



Port traffic registers a 1.46% fall during January and February

## 90 million tons moved in the first two months of the year

- **General cargo and liquid bulk are still in the positive numbers, but solid bulk has crashed.**

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The 46 general interest ports owned by the State, coordinated by Puertos del Estado, a Public Body dependent on the MITMA, moved 90,172,547 Tons during the first two months of the year, which has entailed a 1.46% fall with respect to the same period the previous year.

General cargo, the largest group with 44.7 million Tons, grew by 3.8%, and liquid bulk, the second largest group with 30.17 million, grew by 2.8%. On the other hand, solid bulk, with 13.4 million Tons, registered a 21% fall, consequently dragging down the final results of total port traffic to negative numbers.

Cargo in transit, en route to third countries, and the shipment of industrial vehicles loaded with cargo (ro-ro traffic), have remained stable, with slight increases of 3.48% and 2.62%, respectively.

Passenger traffic, before restricted mobility was decreed, was still growing at a 6.98% rate, exceeding 4 million travelers by sea.

The impact of the coronavirus crisis over port traffic will be reflected in statistics for March and subsequent data (made public and official, as is usually the case, one month later). At the present date, in compliance with safety rules and restrictions ordered by the Government, port activity is continuing with reasonable regularity to guarantee product supply to the population.

For more information on port statistics, see [http://www.puertos.es/es-es/estadisticas/Paginas/estadistica\\_mensual.aspx](http://www.puertos.es/es-es/estadisticas/Paginas/estadistica_mensual.aspx)