



New six-month record with 284.7 million tonnes moved

Total port traffic already exceeds pre-pandemic levels

- Driven by growth in bulk, conventional general cargo and ro-ro traffic

26-07-2022 (Puertos del Estado Public Body). Total port traffic between January and June reached 284,690,064 tonnes, an increase of +7.3% over 2021 figures, and 223,966 tonnes more than in 2019.

Bulk, both solid (+13.6%) and liquid (+12.6%), and conventional general cargo (+11.5%) have given the final push during the month of June and data for the first half of 2022 will exceed 2019 figures, setting a new all-time record.

Solid bulks, with 46.2 million tonnes, have been strongly favoured by the increase in coal and petroleum coke traffic (+56.3%) and cereals and their flours (+45.5%).

Liquid bulk, 91.3 million tonnes, saw natural gas (+67%), petrol (+29.6%) and crude oil (+18%) as the main percentage increases.

Finally, general cargo, with 139.8 million tonnes, grew by 1.46%, mainly supported by conventional general cargo (+11.5%), as containerised cargo fell by 2.4%. Among the products that grew the most were wood and cork (+21%), tobacco, cocoa, coffee and spices (+6.6%), and machinery, appliances, tools and spare parts (+2.9%).

Ro-Ro traffic, commercial vehicles loaded with goods being shipped, exceeded 36.2 million tonnes, up 13% in 2021, and more than 8.6% higher than 2019 data.

Container throughput, at 8.7 million TEUs, remains very similar to 2021, and only 51,109 TEUs short of the figures achieved in 2019. And although containers in transit have decreased (-3.3%), domestic arrivals

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and departures and import/export have increased +9.5% and +2.1%, respectively.

Passenger traffic continues to grow at a good rate, over 120% since the beginning of the year, and more strongly this last month, thanks to the recovery of the Operation Paso del Estrecho and the return of the cruise lines, adding up to a total of 11.5 million passengers.

For more information: <https://www.puertos.es/es-es/estadisticas/EstadisticaMensual/01%20Enero%202022.pdf>