South-East Asia	17,855	1,452	19,307
Sub-Continent	2,660	59	2,719
TOTAL	69,778	8,603	78,381



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