



Port traffic dropped 14.8% in the month of June

- **Aggregate traffic during the first half of the year, 253.3 million tons, accumulated an 11% fall.**
- **Francisco Toledo: The declining trend has slowed down in June and PdE's forecasts have been met, which expect to end the year with a 10-16% drop and to recover most traffic in 2021.**

29-07-2020 (Ministry of Transportation, Mobility and Urban Agenda). The 46 general interest State-owned ports, managed by 28 Port Authorities and coordinated by the public entity Puertos del Estado, moved 40.2 million tons during the month of June 2020, representing a 14.8% decrease over the 47.1 million tons moved in June 2019. In aggregate terms for the first six months of the year, total port traffic exceeded 253.3 million tons, representing a 11% setback over the same period the previous year. This means that the sharp downturn registered in May has slowed down.

The president of Puertos del Estado, Francisco Toledo, has declared that "the declining trend has slowed down in June and PdE's forecasts have been met, which expect to end the year with a 10-16% fall and to recover most traffic in 2021".

By form of presentation, solid bulk is still decreasing, 14.8% in the month of June, during which it has lost one million tons. In yearly aggregate terms, there is an 18.8% fall; coal and petroleum coke have registered the greatest decrease in tons, from 11.3 million tons in 2019 to their current 6.6 million; iron mineral traffic has dropped 43.3% and cement and clinker 16.4%. However, the registered traffic of fertilizer, soy beans and other minerals grew between 5-11%.

Liquid bulk suffered a 18.5% setback in June, from 16 million in June 2019 to 13.1 million in June 2020. In yearly aggregate terms, 86.4 million in the first half of the year represent a 7.2% fall with respect to



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the same period the previous year. A 20.2% increase in natural gas traffic is buffering the fall in these other types of traffic.

General cargo, representing 20.5 million tons moved in June, decreased by 11.3%. In yearly aggregate terms, with 124.9 million tons, the registered fall is 10.4%; vehicle traffic (-27.3%), wood and cork (-17.6%), construction materials (-14.5%), and machinery (-13.9%) have suffered the most. Instead, fertilizer and oil traffic has registered two-digit growth figures.

Cargo en route to third countries, representing a third of the total cargo moved by Spain's ports, fell 11.7% in June. In yearly aggregate terms, with 73.3 million, a 6.5% fall was registered.

Container traffic decreased 13.4% in June, exceeding 1.2 million TEUs. In the first half of the year, with total moved TEUs of 7.9 million, a 10% fall was registered.

Finally, total passenger traffic, given current restrictions on cruise ship port access (except for exceptional cases), has just been able to account for 767,540 passengers, nearly all of them in regular lines. Yearly aggregate figures reflect a collapse of 60%, barely exceeding 6 million passengers in 2020, over 15.3 million registered in 2019.

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