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Port of Oakland import volume reaches highest level since 2015

Positive sign ahead of peak shipping season

Oakland, Calif. – June 8, 2017: The Port of Oakland said today that containerized import volume reached a two-year high in May. The Port said it handled the equivalent of 82,440 20-foot import containers, up 1.4 percent from May 2016. It was the highest volume since August 2015 when the Port handled the equivalent of 82,492 20-foot import boxes.

Imports account for 48 percent of containers shipped through Oakland. “Our import volume has been up four consecutive months,” said Port of Oakland Maritime Director John Driscoll. “That’s encouraging as we head into the traditionally busy summer-fall peak season.”

The Port said overall volume – imports, exports and empty containers – grew 2.2 percent during the first five months in 2017 compared to the same period last year. Meanwhile the number of vessels visiting Oakland was down 7 percent. Despite the fewer vessels, container volumes are growing due to the larger ships that visit Oakland, the Port said. For example, megaships capable of transporting up to 14,000 20-foot containers come to Oakland weekly.

For the Port of Oakland's complete container activity data, please [click here](#).

About the Port of Oakland:

The Port of Oakland oversees the Oakland seaport, Oakland International Airport, and 20 miles of waterfront. Together with its business partners, the Port supports more than 73,000 jobs in the region and nearly 827,000 jobs across the United States. Connect with the Port of Oakland and Oakland International Airport through Facebook, or with the Port on Twitter, YouTube, and at www.portofoakland.com.

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